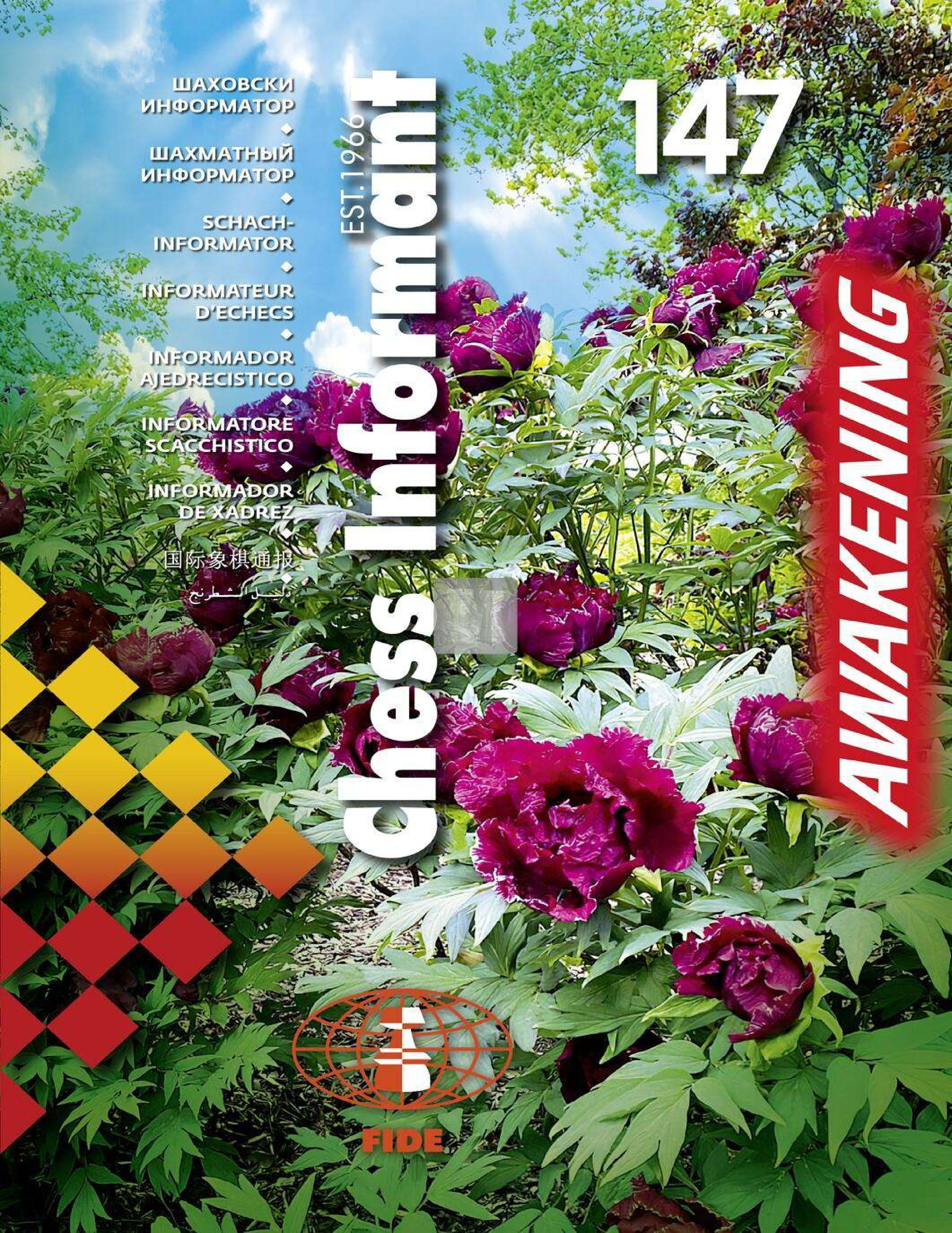

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|---|---|
| ⩲ | white stands slightly better |
| ⩱ | black stands slightly better |
| ± | white has the upper hand |
| ∓ | black has the upper hand |
| +− | white has a decisive advantage |
| −+ | black has a decisive advantage |
| = | even |
| ∞ | unclear |
| =∞ | with compensation for the material |
| ↻ | development advantage |
| O | greater board room |
| → | with attack |
| ↑ | with initiative |
| ⇄ | with counterplay |
| ⊙ | zugzwang |
| # | mate |
| ! | a very good move |
| !! | an excellent move |
| ? | a mistake |
| ?? | a blunder |
| !? | a move deserving attention |
| ?! | a dubious move |
| ∆ | with the idea |
| □ | only move |
| ⌓ | better is |
| ⊞ | centre |
| ⟫ | king's side |
| ⟪ | queen's side |
| × | weak point |
| ⊥ | endgame |
| ⧉ | bishops of opposite color |

| | |
|---|---|
| ▞ | bishops of the same color |
| ○○ | double pawns |
| ⛢ | passed pawn |
| > | advantage in number of pawns |
| ⊕ | time |
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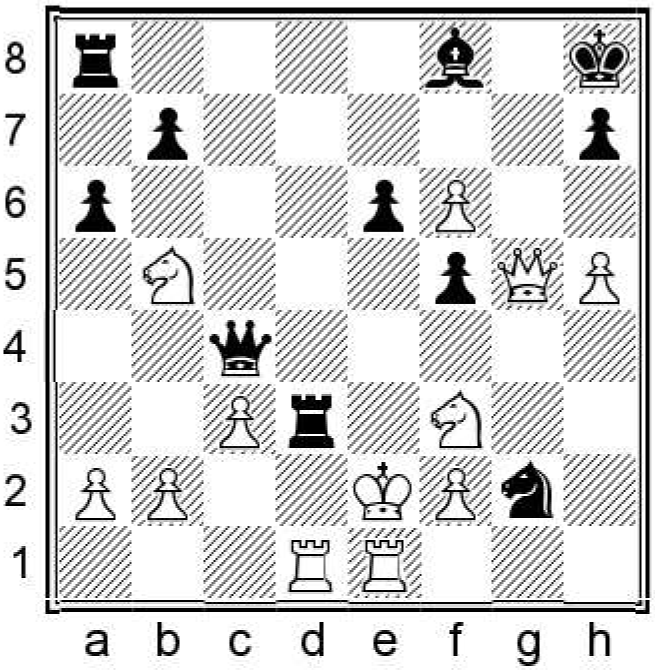
| N | a novelty |
| (ch) | championship |
| (izt) | interzonal tournament |
| (ct) | candidates' tournament |
| (m) | match |
| (ol) | olympiad |
| corr. | correspondence game |
| RR | editorial comment |
| R | various moves |
| ∟ | with |
| – | see |

# THE BEST GAME OF THE PRECEDING VOLUME

## Editors' Pick

**146/39. B22**
**Levon ARONIAN 2767 — Fabiano CARUANA 2828**
**Stavanger 2020**

**1.e4 c5 2.♘f3 e6 3.c3 d5 4.ed5 ♛d5** [4...ed5 – 144/35] **5.d4 ♞f6 6.♘a3 ♞c6 7.♗e3 cd4 8.♘b5 ♛d7** [8...♕d8 – 103/79] **9.♘bd4 a6 10.♗d3 ♝d6 11.0-0 ♞e7!? N** [11...0-0 12.♘c6 ♕c6 13.♗d4↑] **12.♕c2 0-0 13.♗g5 ♞g6 14.♖ad1 ♛c7 15.♖fe1 ♝d7** [15...b6 16.h4! ♗b7 17.♗g6 hg6 18.♗f6 gf6 19.♘e6! fe6 20.♕g6 ♔h8 21.♖e6 ♖ad8 22.♕h5 ♔g8 23.♕g4 ♔h8 24.♘g5! ♗h2 25.♔h1 ♖d1 26.♕d1 ♗e5 27.♕h5 ♔g8 28.♖e5! fe5 29.♘e6 ♕e7 30.♕g6 ♔h8 31.♘f8 ♕f8 32.♕h5 ♔g8 33.♕e5+–] **16.g3 ♜fe8 17.♗f6 gf6 18.h4 ♚h8?** [18...♔g7!? Δ 19.h5 ♘e7 20.♗h7 ♖ad8⩱; 18...♖ad8!? 19.h5 ♘e7! 20.♗h7 ♔h8⩱] **19.♕d2!** [19.h5 ♘e7! 20.♗h7?! ♗g3! 21.fg3 ♕g3 22.♔h1 e5↑] **19...♝f8** [19...♔g7? 20.h5 ♘e7 21.h6 ♔g8 22.♘h2!→ Δ 22...♘g6 23.♗g6 fg6 24.♘e2+–] **20.h5 ♞e7 21.♗c2 ♜ed8 22.♕d3 f5 23.g4?** [23.♘e5 ♗e8; 23.♘g5! ♗e8 24.♕e2! ♖d4 (24...♘c6 25.♘de6! fe6 26.♘e6+–) 25.♖d4 ♘c6 26.♖dd1+–] **23...f6** [23...♕f4!? 24.♘e5 (24.gf5? ♕g4 25.♔f1 ♗b5 26.c4 ♕h3 27.♔e2 ♘d5!→) 24...♗e8 25.♕g3 ♕g3 26.fg3∞] **24.g5** [24.gf5 e5 25.♖e5☐ 25...fe5 26.♘g5 ♗b5 27.♘b5 ♖d3 28.♘c7 ♖d1 29.♗d1 ♖c8 30.♘ce6 ♘f5 31.♘f7 ♔g8 32.♘e5∓] **24...♛f4! 25.gf6 ♛g4!** [25...♘d5 26.♘e5! ♕g5 27.♕g3 ♕f6 28.♘d7 ♖d7 29.♖e6+–] **26.♔f1** [26.♔h1? ♗c6–+] **26...♛h3 27.♔e2** [27.♔g1! ♕g4 28.♔f1 ♕h3=] **27...♞d5 28.♕d2 ♝b5! 29.♘b5 ♛g4!** [29...ab5? 30.♖g1 ♕h5 31.♕g5+–] **30.♕g5 ♞f4** [30...♕c4? 31.♗d3 ♘f4 32.♔f1 ♘d3 33.♘a3!+–] **31.♔e3 ♞g2 32.♔e2 ♛c4!?** [32...♘f4 33.♔e3=] **33.♗d3** [33.♖d3! ♘f4 (33...♖d3 34.♗d3 ♘f4 35.♔e3 ♕d3 36.♔f4+–) 34.♔f1 *a)* 34...♖d3 35.♘a3! ♖f3 36.♘c4 ♖f2 37.♔f2 ♘h3 38.♔e2 ♘g5 39.♖d1±; *b)* 34...♘d3 35.♘bd4! h6! (35...♘e1 36.♔e1 ♖d4! 37.♘d4 ♕d5 38.♔d2! f4 39.♕d5 ed5 40.♗b3±) 36.♕g3 (36.♕e3 ♘e1 37.♔e1 ♕a2 38.♘e5 ♖d4 39.♕d4 ♕d5∞) 36...♘e1 37.♔e1 ♖d4 38.♘d4 ♕a2 39.♔d2 ♖d8 40.♔c1∞; *c)* 34...h6! 35.♘e5 hg5 36.♘c4 ♘d3! (36...♖d3 37.♗d3 ♘d3 38.♘c7 ♖c8 39.♘e6 ♘e1 40.♘e5! ♘d3! 41.♘d3 ♗d6±) 37.♗d3 ab5 38.♘e5 ♖d5∞] **33...♜d3**



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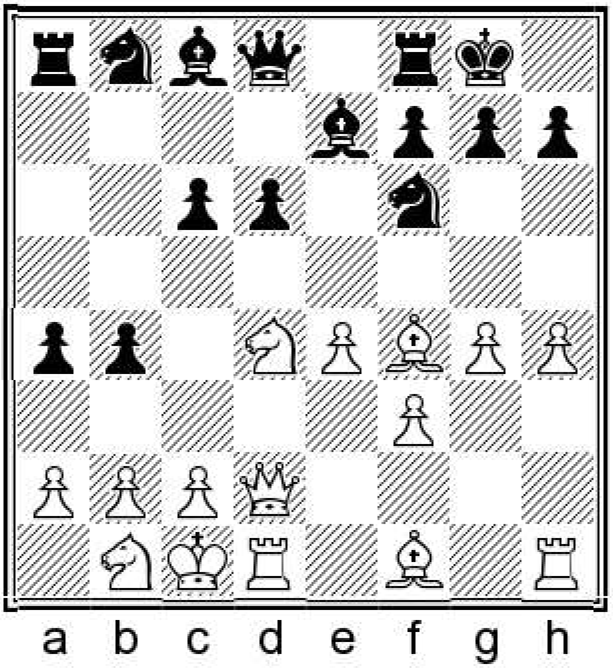
**146/101. C41**
**Leinier DOMTNGUEZ PMREZ 2758 — Magnus CARLSEN 2863**
**lichess.org (Internetrapid) 2020**

**1.e4 e5 2.♘f3 d6 3.d4 ed4 4.♘d4 ♘f6 5.♘c3 ♗e7 6.♗f4 0-0 7.♕d2 c6 8.0-0-0 b5 9.f3! b4 10.♘b1** [10.♘a4!?; 10.♘ce2 – 96/214] **10...a5 11.g4 a4 12.h4**



**12...c5! N** [12...♕b6 13.h5 d5 (13...b3 14.cb3 ab3 15.a3 d5 16.g5±) 14.g5 ♘e8 15.♘f5 ♗f5 16.ef5↑] **13.♘f5 ♗f5! 14.gf5 ♘c6 15.h5 ♘d4** [15...a3!? 16.b3 d5! *a)* 17.e5 h6! 18.♕g2 (18.ef6? ♗f6 19.c3 ♕b6 20.♗h6 c4!→) 18...♔h8 19.♖g1 ♖g8; *b)* 17.h6 g6∞] **16.♕g2** [16.h6 a3 17.b3 (17.hg7 ab2 18.♔b2 ♖e8 19.♗c4 d5 20.ed5 ♗d6↑) 17...g6∞] **16...♔h8 17.♗e3** [17.c3 bc3 (17...b3?! 18.a3±) 18.bc3 ♖b8 19.cd4 cd4 20.♖d2 ♕c7 21.♖c2 ♕b6 22.♘d2 d3 (22...♖fc8 23.♖c8 ♖c8 24.♔d1 ♖c3 25.♗c4 d5 26.♗d5) 23.♗d3 (23.h6 g5 24.♗d3 ♕d4=∞) 23...♕d4=∞] **17...h6! 18.♗d3** [18.♖g1 ♖g8] **18...♘d7! 19.♖hg1 ♗f6 20.f4 ♖e8** [20...♕c7! Δ 21.♘d2 b3! 22.ab3 ab3 23.♘b3 ♘b3 24.cb3 ♖fb8–+] **21.♗d4 cd4 22.♘d2 ♘c5→ 23.♘c4 b3 24.♔b1 bc2 25.♗c2 ♖b8 26.♗d3** [26.e5 de5 27.fe5 ♖e5! 28.♘e5 ♗e5 29.♗d3 a3 30.b3 ♗f6∓] **26...♖b4?!** [26...♕c7–+ Δ ♖ec8] **27.a3! ♖b3 28.♗c2 ♖b8 29.e5□ 29...de5 30.fe5 ♖e5 31.♘e5 ♗e5 32.♗d3 ♗f6 33.♕c2 ♕a5 34.♖g2 ♘d3 35.♕d3 ♕d5 36.♖e2?** [⌓ 36.♖c2] **36...♔h7?** [36...♖b3! 37.♕a6 d3–+] **37.♕e4??** [37.♕h3 ♖b5∓] **37...♖b2! 38.♔b2** [38.♔c1 ♗g5 39.♔b2 ♕b3 40.♔a1 ♕d1 41.♔a2 ♕b3 42.♔a1 ♗f6–+] **38...d3! 39.♔c1 ♕c5 40.♔d2 ♕c2! 41.♔e1** [41.♔e3 ♕e2 42.♔f4 ♕d1–+] **41...♗h4!**

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**10.♘ce2 c5 11.♘f5 7 ♗f5 12.ef5 d5 8 13.g4 9 d4 14.g5 10 ♘d5 15.f6 ♗d6 11 16.fg7 ♖e8 17.♗d6 ♕d6 18.♘g3 ♘e3∞ 12**
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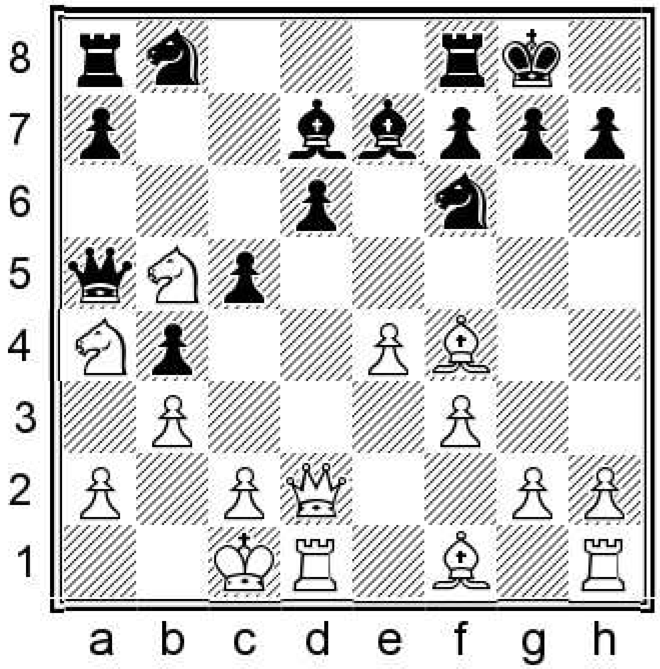

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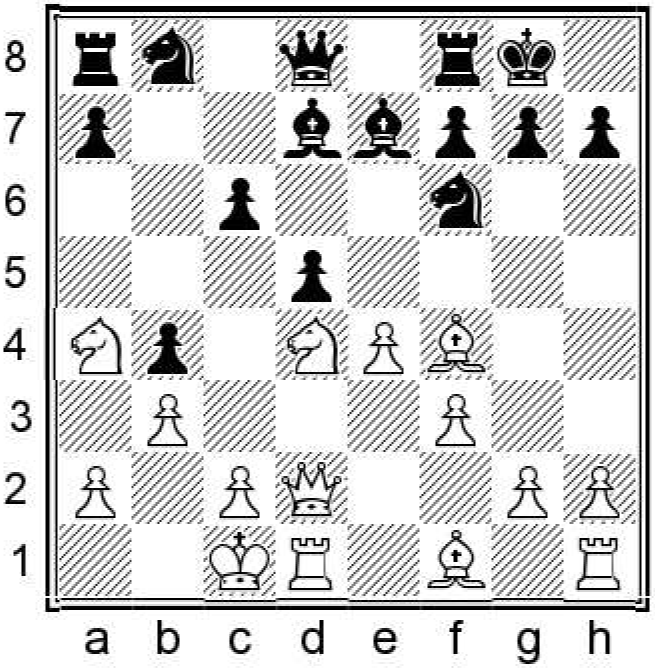

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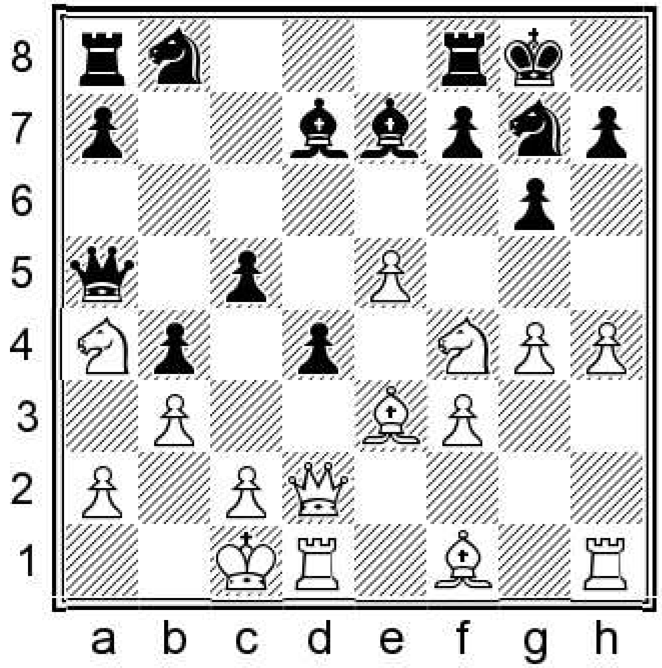
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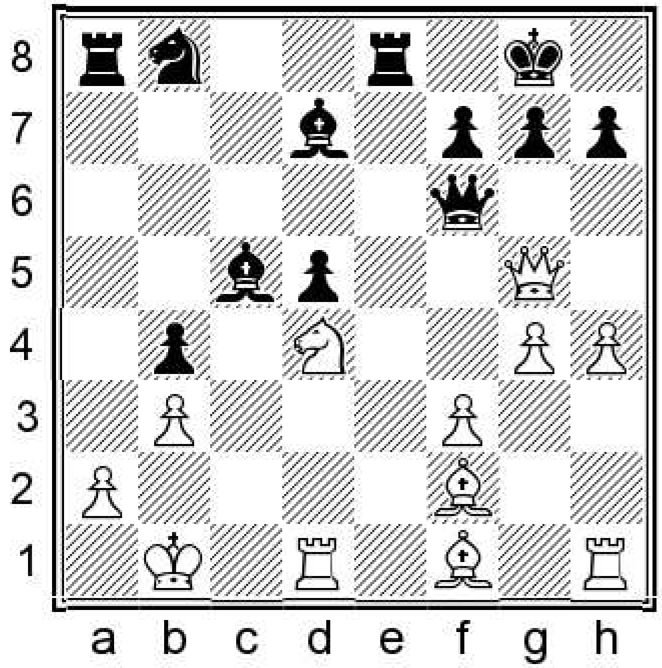
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– Vojtéch Plát 2551, Polska 2018] 28...♖c8 29.♗c4 dc4 30.♖d7 ♖e8 [30...♕b3 31.♔c1 ♕a3=] 31.bc4 ♕a4 32.♔c3 ♕d7 33.♖d2 ♕c8=;

*a1112)* 27...d4! 28.♕c1 ♗e6 29.♗c4 ♗c4 30.♕c4 ♕a3 31.♔c2 ♕a2 32.♔c1 ♕f2–+;

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*b)* 21...♕d6 22.♗d3 ♘c6 23.♘b5 ♕f8

*b1)* 24.♗g3 f5! 25.♗f5 ♖e2!

*b11)* 26.♖h2 ♗e3 27.♕h5 ♗f5 28.♕f5 ♕f5 29.gf5 ♖aa2 [29...♖h2 30.♗h2 d4=] 30.♖e2 ♖e2 31.♖d5 ♖g2=;

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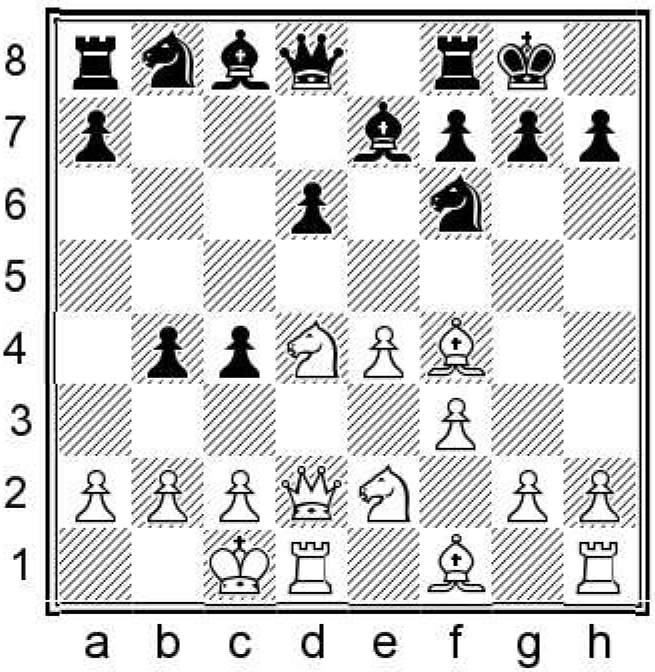

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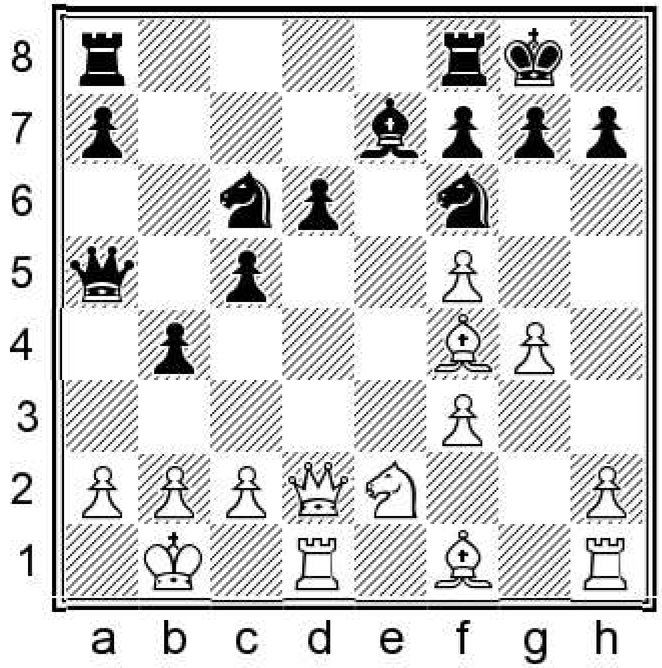

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*b)* 14...c4 15.♘d4 ♘d4 16.♕d4 d5 17.g5 ♗c5 18.♕d2 ♘h5 19.♗e5 ♖ad8 20.f6 ♖fe8 21.f4 ♕b6∞ Ivan Popov 2592 – Murtas Kazhgaleyev 2587, Saint Petersburg (rapid) 2018

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13.♔b1 d4 14.h4 ♘d5 15.♗g5 ♘d7 16.♘f4 (Markus Ragger 2687 – Sergiy Zavgorodniy 2420, Skopje (rapid) 2018) 16...♘e3∓

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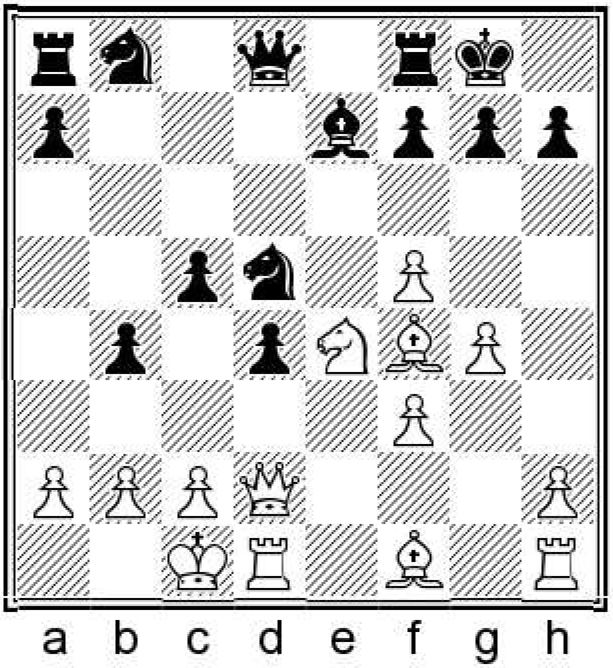
14.♘g3 ♘d5 15.♘e4



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*a1)* 17.cb3 c4! 18.♗c4 ♗b4 19.♕f2 [19.♘c3 ♕a5∓] 19...♘f4 20.♕h4 ♘g2 21.♕h3 ♘f4=;

*a2)* 17.ab3 ♘cb4 18.♗b5 [18.c3 ♕a5 19.cb4 ♘b4 20.♗d3 ♕a1 21.♗b1 ♘a2 22.♔c2 ♘b4=] 18...♕a5 19.♗a4 ♘b6↑;

*b)* 15...♘d7 16.g5 ♕a5 17.♔b1 ♘c3!

*b1)* 18.bc3 bc3 19.♕c1 [19.♘c3 dc3 20.♕c1 ♖fb8 21.♗b8 ♖b8 22.♔a1 ♘e5–+ ∆ 23.f4 ♖b2] 19...♖fb8! [19...c4 20.♗d6 ♕b6 21.♔a1 ♗d6 22.♗c4] 20.♗b8 [20.♔a1 ♖b2 21.♗c4 ♘b6 22.♗c7 ♕a3–+] 20...♖b8 21.♔a1 ♖b2 22.♕b2 cb2 23.♔b2 ♘b6–+;

*b2)* 18.♘c3 bc3

*b21)* 19.♕d3 (Carlos Pujols 2350 – Frank De la Paz Perdomo 2445, Cuba 2006 – 96/214) 19...♗d6! 20.♗c1 [20.♗d6 ♖fb8 21.♗b8 ♖b8 22.♔a1 ♖b2 23.♕c4 ♘b6 24.♖e1 ♔f8–+] 20...cb2 21.♗d2 ♕c7∓;

*b22)* 19.♕g2 ♗d6! 20.♗c1 [20.♗d6? ♕b4 21.b3 ♕a3–+] 20...cb2 21.♗d2 ♕c7∓;

*b23)* 19.♕e2 ♗d6 20.♗d6 ♕b6 [20...♕b4? 21.♕b5+–] 21.b3 ♕d6∓

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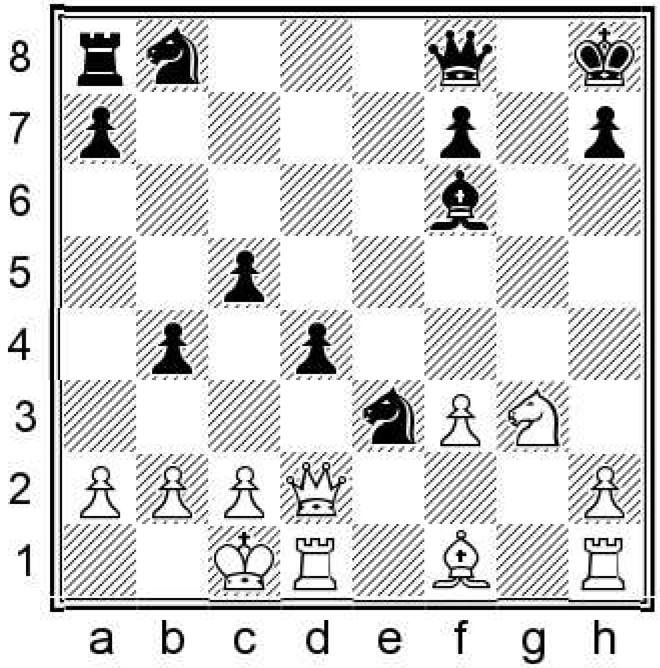

20.♗b5! a6 21.♗a4 ♖a7 [21...♘d1 22.♕f4 ♗g7 23.♔d1+–] 22.♖de1 ♘d7 23.♗d7 ♖d7 24.♘f1± Norbert Janzen – Peter Daus, corr. 2008/09

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19.♗b5 ♘c6 20.♖de1 ♖ab8 21.♗c6 ♕c6 22.♘h5 ♖e6∞ Pavel Šimáček 2474 – Vojtéch Plát 2566, Pardubice 2020

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**10...c5**

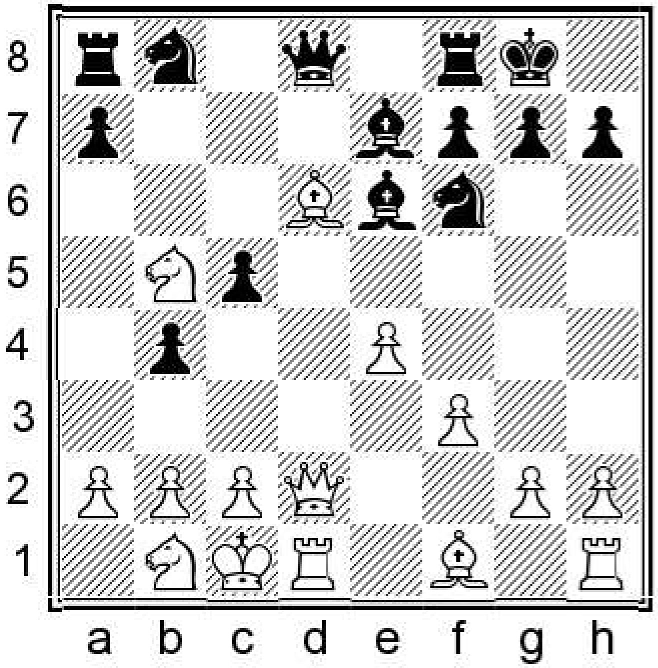
*a)* 11.♘b5 ♗e6 [11...♘c6 12.♘d6 ♘d4 13.♘c8 ♖c8 14.♗c4± Álex Garrido Outon 2339 – Leon Livaić 2507, chess.com (Internet-blitz) 2020]

*a1)* 12.♘d6

*a11)* 12...♘c6 13.♘f5 [13.♗c4?! ♘d4↑] 13...♗f5 14.♕d8 ♖fd8 15.♖d8 ♖d8 16.ef5±;

*a12)* 12...♕a5 13.a3 ♘c6 14.♗b5 ♗d6 15.♗c6 ♗f4 16.♕f4 ♖ab8=∞ Richard Ralls – Milan Vujadinović, corr. 2008/09;

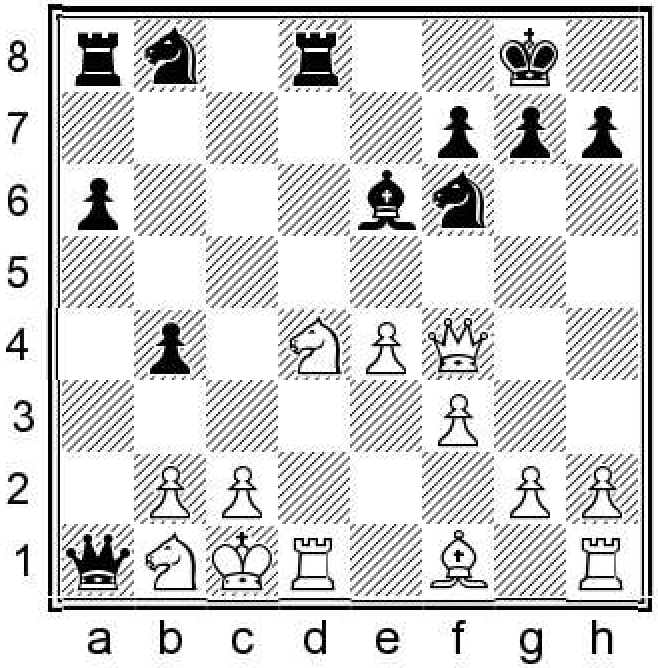
*a2)* 12.♗d6



*a21)* 12...♗d6 13.♕d6 [13.♘d6!?] 13...♕a5

*a211)* 14.a3

*a2111)* 14...a6 15.ab4! [15.♘c7 ♘e8 16.♘e8 ♖e8=∞] 15...cb4 16.♘d4 ♖d8 17.♕f4 ♕a1



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*a2112)* 14...♘a6 15.♕g3 c4 16.♘d4 c3→;

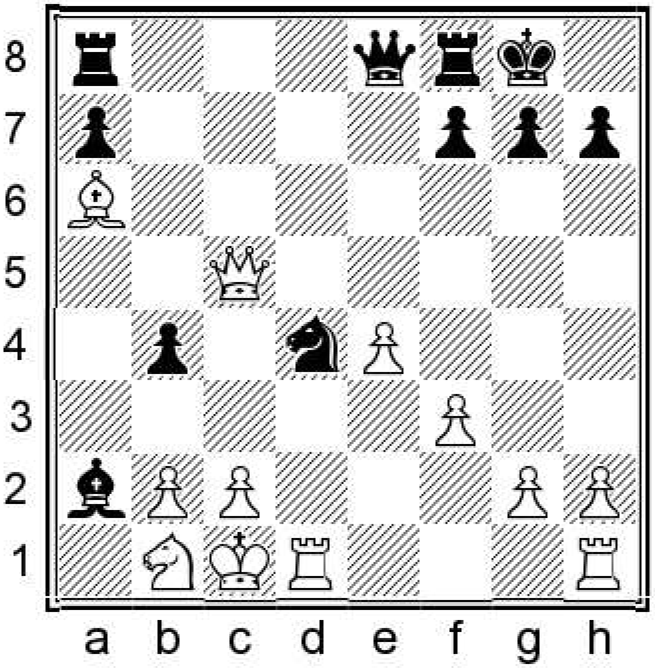
*a212)* 14.♘c7 ♘e8 15.♘e8 ♖e8=∞;

*a22)* 12...♘e8! 13.♗e7 ♕e7 14.♘d6 [14.a3?! ♘c6∓] 14...♘c6 15.♘e8

*a221)* 15...♖fe8 16.♕d6 ♕b7 17.♘d2 [17.a3? ba3 18.♘a3 ♖ed8 19.♕c5 ♖d1 20.♔d1 ♕b2 21.♕c6 ♖d8 22.♔e1 ♕a3–+; 17.♕c5?! ♖ac8=∞] 17...♖ac8 [17...♘d4? 18.♕c5± Mohd Al-Mudahka 2523 – Slim Belkhodja 2505, Casablanca 2002 – 86/307] 18.♕c5 [18.♘c4? ♕a6∓; 18.♘b3 c4 19.♘c5 ♕b6

20.♘e6 ♖e6 21.♕f4 c3∓] 18...♖ed8=∞;

*a222)* 15...♕e8 16.♕d6 ♘d4 17.♗a6 ♗a2 18.♕c5



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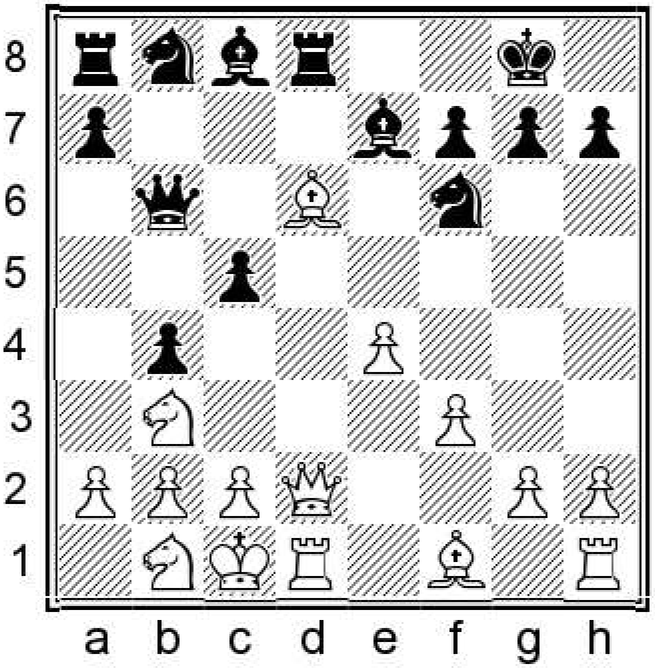
*b)* 11.♘b3 ♕b6 12.♗d6 ♖d8



13.♗e7! ♖d2 14.♘1d2 ♕c7 15.♗c5 ♗e6 16.♗b4 a5 [16...♘c6 17.♗c3 a5 18.♔b1 ♘d7 19.♗b5± Rodrigo Veloso Fargnoli – Ian Jones, corr. 2010] 17.♗a3 a4 18.♘d4 ♗a2 19.♘b5 ♕b6 20.♘c4 ♗c4 21.♗c4± Franz Hellmüller – Peter Daus, corr. 2006/07;

**10...♕b6** 11.g4 d5 [11...c5 12.♘f5 ♗f5 13.gf5±] 12.e5 ♘e8

*a)* 13.♘f5 ♗c5 14.♖e1 a5 15.h4 a4 16.h5 b3 [16...a3 17.b3 ♘a6 18.♗g5 ♗f5 19.gf5 f6 20.ef6 gf6

21.♗h6 ♘g7∞ Carlos Moreno Carretero – Ludvík Pospíšil, corr. 2007] 17.a3 bc2 18.♕c2 ♘c7 19.♘c3 ♘e6 20.♗g3 ♕b3 21.♕b3 ab3 22.♘b1 ♗a6 23.♘d2 ♘d7 24.♘b3 ♖fb8 25.♔c2 ♗f1 26.♖hf1 ♗f8=∞ Juraj Štec – Pavol Sedláček, corr. 2003/04;

*b)* 13.h4 a5 14.♗e3 ♗c5 15.h5 a4 16.c3 ♘d7 17.f4 ♘c7 18.♖h3 bc3 19.♘c3 ♗d4 20.♗d4 c5 21.♗f2 d4 22.♘e4 ♗a6∞ Terry Taylor – Ludvík Pospíšil, corr. 2006/07

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**12.g5** ♘h5 13.♗e3 d5 14.ed5 ♕d5 15.c4 bc3 16.♘c3 ♕a5 17.a3 ♖d8 18.♕c2 ♗g5 19.♗g5 ♕g5 20.♔b1 ♕c5 21.♘e4 ♕c2 22.♔c2 ♘f4 23.♗c4 ♗a6∞ Ioannis Georgiadis 2413 – Athanasios Mastrovasilis 2538, Greece (ch) 2007;

**12.♘f5** ♗f5 13.gf5

*a)* 13...a3 14.b3 d5 15.e5 ♘h5 16.♗e3 ♘d7 17.f4 ♖e8 [17...♗c5 18.♗c5 ♘c5 19.♕e3⩲] 18.♖g1↑ Florian Schwabeneder 2350 – Vladimir Jacko 2279, Österreich 2015;

*b)* 13...d5 14.e5 ♘h5 15.♗e3 ♘d7

*b1)* 16.f4 ♗c5 17.♗c5 ♘c5 18.♕b4 [18.♕e3?! ♕b6 19.♖d4 b3∓] 18...♘e4⩱;

*b2)* 16.f6 gf6 [16...♘df6!? 17.ef6 ♗f6=∞] 17.♕g2 ♔h8 18.♕h3 ♘g7 19.♗d3 f5 20.♗f5 ♘f5 21.♕f5 ♗c5∞

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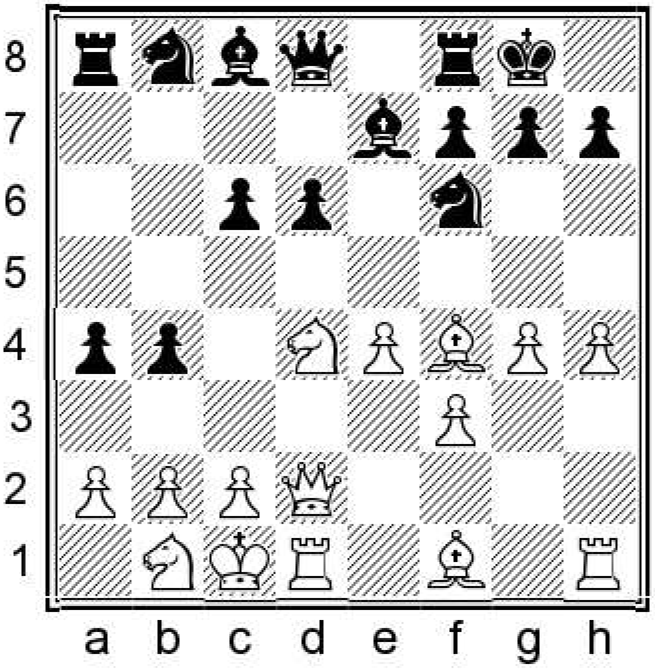

12...♕b6 13.h5 d5 [13...b3 14.cb3 ab3 15.a3 d5 16.g5± Jan Kokoszczyński 2121 – Łukasz Domański 1975, Góra Świętej Anny 2016] 14.g5 ♘e8 15.g6±

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15...a3!? 16.b3 d5!

*a)* 17.e5 h6! 18.♕g2 [18.ef6? ♗f6 19.c3 ♕b6 20.♗h6 c4!→] 18...♔h8 19.♖g1 ♖g8∞;

*b)* 17.h6 g6∞

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16.h6 a3 17.b3 [17.hg7 ab2 18.♔b2 ♖e8 19.♗c4 d5 20.ed5 ♗d6↑] 17...g6∞

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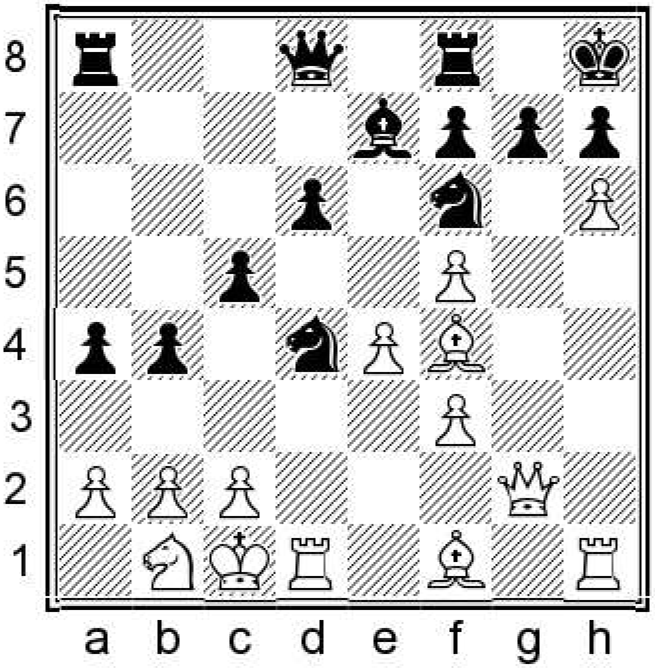
**17.♗e3** h6! 18.♗d3 [18.♖g1 ♖g8∓] 18...♘d7!∓ 19.♖hg1 ♗f6 20.f4

*a)* 20...♖e8 21.♗d4 cd4 22.♘d2 ♘c5 23.♘c4 b3 24.♔b1 bc2 25.♗c2 ♖b8 26.e5 [26.♗d3 (**Leinier Domínguez Pérez 2758 — Magnus Carlsen 2863, lichess.org (Internet-rapid) 2020 – 146/101**) 26...♕c7–+ ∆ ♖ec8] 26...de5 27.fe5 ♖e5! 28.♘e5 ♗e5 29.♗d3 a3 30.b3 ♗f6∓;

*b)* 20...♕c7! ∆ 21.♘d2 b3! 22.ab3 ab3 23.♘b3 ♘b3 24.cb3 ♖fb8–+;

**17.h6**



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**19**

17...b3?! 18.a3±

**20**

19.cd4 cd4 20.♖d2 ♕c7 21.♖c2 ♕b6 22.♘d2 d3 23.h6 [23.♗d3 ♕d4=∞] 23...g5 24.♗d3 ♕d4=∞

# TATA Steel 2021

By GM Jon Speelman

## Tournament Review

When Informator (Chess Informant) asked me to write an article on Wijk aan Zee (Tata Steel Masters), I was both a little surprised and pleased.

Nearly half a century ago when I started playing serious chess, the Informants were the preeminent and indeed often the only source of reliable international information. If a professional player found an opening novelty then he might be able to spring the same surprise twice, or even three times against different unsuspecting opponents in different tournaments until the next edition of Informator finally spilled the beans.

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In an utterly different world, we can now see almost all top games in real time (or, at worst, with a minimal delay), and an opening novelty will circle the globe and very possibly be neutralised within hours of its appearance. The biggest problem for the top guys nowadays is not producing reasonably coherent analysis but remembering what they did produce with the help of their silicon and maybe even carbon based helpers.

Although I now play very little serious chess myself (and none during COVID-19) I do watch (and sometimes commentate on) numerous games. It's always a pleasure to see the top guys in battle and Wijk, played properly over the board rather than with those ever fallible internet connections and mice, was a joy. It produced a plethora of exciting games and from these I've selected 12 which I found especially interesting.

Any fool can use an engine nowadays to reach "the truth" about a position but what I like to do is to use the engine as a tool to augment my appreciation of what I imagine was going on in the players' heads – so I'm really not that interested in computer lines which while "true" were never in a thousand years actually going to appear on the board.

I hope you enjoy my selection.

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**D61**
**Carlsen, Magnus (2862) - Firouzja, Alireza (2749)**
**Wijk aan Zee, 2021**

**1.d4 ♘f6 2.c4 e6 3.♘f3 d5 4.♘c3 ♘bd7 5.♗g5 h6 6.♗h4 ♗e7 7.cxd5**

7.e3 Szuhanek,Ranko 2428 - Oleksiyenko,Mykhaylo 2664, Internet (rapid) 2020 - 144/ 139

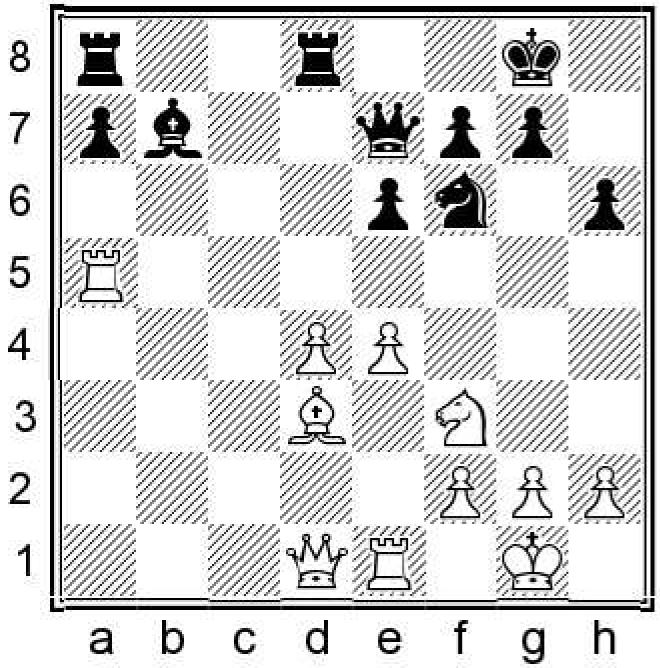
**7...♘xd5 8.♗xe7 ♕xe7 9.e4**

9.♕b3 O-O!

**9...♘xc3 10.bxc3 O-O 11.♗d3 c5 12.O-O cxd4 13.cxd4 b6 14.a4N** A novelty.

14.♖c1

**14...♗b7 15.a5 bxa5 16.♖xa5 ♘f6 17.♖e1 ♖fd8**

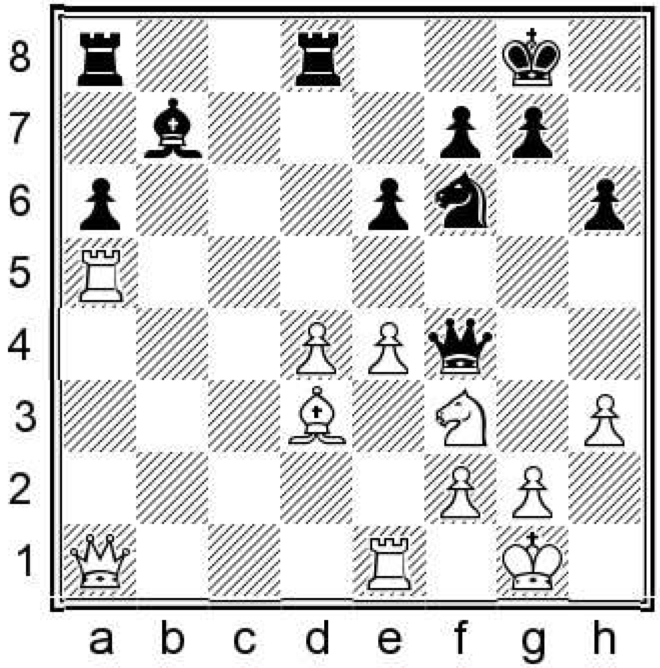


**18.♕a1** An aesthetic square for the queen, but Black is very solid and Carlsen ended up taking quite big risks in pursuit of victory.

**18...♕c7 19.h3**

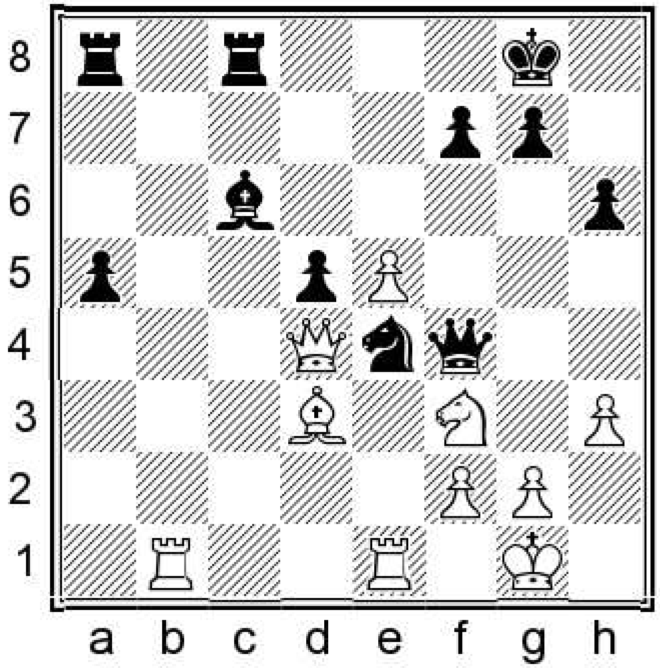
19.♖xa7 ♖xa7 20.♕xa7 ♖a8 21.♕c5 ♕xc5 22.dxc5 ♖c8=

**19...a6 20.♖c5 ♕f4 21.♖e5 ♘d7 22.♖a5 ♘f6**



**23.d5** The thematic break but not especially convincing here.

**23...exd5 24.e5 ♘e4 25.♕d4 ♖dc8 26.♖aa1 a5 27.♖ab1 ♗c6**



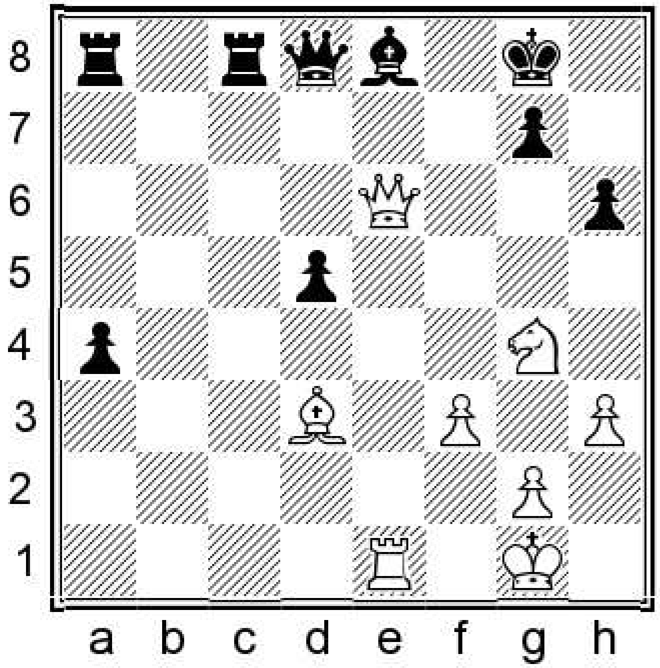
**28.e6!?** Perhaps it ought to be ?!, but of course Carlsen played it with his eyes wide open.

**28...fxe6 29.♘e5 ♕f6 30.f3**

Engines want to play 30.♗xe4 dxe4 31.♘xc6 ♖xc6 32.♕xe4 which should be defensible but of course that was not Carlsen's idea.

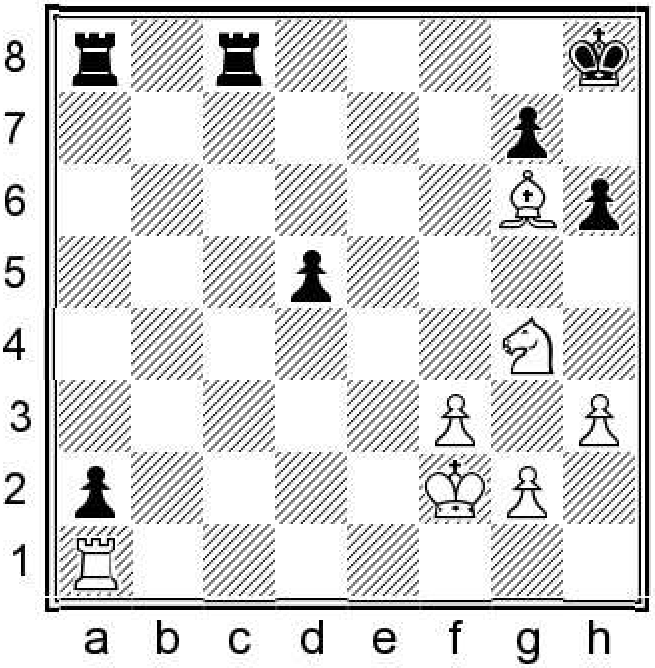
**30...♘g5 31.♖b6 ♗e8 32.♕e3 a4 33.♘g4 ♕d8 34.♖xe6** The point of his previuous play.

**34...♘xe6 35.♕xe6+**



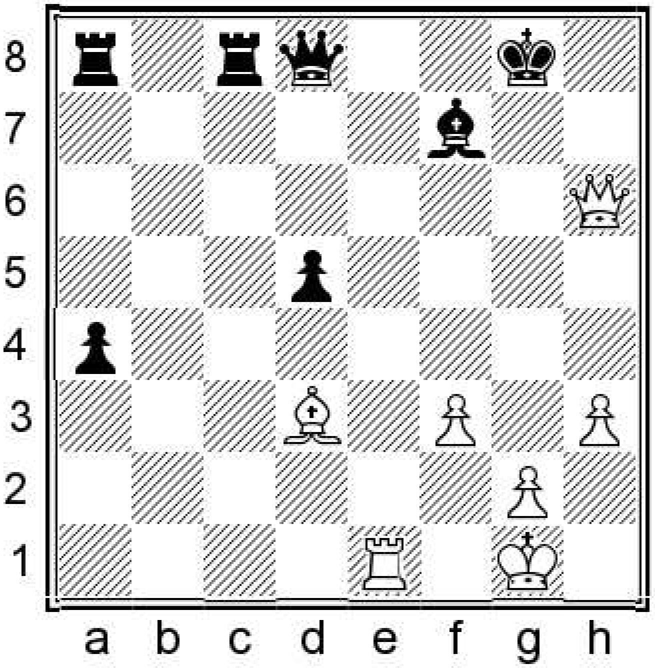
**35...♗f7?⊕** In serious time trouble Firouzja blundered.

After 35...♔h8 36.♕f5 ♕b6+ 37.♔f1 ♗g6! 38.♕xg6 ♕xg6 39.♗xg6 a3 40.♖a1 a2 41.♔f2



It is obviously Black who is playing for a win though his king is quite bad which nay to make it playable for White. For example: 41...♖cb8 42.♘e5 ♖b2+ 43.♔g3 ♖d2 44.h4 ♔g8 45.♘d7 ♖b2 (Maybe 45...h5) 46.h5

**36.♘xh6+! gxh6 37.♕xh6**



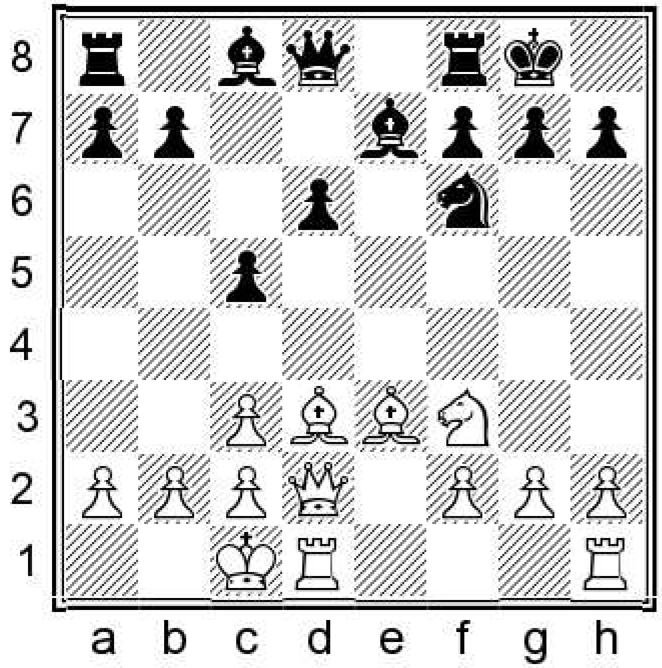
**37...♕c7**

37...♖a7 38.♗h7+ ♔h8 39.♗f5+ - and the cleanest win is 39...♔g8 40.f4! to control g5, and so prevent Qg5. 40...♖b8 41.♗h7+ ♔h8 42.♗g6+ ♔g8 43.♕h7+ ♔f8 44.♗xf7

**38.♕h7+ ♔f8 39.♕h8+ ♗g8 40.♕h6+ 1-0**

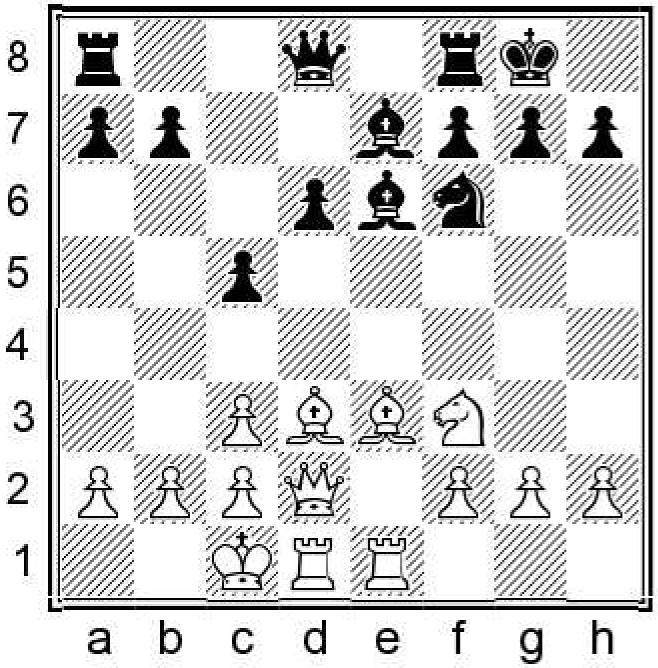
**C42**
**Caruana, Fabiano (2823) - Duda, Jan Krzysztof (2743)**
**Wijk aan Zee, 2021**

**1.e4 e5 2.♘f3 ♘f6 3.♘xe5 d6 4.♘f3 ♘xe4 5.♘c3 ♘xc3 6.dxc3 ♗e7 7.♗e3 ♘d7 8.♕d2 O-O 9.O-O-O ♘f6 10.♗d3 c5**



**11.♖hg1N** Possibly a novelty. 11.Rhe1 has been played in the majority of games with 11.Kb1 the second choice.

11.♖he1 ♗e6



12.♔b1 (12.♗f4 d5 13.♘g5 c4!∞ (13...♗g4 14.f3 ♗d7 15.c4 (15.♗xh7+! ♔h8 (15...♘xh7 16.♘xh7 ♔xh7 17.♕xd5+-) 16.h4! ♗c6 (16...g6 17.♗e5+-) 17.♗f5+-) 15...d4 16.h4 ♖e8 17.g4→ Caruana,Fabiano 2835 - Wang,Hao 2763, chess.com (Internet-rapid) 2020 - 144/85); 12.a3 c4N (12...d5) 13.♗f1 ♘e4 14.♕e2 d5 15.♗d4 b5∞ Caruana,Fabiano 2823 - Duda,Jan Krzysztof 2743, chess. com (Internet-m/25-blitz) 2020) 12...♕a5 13.c4 (13.a3N c4 14.♗e2 ♘e4 15.♕c1 d5 16.♗d4∞ Caruana,Fabiano 2819 - Duda,Jan Krzysztof 2729, Paris (rapid) 2019) 13...♕xd2 14.♗xd2 (14.♘xd2 ♖ad8 15.f3 b6 16.g4 d5 17.g5 ♘h5 18.cxd5 ♗xd5 19.♘e4 f5!∞ Caruana,Fabiano 2842 - Wang,Hao 2762, Yekaterinburg (ct) 2020 - 144/84) 14...h6 15.♘h4 ♖fe8 16.♘g6 ♘g4! 17.♘xe7+ ♖xe7 18.♖e2 ♘e5 19.♗f4 ♘xd3 20.♖xd3 ♖d7= Carlsen,Magnus 2835 - Caruana,Fabiano 2832, London (m/11) 2018 - 138/135

11.♔b1 Nisipeanu,Liviu Dieter 2667 - Fridman,Daniel 2644, Magdeburg 2019 - 140/116

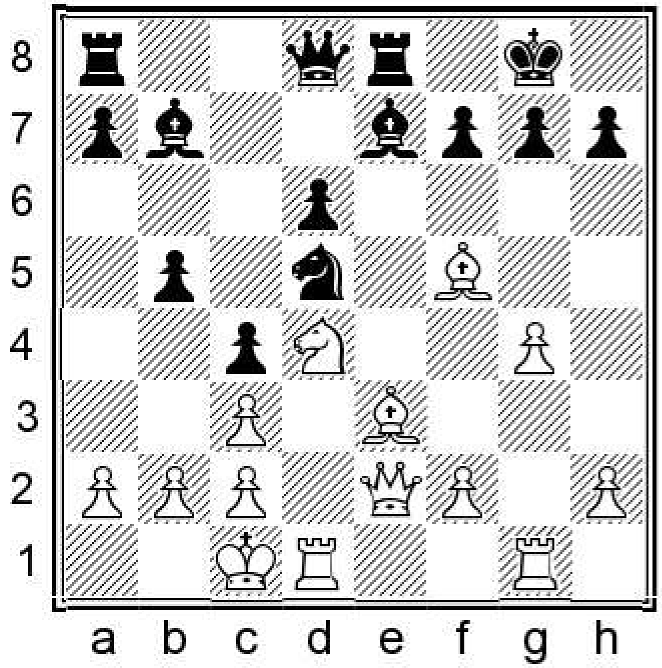
**11...b5!** A good active response.

**12.g4 ♗b7 13.♕e2**

13.g5 ♗xf3 14.gxf6 ♗xf6 15.♗h6 ♗h5! is the only defence but a good one.

**13...c4 14.♗f5 ♖e8 15.♘d4 ♘d5**

15...g6 looks better not to attack the bishop for the moment but to prevent Bh7 in some lines.

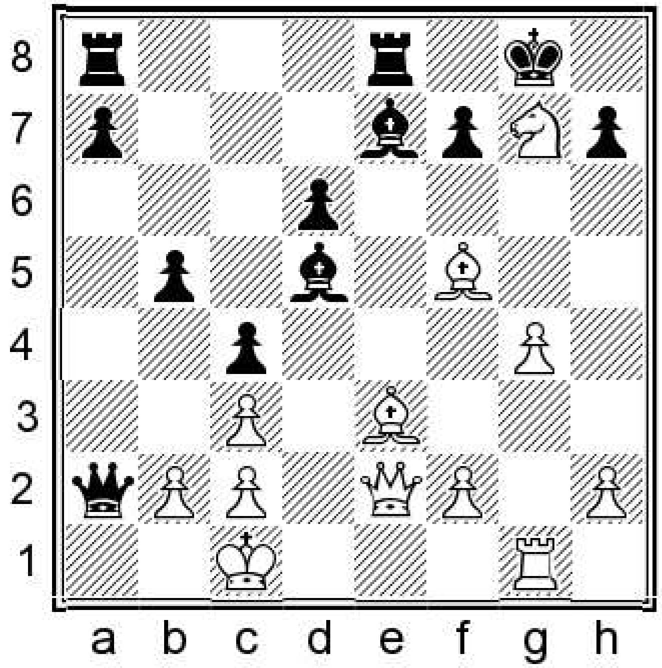


**16.♘e6! ♛a5**

16...fxe6 17.♗xe6+ ♔h8 18.♗xd5+-

**17.♕f3**

17.♖xd5! ♗xd5 18.♘xg7 ♛xa2



19.♖d1! Is the very difficult line recommended by engines. 19...♔xg7 20.g5 ♗xg5 21.♕g4 h6 22.♗xg5 ♛a1+ 23.♔d2 ♛xd1+ 24.♔xd1 hxg5 25.♕xg5+ ♔f8±

**17...♗f6**

17...g6 18.♖xd5 ♕xa2 19.♔d2 ♕xb2 20.♘c7 b4 21.cxb4 (21.♗d4? ♗g5+) 21...c3+ 22.♔e2 ♗g5 23.♗e4 ♗xe3 24.♘xe8 ♖xe8 25.fxe3 ♗xd5 26.♗xd5 ♕xc2+ 27.♔f1

**18.g5**

18.♗xh7+ ♔xh7 19.g5

**18...♗xc3 19.♗xh7+!**

19.♗d4 g6!!∓

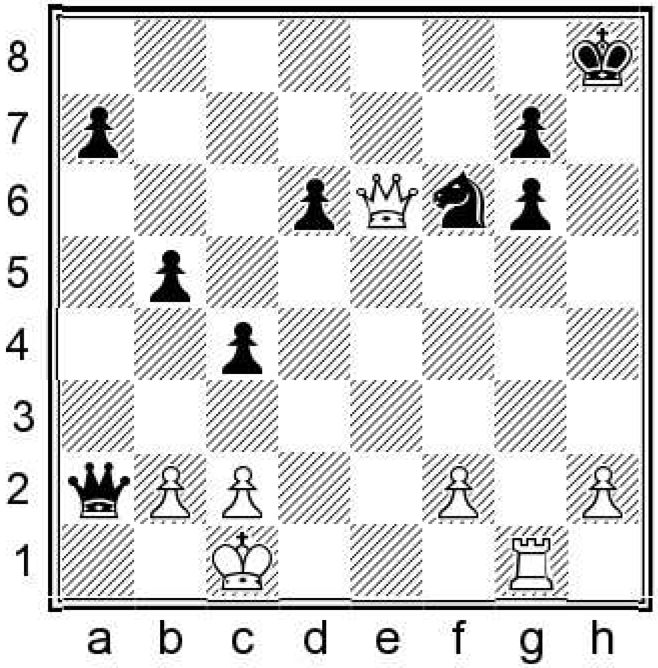
**19...♔xh7 20.g6+ fxg6 21.♘g5+ ♔h8!**

21...♔g8 22.♕f7+ ♔h8 23.♕xg6 (23.♖xd5) 23...♗xb2+ 24.♔b1+-

**22.♗d4!**

22.♕h3+ ♔g8 23.♕h7+ ♔f8 24.♕xg6 ♗xb2+ 25.♔xb2 (25.♔b1 ♖e7!) 25...♕b4+ 26.♔c1 ♕a3+ 27.♔d2 ♕b4+ 28.♔c1=

**22...♗xd4 23.♖xd4 ♘f6! 24.♕xb7 ♖ab8 25.♕f7 ♖e1+ 26.♖d1 ♖xg1 27.♖xg1 ♖e8 28.♘e6 ♖xe6 29.♕xe6 ♕xa2**

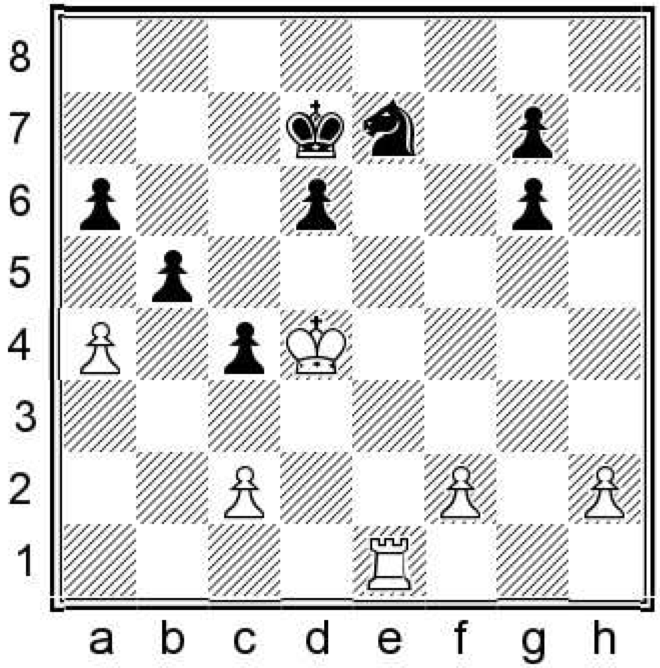


**30.♕h3+**⊕ In time trouble Caruana went for a clear advantage without risk. Engines prefer either Rg6 or Rg3.

30.♖g3 ♕a1+ 31.♔d2 ♔h7!;

30.♖xg6! ♕a1+ 31.♔d2 d5 32.♕c8+ ♔h7 33.♕f5 ♔h8 34.♔e2 ♕xb2 35.♖g3 ♔g8 36.♔f1±

**30...♔g8 31.♕e6+ ♔h7 32.♕h3+ ♔g8 33.♕a3 ♕xa3 34.bxa3 ♔f7± 35.♔d2 a6 36.♔e3 ♘d5+ 37.♔d4 ♘e7 38.♖e1 ♔e8 39.a4 ♔d7**



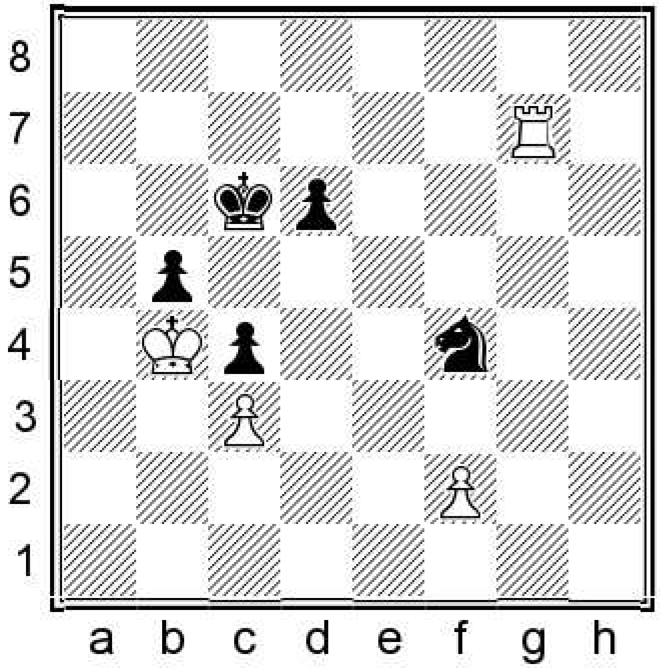
With Black's position very compact and the white pawns smashed this is very difficult. Caruana's next move "makes the board smaller" which helps the knight. However, keeping the queenside tension or playing a5 are not wonderful either. **40.axb5**

40.a5 ♘c6+ 41.♔c3 d5;

40.♔c3 ♘d5+ 41.♔d4 ♘e7;

40.♖g1 ♔c6 41.a5 d5 42.♔c3 (42.♔e5?! ♔c5 - the black pawns are very threatening.) 42...♔c5

**40...axb5 41.♖g1 ♔c6 42.h4 ♘f5+ 43.♔c3 ♘xh4 44.♔b4 ♘f3 45.♖xg6 ♘d4 46.c3 ♘e2 47.♖xg7 ♘f4 48.♔a5 ♘e2 49.♔b4 ♘f4**



Here Caruana decided to repeat the moves. If he hadn't, then Duda would have set up connected passed pawns by playing d4 and coupled with the knight they would have given a fairly easy draw.

**50.♔a5**

If 50.♔a3 d5 (Also 50...♘d3 51.♖f7 d5 52.f4 d4! 53.cxd4 b4+ 54.♔a2 b3+ 55.♔a3 b2 56.♔a2 c3 57.♖f8) 51.♖f7 ♘d3 52.♖f8 d4! 53.cxd4 ♔d5 54.♖d8+ ♔e4 55.d5 (55.f3+ ♔xf3 56.♖e8 b4+ 57.♔a4 b3 58.♔a3 b2 59.♔a2 c3=) 55...♔e5 56.d6 ♔e6 57.f3 b4+ 58.♔a2 b3+ 59.♔a3 b2 60.♔a2 c3 61.♖c8 c2 62.♖xc2 ♘b4+=

**50...♘e2 51.♔b4 1/2-1/2**

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**C78**
**Harikrishna, Penteala (2732) - Caruana, Fabiano (2823)**
**Wijk aan Zee, 2021**

**1.e4 e5 2.♘f3 ♘c6 3.♗b5 a6 4.♗a4 ♘f6 5.O-O b5 6.♗b3 ♗c5 7.a4 ♖b8 8.c3 d6 9.d4 ♗b6 10.a5 ♗a7**

As is well known if 10...♘xa5? 11.♖xa5 ♗xa5 12.dxe5 turns out very well for White.

**11.h3 ♗b7 12.♖e1 O-O 13.♗e3 exd4 14.cxd4 ♘e7**

14...♘b4 Svidler,Peter 2732 - Pavasovic,Dusko 2597, Khanty-Mansiysk (m/1) 2007 - 101/242

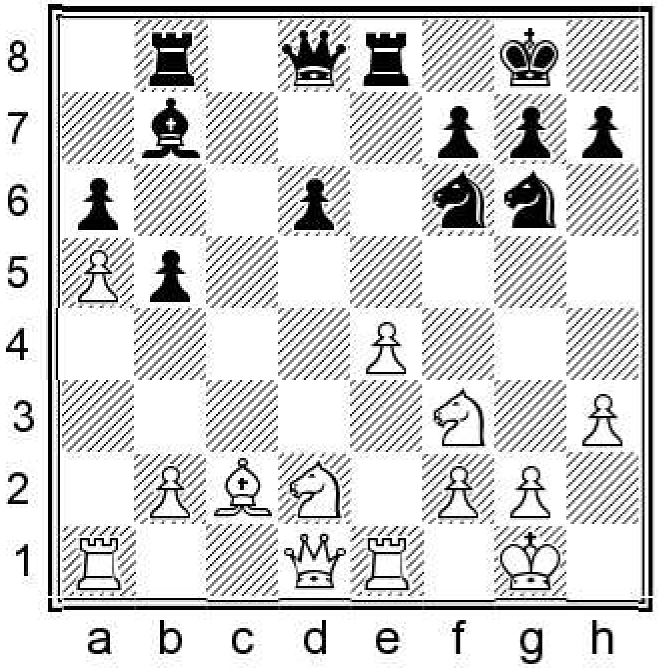
**15.♘bd2 ♘g6 16.d5**

16.♖c1 ♖c8 17.d5 ♗xe3 18.♖xe3 c6 19.dxc6 ♖xc6 20.♖xc6 ♗xc6 21.♕c2 ♗b7 22.♕c3 ♖e8N (22...d5?! 23.e5 ♘e4 (Svidler,Peter 2727 - Pavasovic,Dusko 2597, Dresden (ol) 2008) 24.♘xe4 dxe4 25.♘d2↑) 23.e5 dxe5 24.♘xe5 ♘xe5 25.♖xe5 ♖xe5 26.♕xe5 h5 1/2 : 1/2 Van der Velde,Meint - Warstad,Leif, corr 2020

**16...♗xe3 17.♖xe3 c6 18.dxc6 ♗xc6 19.♗c2 ♖e8 20.♖e1N**

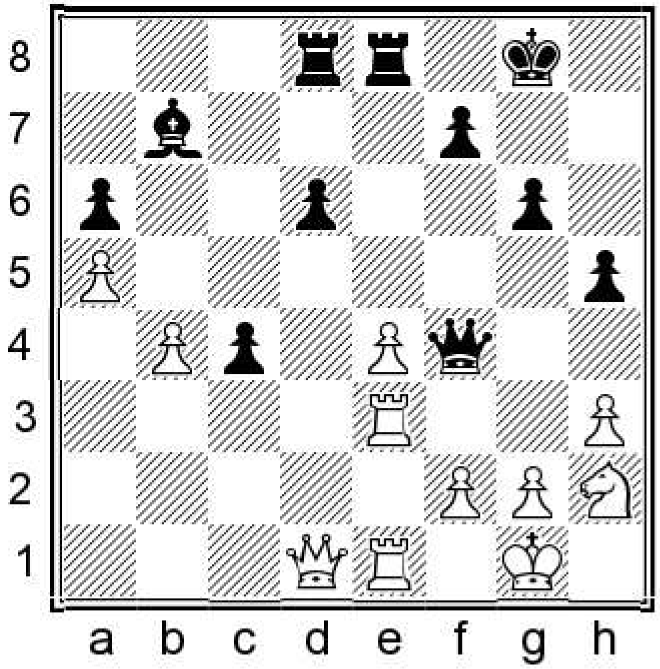
20.b4

**20...♗b7**



With pressure against e4 and his pieces all active Black is absolutely fine here. Indeed it is White who has to be the more careful.

**21.b4 ♘h5 22.♖a3 ♘hf4 23.♘f1 ♕f6 24.♘g3 ♖bd8 25.♖ae3 ♘e5 26.♗b3 g6 27.♘h2 h5 28.♘e2 ♘c4 29.♗xc4 bxc4 30.♘xf4 ♕xf4**



**31.♕c2?!**

31.♘f3 d5 (31...♖xe4 32.g3 ♖xe3 33.gxf4 ♗xf3 34.♕a1 ♖xe1+ 35.♕xe1 ♖c8) 32.exd5 ♖xe3 33.fxe3 ♕e4 34.♕d4

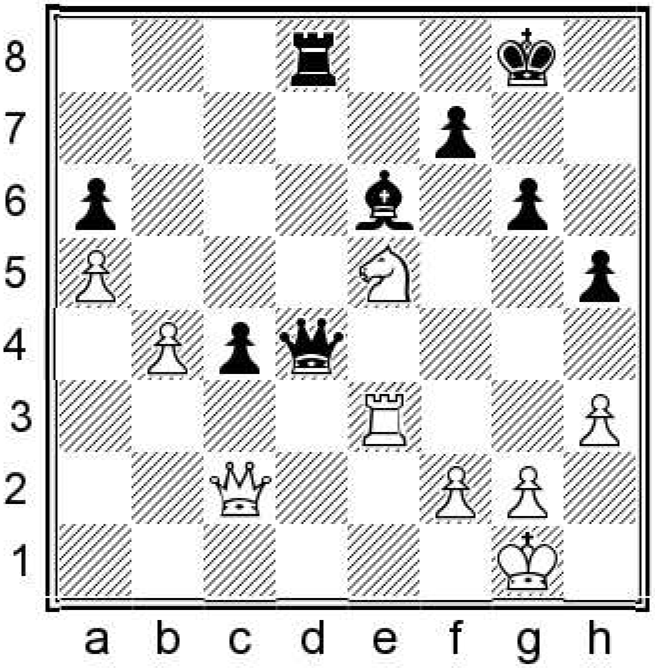
**31...d5 32.exd5 ♖xe3 33.♖xe3**

33.fxe3 ♕g3 34.♕f2 ♕xf2+ 35.♔xf2 ♖xd5∓

**33...♗xd5 34.♘f3 ♗e6**

34...♗xf3 35.♖xf3 ♕b8! 36.♖c3 ♕xb4 37.♖xc4 ♕xa5∓

**35.♘e5 ♕d4**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**36.♘xg6! ♕d1+**

36...♔g7 37.♔h2 h4 38.♘e5

**37.♕xd1 ♖xd1+ 38.♔h2 c3 39.♖xc3! fxg6 40.♖c6 ♔f7 41.♖xa6 ♖d2 42.♔g1 ♖d1+ 43.♔h2 ♖d2 44.♔g1 ♖d1+ 1/2-1/2**

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**B12**
**Tari, Aryan (2625) - Firouzja, Alireza (2749)**
**Wijk aan Zee, 2021**

**1.e4 c6 2.d4 d5 3.e5 ♗f5 4.♘f3 e6 5.♗e2 ♘e7 6.c3**

6.♘h4 ♗g6

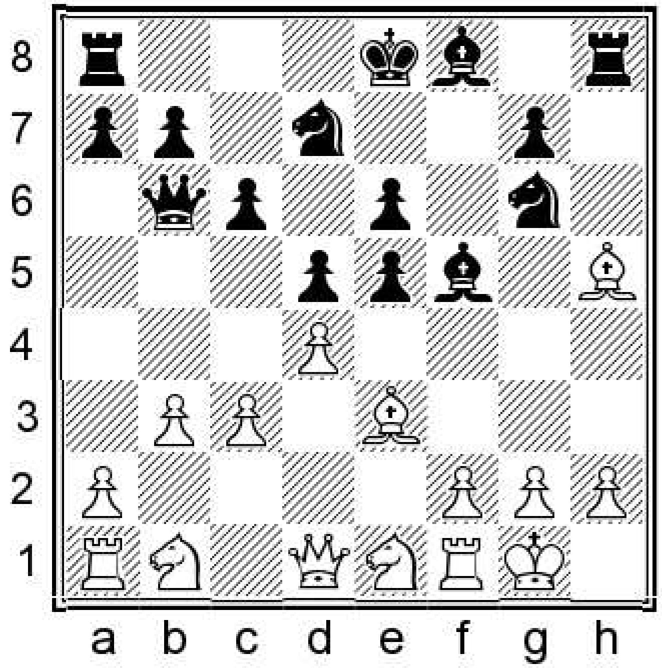
**6...♘g6 7.O-O ♘d7 8.♘e1 h5 9.♗e3 ♕b6**

9...c5 10.a4 a6 11.a5 cxd4 12.cxd4 ♘b8 13.g3 ♘c6 14.♗xh5 ♘xa5 15.♘d2 ♗h3 16.♘g2 ♗xg2 17.♔xg2± Kamsky,Gata 2692 - Purtseladze,Maka 2380, Baku 2009

**10.b3 f6N** A novelty.

10...h4 Khairullin,Ildar 2543 - Grigoriants,Sergey 2582, Russia (ch) 2006 - 98/(70)

**11.♗xh5 fxe5**



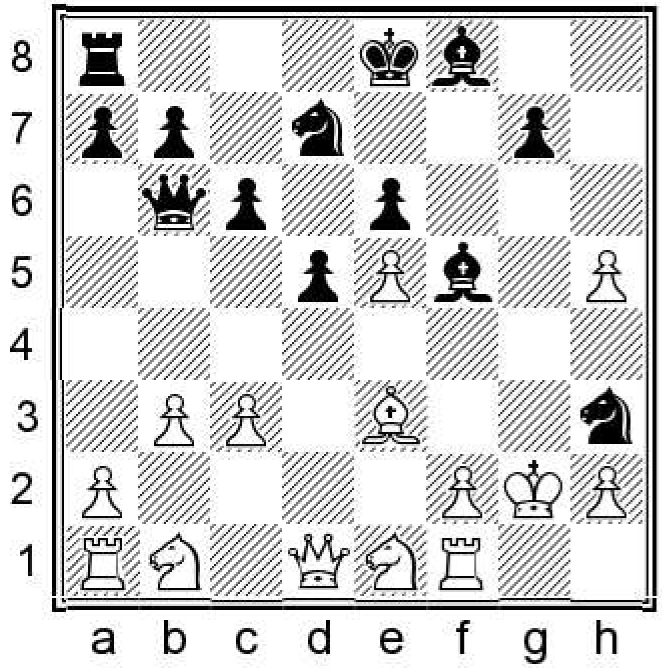
**12.g4** Very brave, but perhaps excessively so.

12.dxe5 ♕d8 13.f4 ♕h4 14.♗xg6+ ♗xg6 15.♘f3 ♕h6 16.h3 O-O-O

**12...♖xh5 13.gxh5 ♘f4**

13...exd4 14.♗xd4 c5 15.hxg6 cxd4 16.♕xd4 ♕d6

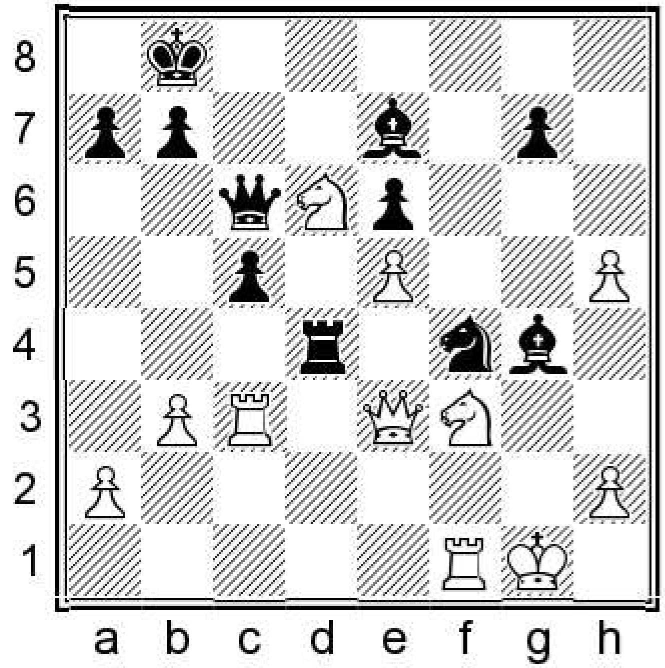
**14.dxe5 ♘h3+ 15.♔g2**



**15...c5** This looks foul to me for White even if engines give ±, and I fully expected Firouzja to blow Tari away. **16.f4 ♕c6 17.♘f3 O-O-O 18.♘bd2 ♘b6 19.♕e1 ♗e7 20.♖c1 d4 21.cxd4 ♘d5 22.♘c4?!**

22.♔h1 ♔b8 23.♘c4 ♘hxf4

**22...♘dxf4+ 23.♗xf4 ♘xf4+ 24.♔g1 ♗g4 25.♖c3 ♖xd4 26.♘d6+ ♔b8 27.♕e3**



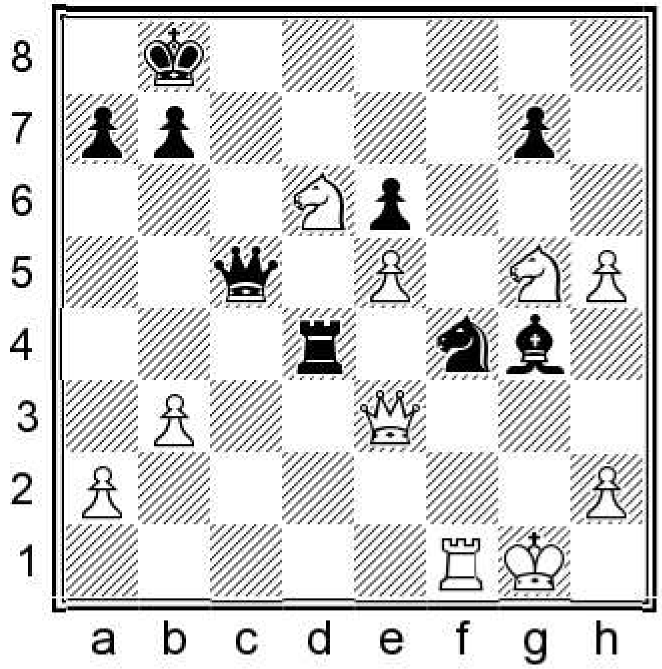
**27...♗g5?!** This position is so messy that I really do not want to give judgments stronger than !? and ?!. Though over the next few moves the "true" assessment oscillates wildly.

27...♗xh5

**28.♖xc5?**

28.♔h1! - possibly !! since it is so hard to play visually. 28...♗h3 (28...♖d5 29.♘f7) 29.♕xd4 ♗xf1 30.♕e4+-

**28...♕xc5 29.♘xg5**



**29...♘e2+?**

29...♗e2! 30.♖e1 (30.♖xf4 ♖d1+ 31.♔f2 ♖f1+ 32.♔xe2 ♖e1+) 30...♖d1! 31.♕xc5 ♖xe1+ 32.♔f2 ♘d3+-+

**30.♔g2** Here they agreed a draw and apparently it is "equal".

30.♔g2 ♕c6+ (30...♕d5+ 31.♘ge4 ♗f5 32.♕xe2 ♗xe4+ 33.♔g1 a6 34.♖f8+ ♔c7 35.♕e3 ♖d1+ (35...♕xe5? 36.♖c8+ ♔d7 37.♖d8+ ♔e7 38.♘f7) 36.♔f2 ♕xe5 37.♖f7+ ♔xd6 (37...♔c6? 38.♕xe4+) 38.♕b6+ ♗c6 39.♕d8+ ♔c5 40.♕xd1 ♕xh2+ 41.♔e3±) 31.♘ge4 ♗f5 32.♕xe2 ♗xe4+ 33.♔g1 ♗d3 34.♖f8+ ♔c7 35.♖c8+ ♔d7 36.♖xc6 ♗xe2 37.♖c3=

**1/2-1/2**

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**B97**
**Grandelius, Nils (2663) - Vachier Lagrave, Maxime (2784)**
**Wijk aan Zee, 2021**

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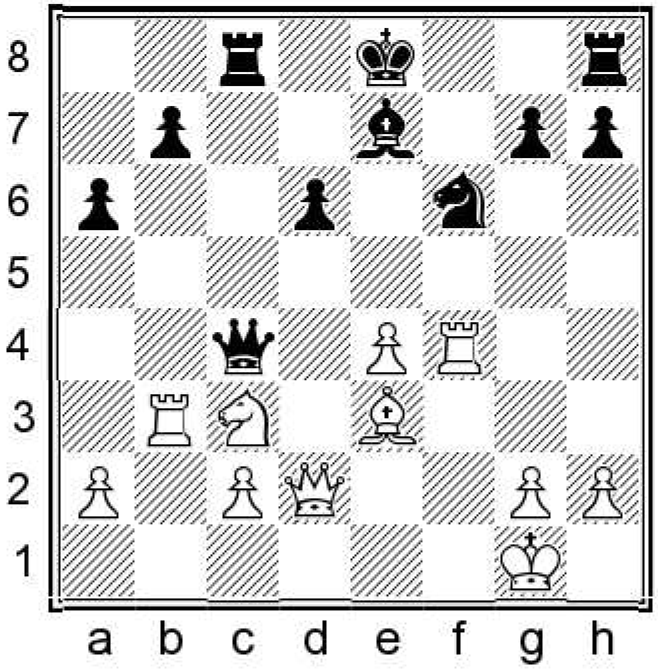
**1.e4 c5 2.♘f3 d6 3.d4 cxd4 4.♘xd4 ♘f6 5.♘c3 a6 6.♗g5 e6 7.f4 ♕b6 8.♕d2 ♕xb2 9.♖b1 ♕a3 10.f5 ♗e7 11.fxe6 ♗xe6 12.♘xe6 fxe6 13.♗c4 ♘bd7 14.♗xe6 ♘c5 15.♗b3**

The idea is that if ...Ne4 then Bf7 - the tactics resolve in White's favour as in the previous game Caruana versus Vachier-Lagrave. 15.♗c4 ♘cxe4 16.♘xe4 ♘xe4 17.♗f7+! ♔xf7 18.♕d5+ ♔e8 19.♕xe4 ♕a5+ 20.♔d1 (20.♗d2 ♕e5 21.♕xe5 dxe5 22.♖xb7 ♖f8=) 20...♕xg5 21.♖xb7 ♖f8 22.♖e1 (22.♖xe7+) 22...♖f7 23.♖xe7+ ♖xe7 24.♕xa8+ ♔f7 25.♖f1+ ♔g6 26.♕xa6↑ Caruana,Fabiano 2819 - Vachier Lagrave,Maxime 2779, Stavanger 2019 - 140/95

**15...♖c8 16.O-O ♘xb3 17.♖xb3 ♕c5+ 18.♗e3 ♕c4 19.♖f4**



**19...♕e6?N**

19...♘h5 20.♖f2 ♘f6 21.♗d4 (21.♖f4=) 21...b5 22.♗xf6 ♗xf6 23.♘d5 ♗d4 24.♘e3 ♕c5 25.♔h1 Black is okay here.

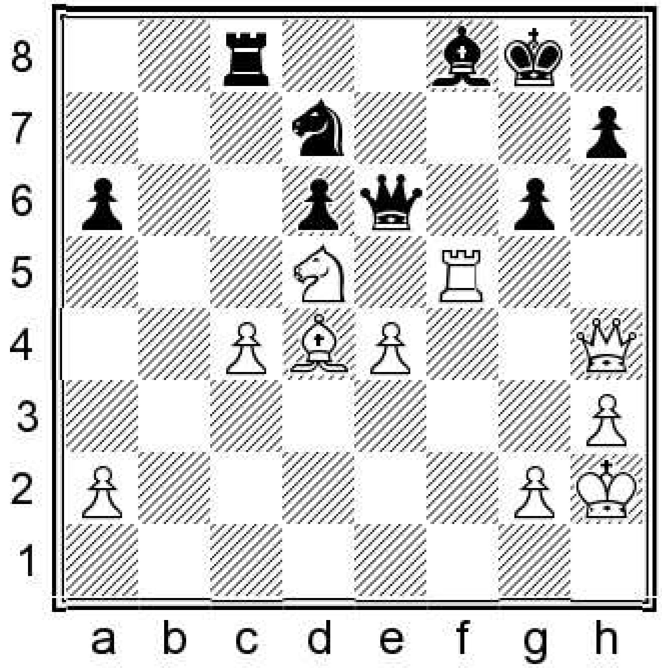
**20.♖xb7± O-O 21.h3 ♖b8 22.♖a7 ♖a8 23.♖xa8 ♖xa8 24.♘d5 ♖b8 25.c4**

Surprisingly, engines do not like this obvious move, preffering 25.♕d4

**25...♗d8**

25...♘xd5 26.exd5 ♕g6 White is better, but Black can certainly fight.

**26.♕f2 ♘d7 27.♗d4 ♗g5 28.♖f5 ♗h6 29.♔h2 ♖c8 30.♕g3 g6 31.♕h4! ♗f8**



**32.♖f6! ♕e8**

32...♘xf6 33.♘xf6+ ♔f7 34.♕xh7+ ♗g7 35.♘g4 ♖g8 36.♘h6+ ♔f8 37.♗xg7+ ♖xg7 38.♕h8+

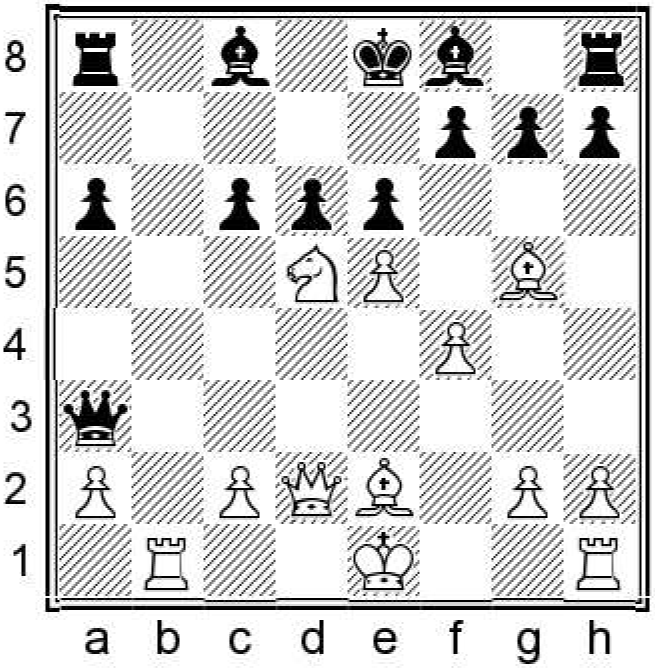
**33.♖xf8+! ♕xf8 34.♘e7+ ♔f7 35.♘xc8 1-0**

**B97**
**Caruana, Fabiano (2823) - Vachier Lagrave, Maxime (2784)**
**Wijk aan Zee, 2021**

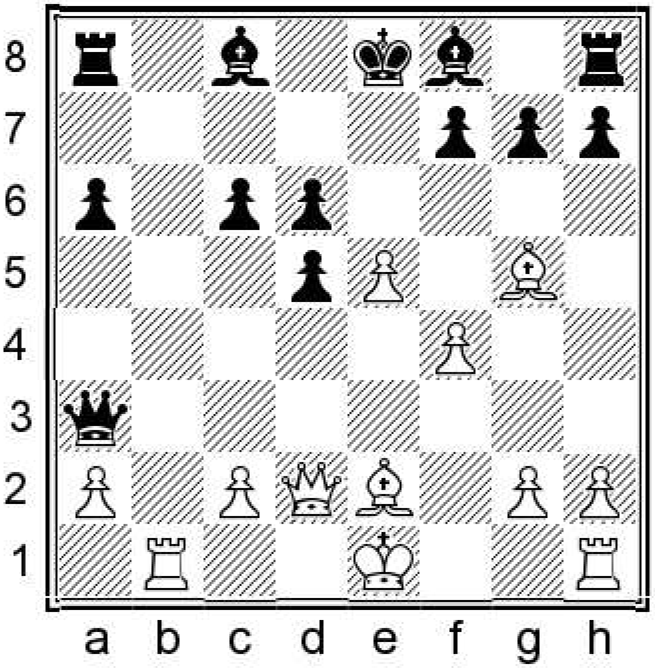
**1.e4 c5 2.♘f3 d6 3.d4 cxd4 4.♘xd4 ♘f6 5.♘c3 a6 6.♗g5 e6 7.f4 ♕b6 8.♕d2 ♕xb2 9.♖b1 ♕a3 10.♗e2 ♘c6 11.♘xc6 bxc6 12.e5**

12.O-O Lobron,Eric 2515 - Hulak,Krunoslav 2515, Indonesia 1983 - 36/346

**12...♘d5 13.♘xd5**



**13...exd5?**



Of course it would be almost impossible to judge in a game but I, and more importantly, my engine believe that cxd5 should be just about alright though future games may prove otherwise.

13...cxd5 14.O-O h6 15.♗h4 dxe5 16.fxe5 ♗e7 (16...♕a4? 17.c4 ♗c5+ 18.♔h1 O-O 19.♖b3 dxc4 20.♖g3 c3 21.♗f6 (21.♕xh6)) 17.♖b3 ♕c5+ 18.♗f2 ♕c7 19.♖g3 ♗g5 20.♕d4 (20.♗e3 ♕xe5; 20.♖xg5 hxg5 21.♕xg5 f5 22.♗h5+ ♔f8) 20...O-O 21.h4 ♗d8 22.♗e3 f5 23.♗xh6 ♖f7 (23...♕b6? 24.♖xg7+ ♔h8 25.c3) 24.c4±

**14.e6!N** This vicious blow destroys Black's position.

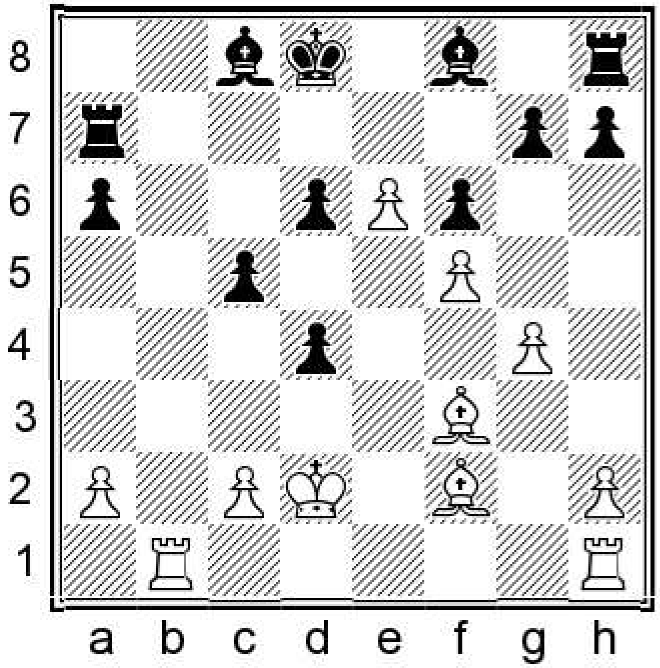
14.O-O dxe5 15.fxe5 ♗e7 16.♖b3 ♗xg5 17.♕xg5 ♕c5+ 18.♔h1 O-O= Tsaturian,Valeri - Perfanov, Borislav, corr 1985

**14...f6**

14...fxe6 15.f5 e5 16.O-O and for example: 16...h6 17.f6 hxg5 18.fxg7 ♗xg7 19.♕xg5 ♕c5+ 20.♔h1 ♕a7 21.♕g6+ ♔d8 22.♖f7;

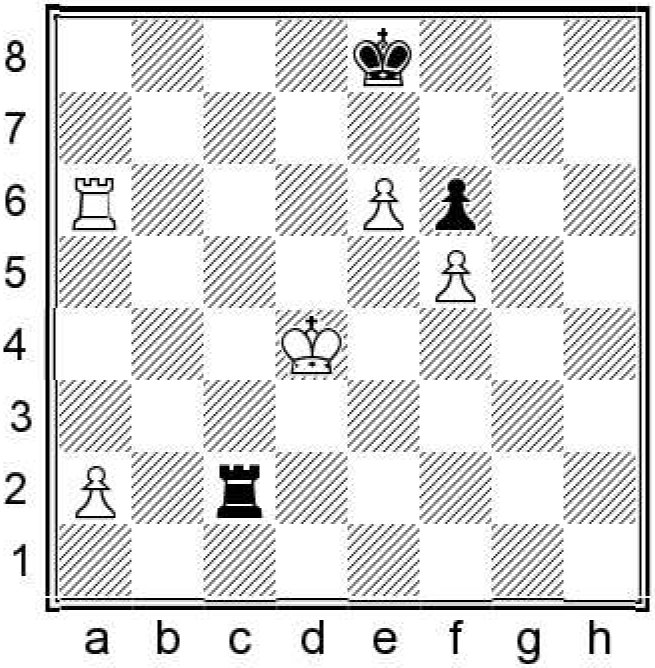
14...♗xe6 15.O-O ♕c5+ 16.♔h1 ♗f5 17.♖b7 ♗e4 18.c4 f6 19.♕b2 fxg5 20.♗h5+ ♔d8 21.♖b8+ ♖xb8 22.♕xb8+ ♔d7 23.♕b7+ ♔d8 24.♗g4

**15.♗h5+ ♔d8 16.♗h4 d4 17.♗f2 ♕c3 18.f5 ♕xd2+ 19.♔xd2 c5 20.♗f3 ♖a7 21.g4**



Although Black is a pawn up, the e6 pawn is so strong that White has a huge advantage.

**21...g6 22.♗h4 ♗e7 23.♖b6 h5 24.h3 ♔e8 25.♗g3 ♖c7 26.♔d3 hxg4 27.hxg4 ♖xh1 28.♗xh1 gxf5 29.gxf5 ♗f8 30.♔c4 ♖h7 31.♗e4 ♗e7 32.♗xd6 ♗xd6 33.♖xd6 ♗b7 34.♗xb7 ♖xb7 35.♖xa6 ♖b2 36.♔xc5 ♖xc2+ 37.♔xd4**



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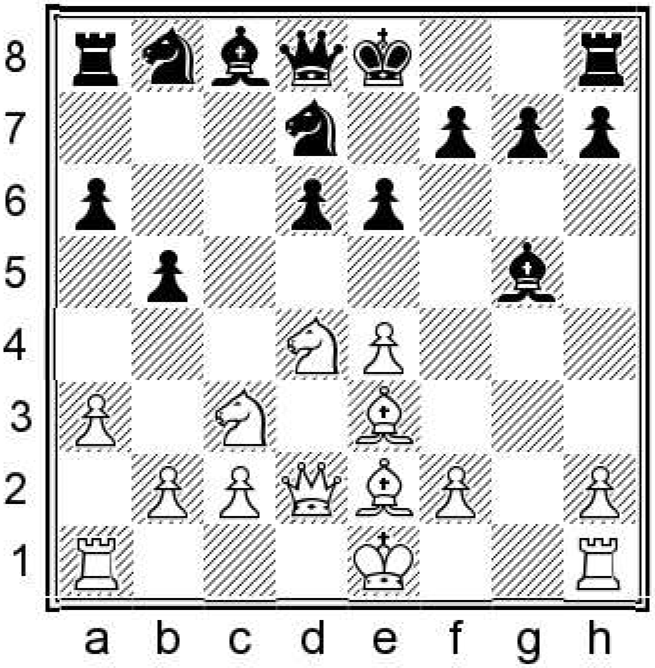
**B84**
**Esipenko, Andrey (2677) - Carlsen, Magnus (2862)**
**Wijk aan Zee, 2021**

**1.e4 c5 2.♘f3 d6 3.d4 cxd4 4.♘xd4 ♘f6 5.♘c3 a6 6.♗e2 e6 7.♗e3 ♗e7 8.g4 b5 9.g5 ♘fd7 10.a3!**

10.♕d2 b4 11.♘d1 Black is very active. (11.♘a4 ♘c5 12.♕xb4 ♗d7)

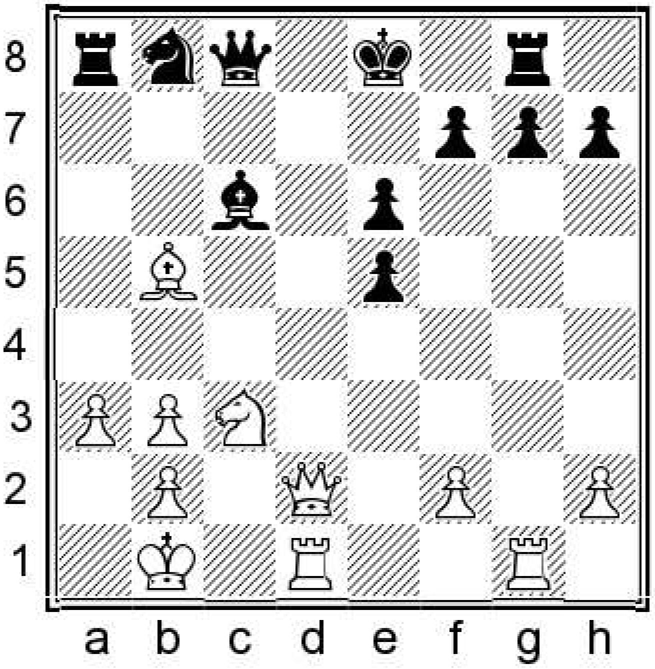
10.f4 Byrne,Robert 2600 - Polugaevsky,Lev 2645, Montilla 1975 - 20/500

**10...♗xg5 11.♕d2**



**11...♗xe3**

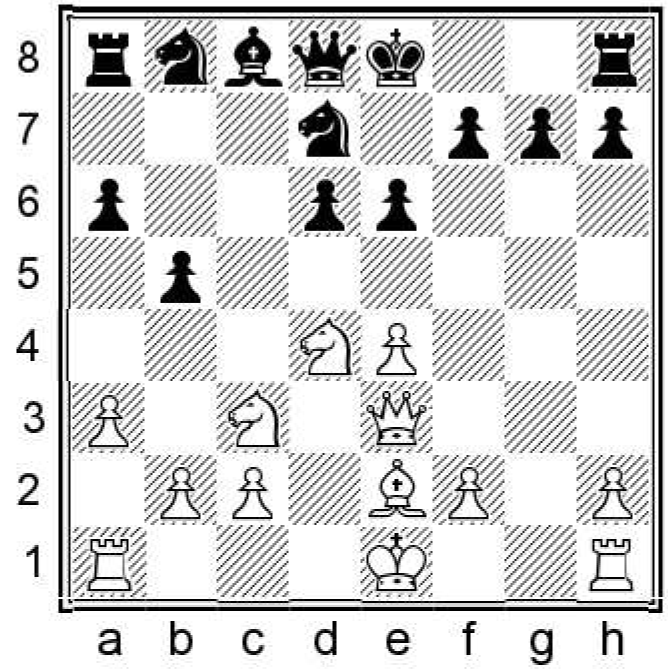
I found just two previous games here and neither was encouraging for Black. 11...♗f6 12.O-O-O ♗b7 13.♖hg1 ♘c5? 14.e5! ♗xe5 15.♘dxb5 ♘b3+ (15...axb5 16.♗xc5±) 16.cxb3 axb5 17.♗xb5+ ♗c6 18.♗d4 ♕c8 19.♗xe5 dxe5 20.♔b1 ♖g8



21.♘e4! 1 : 0 Ivanchuk,Vassily 2739 - Negi,Parimarjan 2615, Greece 2010

11...♗e7 12.O-O-O ♗b7 (12...O-O) 13.♖hg1 g6 14.f4 looks more like what Esipenko would have played here. (14.♗h6?! ♘c6 15.♗g7 ♖g8 16.♘xc6 ♗xc6 17.♕h6 (Ni,Hua 2671 - Xu,Yinglun 2333, China 2013) 17...♕a5! and Black is better.)

**12.♕xe3**



**12...♕h4N** A novelty. This must be wrong since he retreats a couple of moves later losing a big tempo.

Predecessor: 12...♗b7 13.O-O-ON (13.♖g1 g6 14.O-O-O ♕e7 (14...♕b6 15.♕g3)) 13...♕e7 14.♘b3 ♘c6 15.♕g3 ♘c5 16.♘xc5 dxc5 17.♕xg7 ♖f8 18.♗g4 ♘d4∞ Frotscher,Thomas - Gomila Marti,Santiago, corr 2019

12...♕e7 13.O-O-O ♗b7 14.♖hg1 g6=

**13.♖g1 g6**

13...O-O

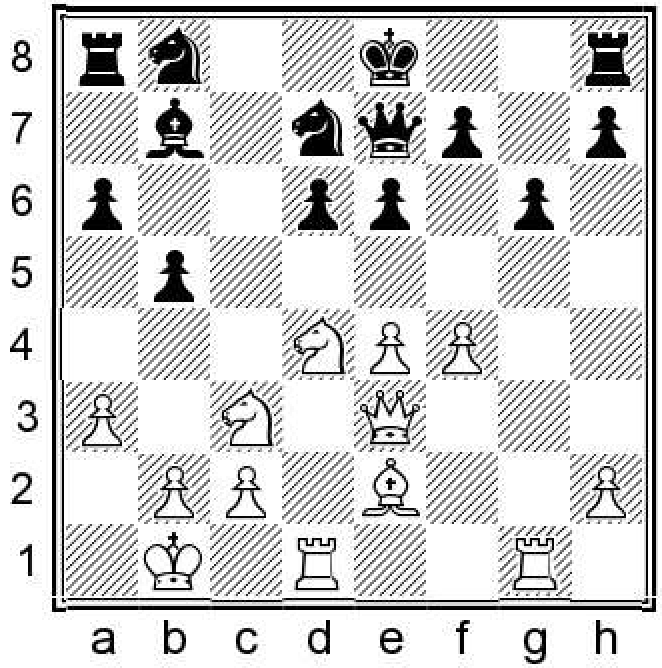
**14.O-O-O**

14.♖g5 ♘e5

**14...♕e7**

14...♗b7 15.♘b3 (15.♖g5!? ♘c6 (15...O-O 16.♘f3) 16.♘xc6 ♗xc6 17.♖xd6) 15...♕e7 16.♘a5

**15.f4 ♗b7 16.♔b1**



**16...♘c6?!** Falling into a trap but it was difficult anyway.

16...♘c5 17.b4 ♘a4 18.♘xa4 (18.♘dxb5 axb5 19.♗xb5+ ♗c6 20.♗xc6+ ♘xc6 21.♘xa4 ♖xa4 22.♕c3 O-O) 18...bxa4 19.e5 d5 20.f5 gxf5 21.c4;

16...O-O 17.h4 ♘c6 18.♘f3 ♖fd8 19.h5→ with a dangerous attack.

**17.♘cxb5! axb5 18.♘xc6 ♗xc6 19.♕c3** The point, as the double attack now regains the piece.

**19...O-O 20.♕xc6** With Black's pawns dropping White is clearly better though it remains very messy.

**20...d5**

My engine suggests 20...♘c5 21.♕xd6 ♕a7! (21...♕xd6 22.♖xd6 ♘xe4 (22...♖fb8 23.♖d4) 23.♖d4 f5 24.♗xb5) 22.♗xb5 ♖ab8 23.c4 ♖fd8 24.♕xd8+ ♖xd8 25.♖xd8+ ♔g7 Black will regain one pawn and it may prove difficult to advance the queenside pawns against a queen and knight, though it still feels clearly better for White if he can play accurately.

**21.exd5**

21.♗xb5?! ♘f6±

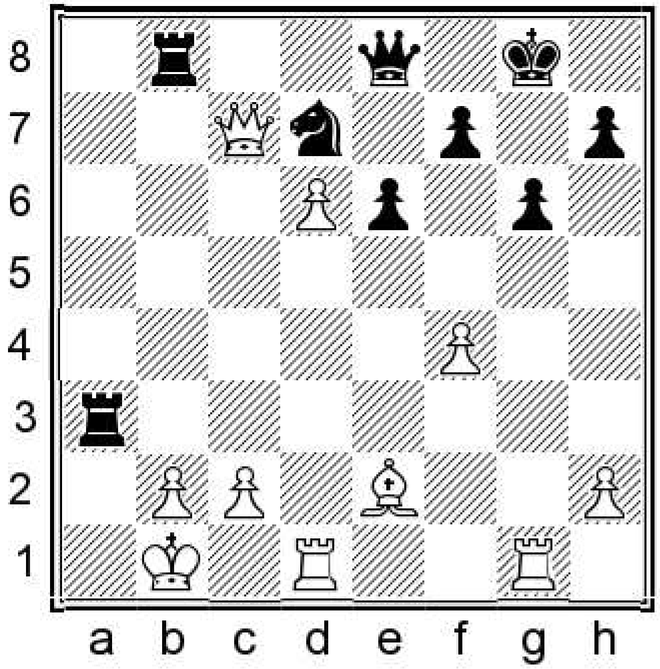
**21...♖fc8 22.d6! ♕d8 23.♕xb5 ♖cb8**

23...♖xa3 24.bxa3 ♖b8 25.♖g3+-

**24.♕c4 ♖xa3 25.♕c7 ♕e8**

I suppose that Black can fight but Carlsen judged quite rightly that in an ending the passed pawns would almost certainly win fairly automatically.

25...♖a4±



**26.♖g5!**

26.♖g3 was good, but Rg5 is better.

**26...♖a4**

26...e5 27.♗g4 f5 28.♗xf5 ♕f7 29.♕xb8+ ♘xb8 30.bxa3 The d-pawn will win the knight and then the two rooks and bishop should win easilly enough.

**27.♖a5**

27.♗b5? ♖xb5! 28.♖xb5 ♕a8!∓

**27...♖ab4 28.b3 ♖4b7**

28...♖c8 29.♗b5! ♖xb5 30.♖xb5 ♖xc7 31.dxc7 ♔g7 32.♖b8 ♘xb8 33.♖d8

**29.♕c3 ♕d8 30.♗f3 ♖b4 31.♕c7 ♕f6** The last chance to try to make a mess. **32.♖a8!**

32.♕xd7?? ♖xb3+! 33.cxb3 ♖xb3+ 34.♔c2 ♕c3#

**32...♖xa8 33.♗xa8 ♕f5** - aiming for ...Rb3. **34.♔b2**

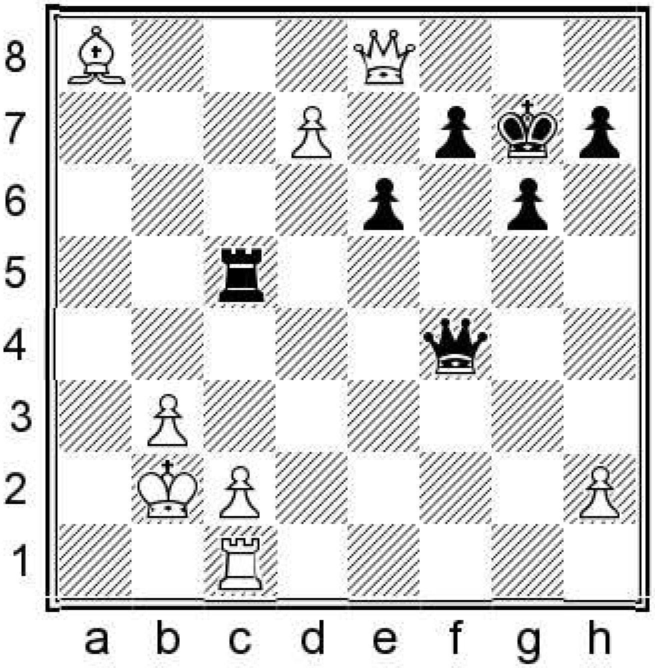
Not 34.♕xd7? ♖xb3+ 35.♔c1 ♕xf4+ 36.♖d2 ♖a3-+

**34...♖b5** Black wants to play ...Rc5.

34...♘f6 35.d7 ♘xd7 36.♖xd7 ♖xf4 37.♕c3

**35.♕xd7 ♖c5 36.♖c1 ♕xf4 37.♕e8+ ♔g7** Threatening ...Qd2.

**38.d7**



And Black could make a few checks, but of course, they would not be enough. This was Carlsen's first loss at Wijk Tournament since 2017., and only his sixth in 177 games!

38.d7 ♕d4+ (38...♖xc2+ 39.♖xc2 ♕d4+ 40.♔a2 ♕a7+ 41.♔b1 ♕g1+ 42.♖c1 ♕e3 43.♕b8) 39.c3 ♖xc3 40.d8=Q

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*Andrey Esipenko vs Magnus Carlsen, Wijk aan Zee 2021; Photo by Jurriaan Hoefsmit - Tata Steel Chess Tournament 2021*

**B90**
**Carlsen, Magnus (2862) - Grandelius, Nils (2663)**
**Wijk aan Zee, 2021**

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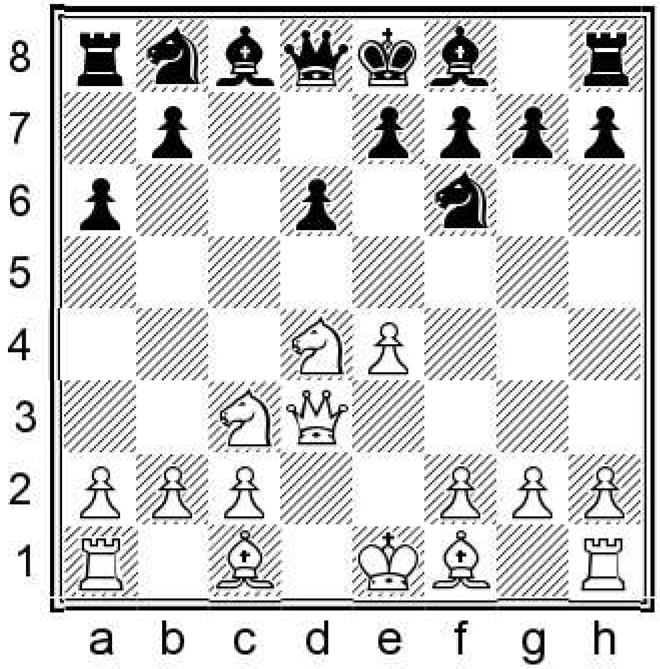


A very unusual move which, of course, took Grandelius by surprise. Van Foreest repeated the same continuation against him in the final round.

**6...e6**

6...♘bd7

**7.a4 ♘c6 8.♘xc6 bxc6 9.♕g3 ♗b7N**

RR9...d5 10.♗d3 g6 11.O-O ♗g7 12.a5 O-O 13.♖e1 d4 14.♘b1 ♘h5 15.♕f3 e5 16.♘d2 ♘f4 17.♘c4 ♘xd3 18.♕xd3 ♗e6 19.♗d2 c5 20.♘b6 ♖a7 21.b4 cxb4 22.♗xb4 ♖e8 23.c4 dxc3 24.♕xc3 ♖c7 25.♕a3 ♗f8 26.♖ad1 ♕g5 27.♗xf8 ♖xf8 28.♘d5 ♖d7 29.♖d3 ♖c8 30.h3 ♖c4= Oparin,Grigoriy 2604 - Gelfand,Boris 2724, Zuerich (blitz) 2017

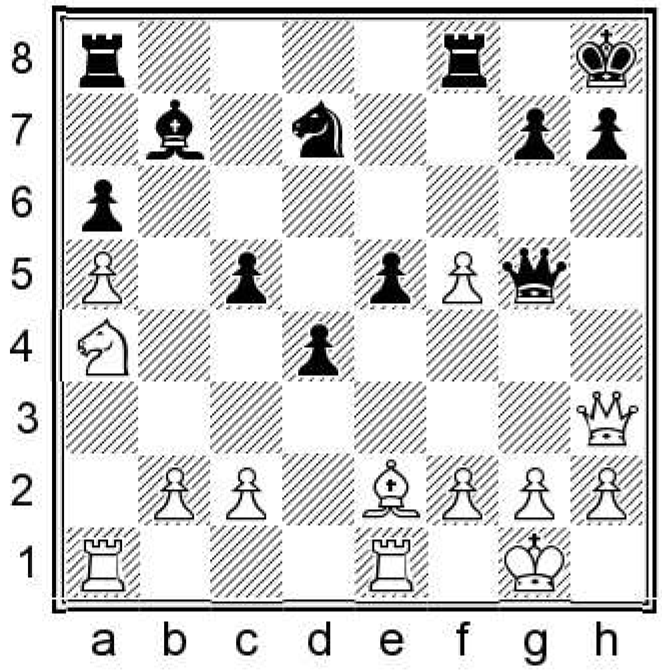
**10.♗e2 ♗e7 11.♗f4 e5**

11...O-O 12.e5

**12.♗e3 O-O 13.O-O ♔h8 14.a5 ♘d7 15.♖fd1 f5 16.exf5 d5 17.♘a4**

I wondered about Ra4 but it is fantasy. 17.♖a4 ♗c8 (17...d4 18.♗xd4 exd4 19.♖axd4 ♗c8=∞)

**17...d4 18.♗d2 c5 19.♕h3 ♗g5 20.♗xg5 ♕xg5 21.♖e1**



**21...♗e4**

21...e4 My instinct is to prefer e4 though. 22.♕g3 ♕d8 23.♕f4∞ is still very unclear.

**22.♗d3 ♗xf5 23.♗xf5 ♖xf5 24.♘b6! ♘xb6**

24...♖d8? 25.♘xd7 ♖xd7 26.♖xe5 ♖xe5 27.♕xd7 ♕e7 28.♕c8+ ♕e8 29.♕xa6

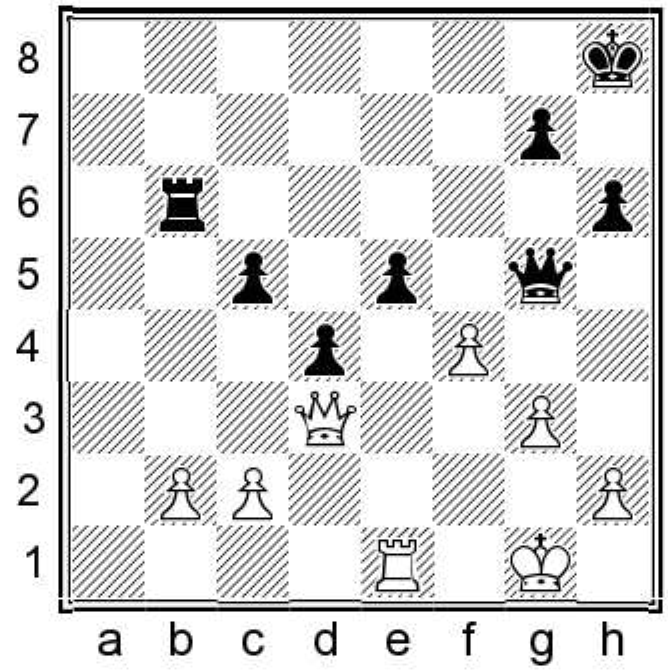
**25.axb6 h6 26.♕d3 ♖b8?!**

26...♖af8 27.♖e2 (27.♖f1 ♖5f6 28.♖xa6 e4 29.♕xe4 ♖xf2 30.♖aa1 ♖xf1+ 31.♖xf1 ♖xf1+ 32.♔xf1 ♕f6+ 33.♔e2 ♕xb6 34.b3) 27...♕f6 28.f3 ♕xb6 29.b3 White has enough for the pawn but nothing more.

**27.♖xa6 ♖f6**

27...♖bf8? 28.b7! is simply good for White. (Instead 28.f3 leads to quite a nice draw: 28...♖xf3 29.♕xf3 ♖xf3 30.b7 ♖f8 31.♖a8 ♕f6 32.♖xf8+ ♕xf8 33.♖a1 ♔h7 34.♖a8 ♕f4 35.b8=Q=)

**28.g3 ♖fxb6 29.♖xb6 ♖xb6 30.f4**



**30...♕d8⊕**

30...c4! *Houdini* would be extremely hard to find in time trouble. 31.♕xc4 exf4 32.♖e8+ ♔h7 33.♕g8+ ♔g6 34.♖e6+ ♖xe6 35.♕xe6+ ♕f6 36.♕xf6+ ♔xf6 37.gxf4 ♔f5 is apparently drawn - 38.b4 ♔xf4 39.b5 ♔e5 40.♔f2 ♔d5 41.♔f3 g5 42.b6 ♔c6 43.♔e4 g4 44.♔xd4 h5 45.♔e4 h4 46.♔f4 g3 47.hxg3 hxg3 48.♔xg3 ♔xb6=

**31.♖xe5 ♖xb2 32.♖xc5**

32.♕e4 ♖b8 33.♖xc5 ♕d7 (33...♕b6 is what I thought but it seems that Qd7 is better.) 34.♖e5 ♖c8

**32...♕a8 33.♔f2! ♖b8 34.♕f3 ♕a7 35.♕d5**

35.♕c6 d3 36.cxd3 ♖d8

**35...♕a1 36.♕e5 ♕b2 37.♖c6 ♔h7 38.♖c7 ♖g8 39.♔g2**

39.f5! ♕c1 40.f6 ♕d2+ 41.♔f3 ♕d1+ 42.♔g2 ♕g4 43.h3 ♕g6 44.♕xd4

**39...♕b4 40.♕e4+ ♔h8 41.♖d7 ♕d2+ 42.♔h3 ♕d1 43.♖e7**

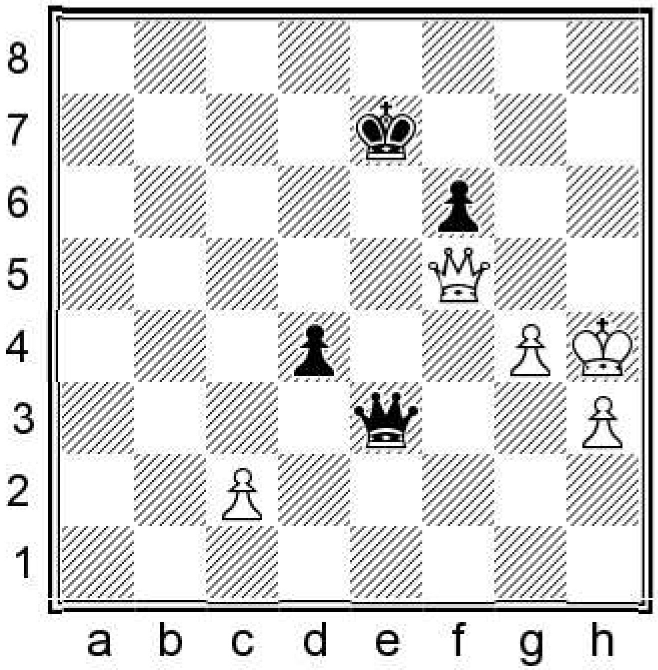
43.♖xd4? ♕h5+ 44.♔g2 ♖e8 45.♕d3 ♕e2+ and Black holds.

43.♔h4 seems to be the "best" move but was a little hard to play.

**43...♕h5+ 44.♔g2 ♖c8 45.f5 ♕d1 46.♖e8+ ♖xe8 47.♕xe8+ ♔h7 48.♕e4 ♔h8 49.♕e8+ ♔h7 50.♕g6+ ♔h8 51.f6 ♕e2+ 52.♔h3 ♕e6+ 53.♔h4 gxf6**

53...♕xf6+ 54.♕xf6 gxf6 55.♔g4 and ...Kd4+-

**54.♕xh6+ ♔g8 55.♕g6+ ♔f8 56.g4 ♕e5 57.h3 ♔e7 58.♕f5 ♕e3**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**59.♔h5! ♕xh3+ 60.♔g6 ♔d6**

60...♕h4 61.♔g7;

60...♕h8 61.♕e4+ ♔d7 62.♕xd4+ ♔e6 63.♕e4+ ♔d6 64.♔f7

**61.♔xf6 ♕e3 62.g5 ♕e7+ 63.♔g6 ♕e8+ 64.♔g7 ♕e7+ 65.♔g8 1-0**

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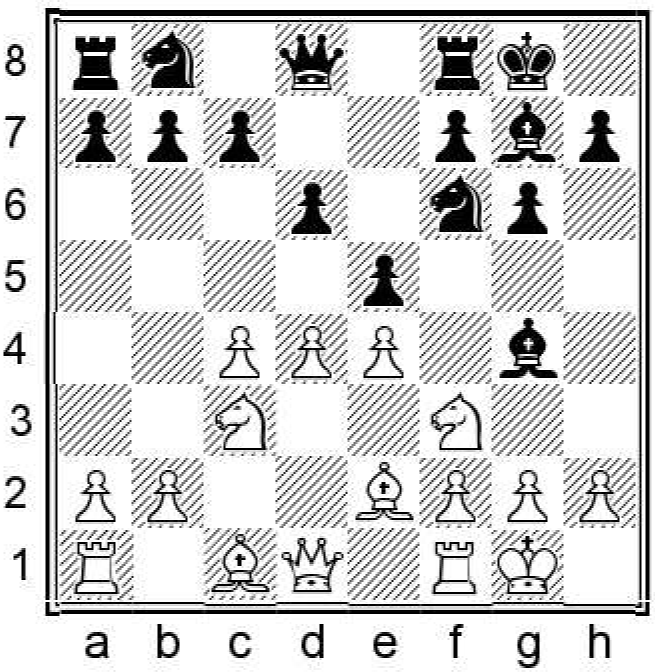
**E94**
**Wojtaszek, Radoslaw (2705) - Caruana, Fabiano (2823)**
**Wijk aan Zee, 2021**

**1.c4 ♘f6 2.♘f3 d6 3.d4 g6 4.♘c3 ♗g7 5.e4 O-O 6.♗e2 e5 7.O-O ♗g4**



This unusual move takes White away from the main line Nc6 and the other moves which are common here: Na6, Nbd7, and ed4. Presumably, White really "ought" to play d5 here but Wojtaszek kept the tension.

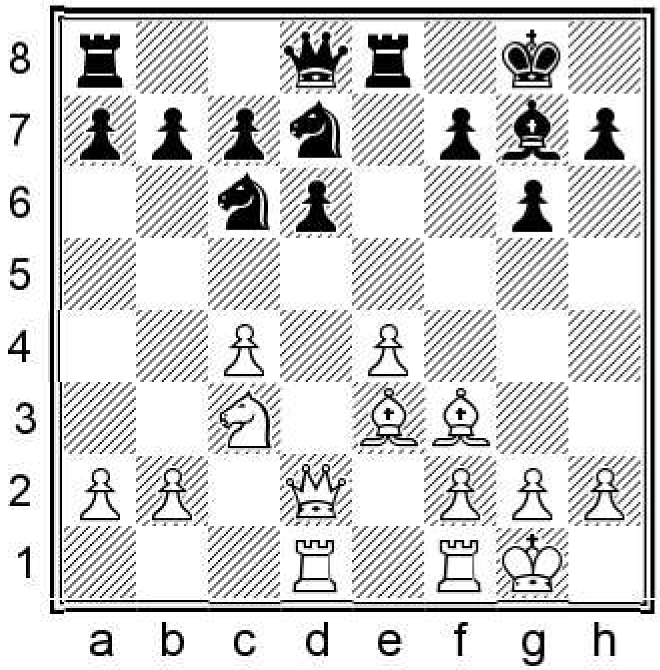
**8.♗e3**

8.d5 a5 9.♘e1 (9.♗g5 Gavrikov,Viktor 2485 - Sygulski,Artur 2420, Naleczow 1984 - 38/800)

**8...♗xf3 9.♗xf3 exd4 10.♗xd4 ♘c6 11.♗e3 ♖e8 12.♕d2** With Black pressure against e4 and c4 White needs to be very accurate here.

12.♕c2 ♘d7 13.♖ad1 ♗xc3 would lead to the game.

**12...♘d7 13.♖ad1**



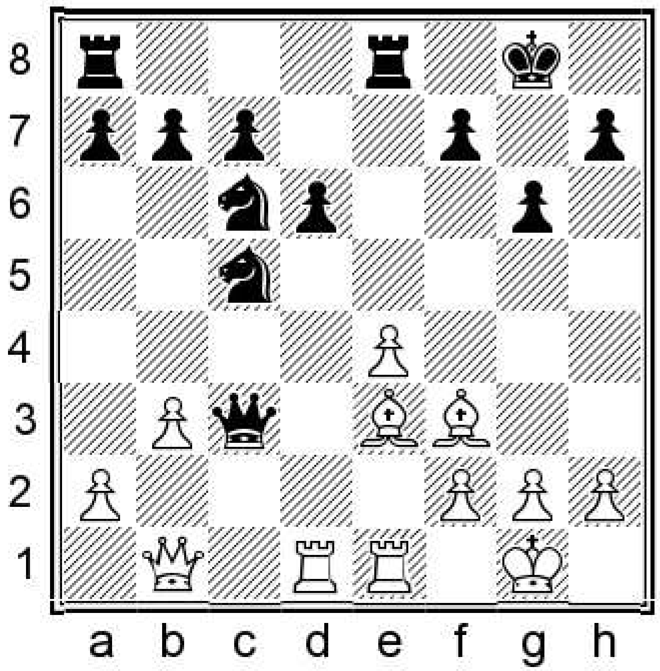
**13...♗xc3!?N** A very interesting idea. Caruana gives up his beautiful dark-square bishop to attack the centre and, of course, preempt Nd5.

RR13...♘c5 14.♖fe1 a5 15.b3 ♗xc3 16.♕xc3 ♘xe4 17.♗xe4 ♖xe4 18.♗h6 ♖e5 19.♖xe5 ♘xe5 20.f4 ♕h4 21.fxe5 ♕xh6 22.exd6 cxd6 23.♖xd6 ♖e8 24.h3 ♕h4 25.♕d4 1/2 : 1/2 Sirota,Anatoli - Salceanu,Vladimir, corr 2000/01

**14.♕xc3 ♕f6 15.♕c1**

15.♕d2 ♘c5 16.b4 ♘xe4 17.♕c2 ♘g5 18.♗d5

**15...♘c5 16.♕b1 ♕e6 17.♖fe1 ♕xc4 18.b3 ♕c3**



My engine was telling me here that White is doing okay after for example g3 followed by Bg2, but in practice White feels under pressure because he has jettisoned a pawn and over the next few moves Caruana quickly cemented the advantage.

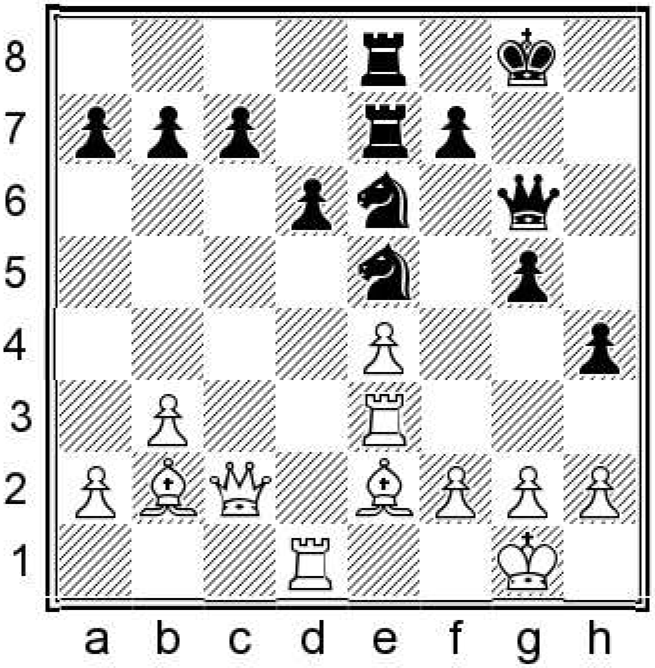
**19.♗d2**

19.g3 a5 20.♗g2

**19...♕f6 20.♗c1 h5 21.♗b2 ♘e5 22.♗e2 h4 23.♕c1 g5! 24.♗b5?!**

24.b4 ♘e6 25.♗g4 ♕f4 26.♗xe5 ♕xc1 27.♖xc1 dxe5 28.♗xe6

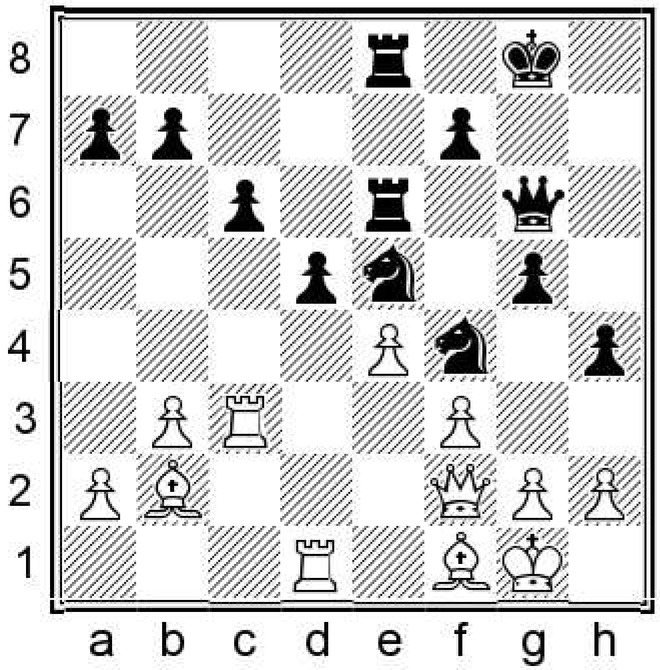
**24...♖e7 25.♖e3 ♕g6 26.♗e2 ♖ae8 27.♕c2 ♘e6**



**28.f3?** This takes the g4 square away form the bishop after which White is passive.

28.h3 ♘f4 29.♗xe5 dxe5 (29...♖xe5 30.♕xc7 ♖xe4 31.♖xd6 ♘xe2+ 32.♖xe2 ♕h7 33.♖xe4 ♕xe4 34.♖d8) 30.♗g4

**28...♘f4∓ 29.♗f1 c6 30.♕f2 ♖e6 31.♖c3 d5**



**32.g3?!** Trying to bust out but running into a fusillade of tactics.

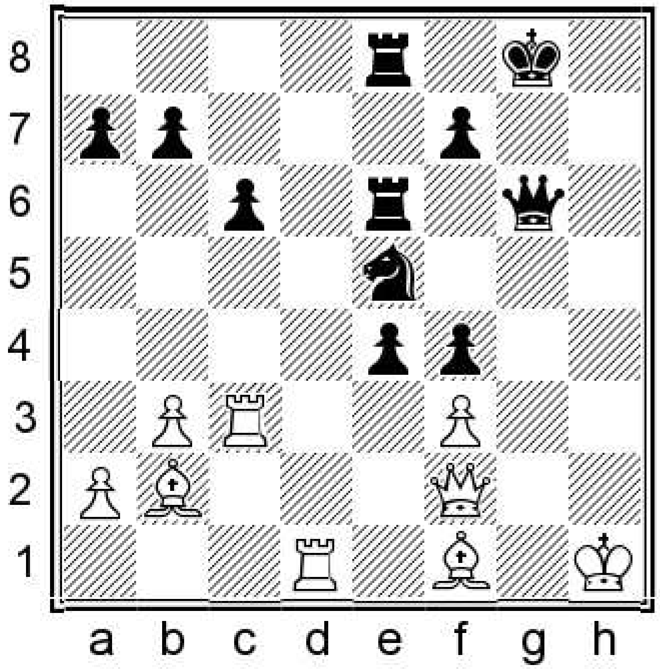
32.♖e3

**32...hxg3 33.hxg3 dxe4! 34.gxf4**

34.fxe4 ♘h5∓

**34...gxf4+ 35.♕g2**

35.♔h1



35...♕h7+! 36.♕h2 ♖h6 37.♖d2 ♘xf3 38.♖xf3 exf3 39.♕xh6 ♕xh6+ 40.♖h2 ♖e1! 41.♖xh6 ♖xf1+

42.♔h2 ♖f2+-+

**35...exf3 36.♕xg6+ ♖xg6+ 37.♔h1**

37.♔f2 ♖g3

**37...f2 38.♗h3 ♘c4! 39.♖xc4 ♖e1+ 0-1**

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**B90**
**Giri, Anish (2764) - Vachier Lagrave, Maxime (2784)**
**Wijk aan Zee, 2021**

**1.e4 c5 2.♘f3 d6 3.d4 cxd4 4.♘xd4 ♘f6 5.♘c3 a6 6.h3 e5 7.♘f3**

7.♘b3 Nepomniachtchi,Ian 2784 - Carlsen,Magnus 2863, chess24.com (Internet-m2/ 2-rapid) 2020 - 145/75

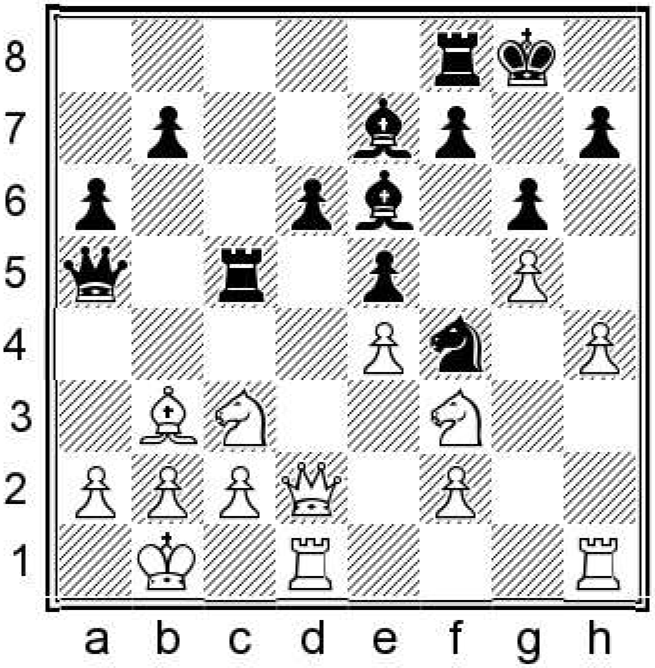
**7...♗e7 8.g4 O-O 9.g5N** A novelty.

9.♗g2

**9...♘h5**

9...♘e8 10.♗e3 ♘c7 (10...♗e6 11.♕d2 ♘d7 12.O-O-O b5 13.♔b1 ♘b6 14.♖g1 g6?! (14...♖c8; 14...♘c4) 15.♘h2! ♖c8 16.♘g4 ♕c7 17.f4± Nestorovic,Nikola 2469 - Yudasin,Leonid 2481, New York 2020) 11.♕d2 ♘d7 12.h4 b5 13.♗h3 b4 14.♘e2 a5∞ Timofeev,Artyom 2597 - Smirnov,Alexey N 2413, Samara 2014

**10.♗c4 ♗e6 11.♗b3 g6 12.♗e3 ♘d7 13.♕d2 ♖c8 14.O-O-O ♘c5 15.♗xc5 ♖xc5 16.h4 ♘f4 17.♔b1 ♕a5**

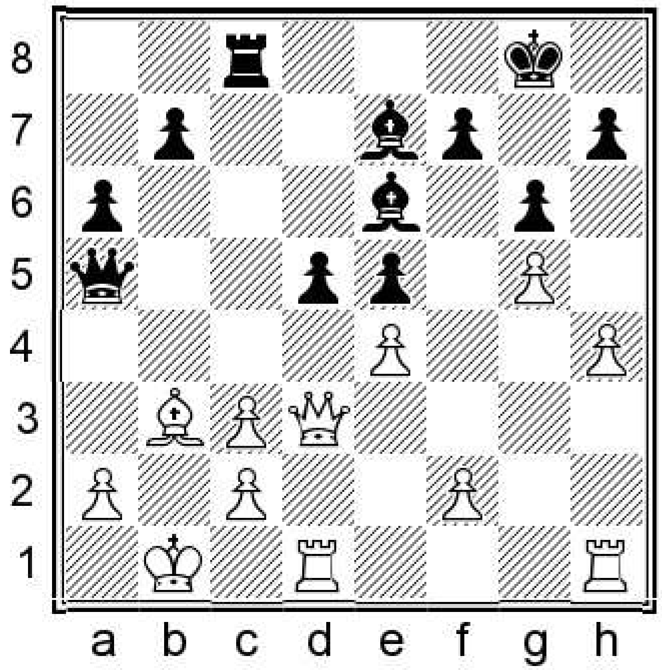


**18.♘e1!** This excellent move preapres to exchange of the f4-knight.

**18...♖fc8 19.♘d3 ♘xd3 20.♕xd3 ♖xc3!** Black has to sacrifice the exchange now, or in the next move. If White can get control then it will be vile.

20...♔g7 21.♗xe6 (21.♘d5 ♗xd5 22.♗xd5 ♖xc2 23.♕f3! actually seems to be stronger. (23.♕xc2 ♖xc2 24.♔xc2 My engine is giving this as equal though it looks scary for Black to me. White will try to hide his king and then hunt down the enemy monarch.; 23.♗b3) 23...♕c7 24.♗b3 ♖c4 25.♗xc4 ♕xc4 26.♖c1±) 21...fxe6 (21...♖xc3 22.♗xc8 ♖xd3 23.♖xd3 ♕c7 24.♖c3 ♕b6 25.♖b3 ♕xf2 26.♖xb7) 22.♕h3

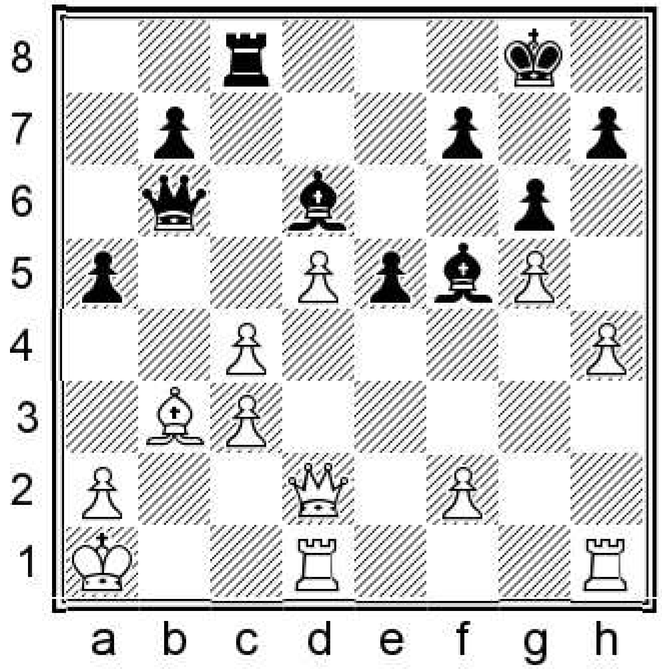
**21.bxc3 d5**



**22.exd5**

The very difficult 22.♕d2!! was apparently best. 22...♖xc3 (22...♗a3 23.h5 gxh5 24.f3 dxe4 25.♖xh5 ♗xb3 (25...exf3 26.g6! hxg6 27.♖h8+ ♔xh8 28.♕h6+ ♔g8 29.♖h1) 26.axb3 ♕xc3 27.♕xc3 ♖xc3 28.fxe4) 23.exd5 ♗f5 24.d6

**22...♗f5 23.♕d2 ♗d6 24.c4 ♕b6 25.♔a1 a5 26.c3**



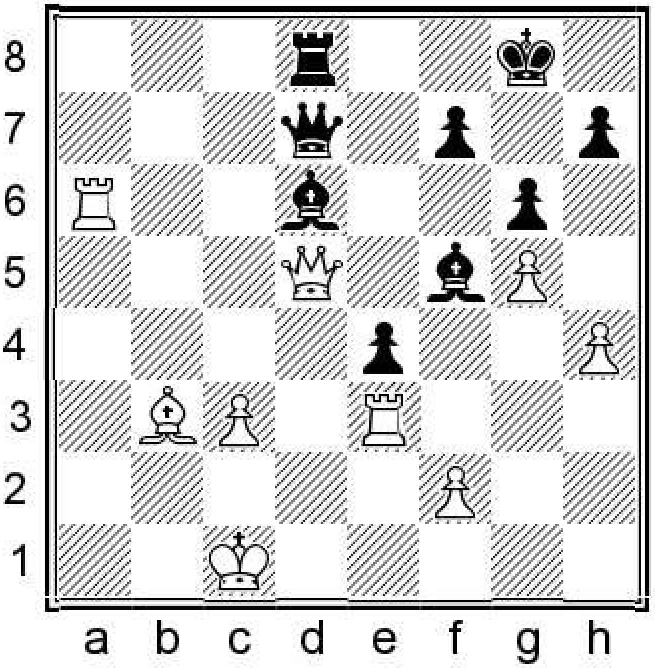
**26...a4** Round about here it looked as though Vachier-Lagrave might break through on the dark squares to score a spectacular victory, but Giri defended himself assiduously.

**27.♗c2 e4 28.♗xa4 ♖xc4 29.♗b3 ♖c5 30.♖he1 ♗e5 31.♖e3 ♕d6 32.♔b2 b5 33.a3 ♖c8 34.♖a1 b4**

**35.axb4 ♕xb4 36.d6 ♖b8 37.♖a3 ♕b7**

37...♕b5

**38.♔c1 ♕d7 39.♕d5 ♗xd6 40.♖a6 ♖d8**

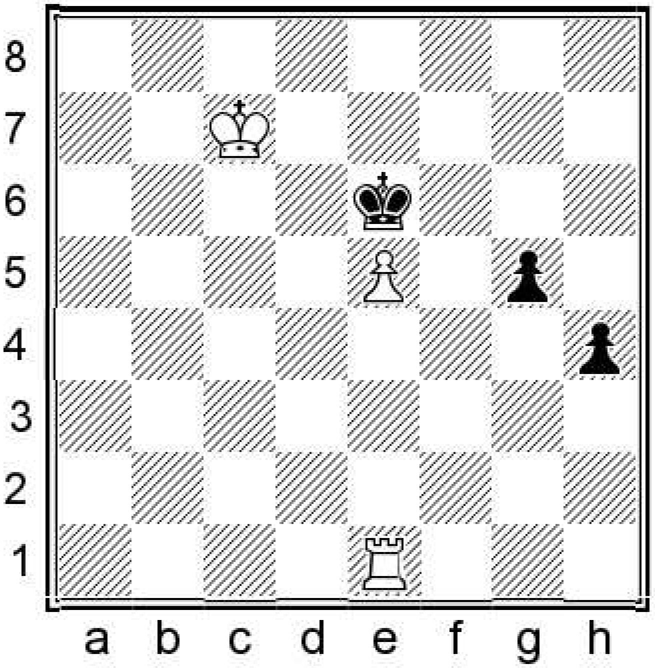


Reaching the time control. Giri now liquidated to a large and clear advantage.

**41.♖xd6 ♕xd6 42.♕xf7+ ♔h8 43.♕f6+ ♕xf6 44.gxf6 ♖d6 45.f3! ♖xf6 46.fxe4 ♗e6**

46...♗d7 47.♗d5! ♔g7 48.c4 ♖f2 (48...h5 49.♖a3 ♗g4 50.♖a7+ ♔f8 51.♔d2+-) 49.♖a3 ♔f8 50.♖a7 ♔e8 51.c5+-

**47.e5 ♖f1+ 48.♔b2 ♗xb3 49.♔xb3 ♔g7 50.c4 ♖b1+ 51.♔a4 ♔f7 52.c5 ♔e6 53.c6 ♖c1 54.♔b5 ♖c2 55.♖e1 ♖c3 56.♔b6 ♖b3+ 57.♔a6 ♖a3+ 58.♔b6 ♖b3+ 59.♔a6 ♖a3+ 60.♔b7 ♖b3+ 61.♔c8 ♖b4 62.c7 ♖xh4 63.♖c1 ♖f4 64.♔b7 ♖f7 65.♖e1! g5 66.♔b8 ♖f8+ 67.c8=Q+ ♖xc8+ 68.♔xc8 h5 69.♔c7 h4**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**70.♔c6**

70.♔c6 h3 71.♔c5 g4 72.♔d4 g3 73.♔e3+-

**1-0**

Maxime Vachier-Lagrave
TATA STEEL CHESS
Anish Giri

*Maxime Vachier-Lagrave vs Anish Giri, Wijk aan Zee 2021; Photo by Jurriaan Hoefsmit - Tata Steel Chess Tournament 2021*

**C24**
**Van Foreest, Jorden (2671) - Giri, Anish (2764)**
**Wijk aan Zee, 2021**

**1.e4 e5 2.♗c4 ♘f6 3.d3 c6 4.♘f3 d5 5.♗b3 a5 6.♘c3** Unusual and quite provocative.

6.a4 Indjic,Aleksandar 2630 - Tan,Zhongyi 2502, Gibraltar 2019 - 139/112

**6...♗b4** A very sensible response. Instead, I wondered about a4 to try to win a piece and consulted my engine which gave me these lines: generally assessing them as about equal. They would be a consideration at a clasical time limit but at blitz it would have been foolhardy for Giri to consider it.

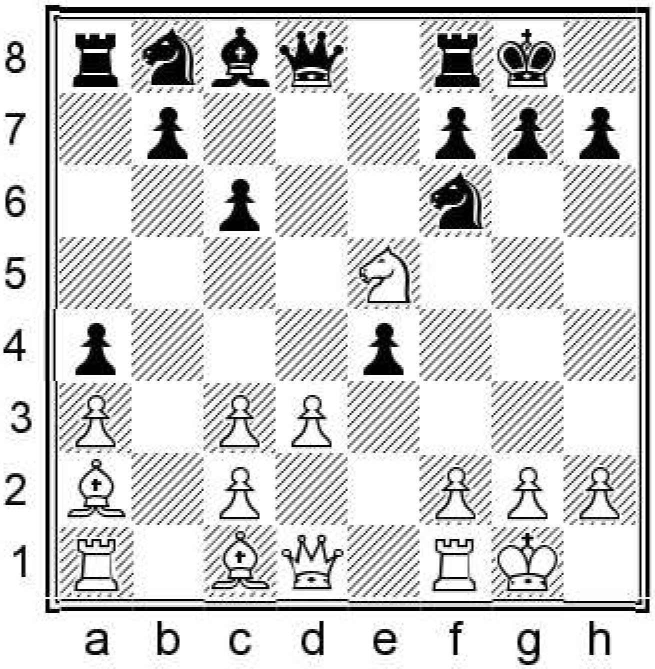
6...a4 7.♘xa4 d4 8.♘g5 (8.c3 ♗g4 9.♗xf7+ ♔xf7 10.♘xe5+ ♔e8 11.♘xg4 ♘xg4 12.♕xg4 ♖xa4) 8...♗g4 9.♗xf7+ ♔d7 10.f3 h6 11.O-O hxg5 12.fxg4 ♖xa4;

6...d4 7.♘xe5 dxc3 8.♘xf7 and Houdini is totally unimpressed by Black.

**7.a3 ♗xc3+ 8.bxc3 a4 9.♗a2 dxe4**

9...♕d6 Hernandez Guerrero, Gilberto 2547 - Blanco Fernandez,Alvaro 2323, Mexico 2009 - 105/(85)

**10.♘xe5 O-O 11.O-O**



The sequence starting 6...Bb4 has given Black a very decent game with the better pawn structure. On the other hand, White's two bishops could, of course, become a serious factor if things went well for him.

**11...♕e7**

11...♘bd7 12.♘xd7 ♗xd7 13.dxe4 ♘xe4 14.♕f3 ♕e7

**12.d4**

12.♗f4 ♘d5 13.♕d2 ♗e6

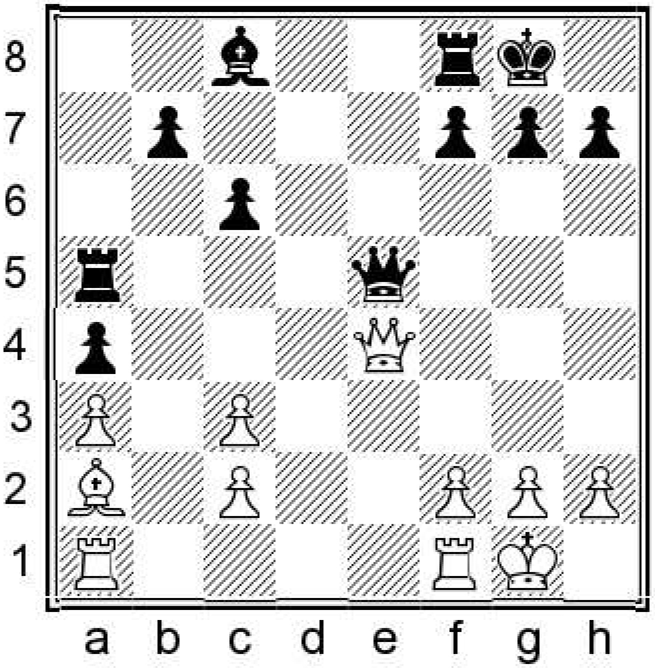
**12...♘bd7 13.♗f4**

13.f4 was more consistent.

**13...♘d5 14.♕d2 ♘xf4 15.♕xf4 ♘xe5 16.dxe5 ♖a5**

16...♕c5 17.♕xe4 ♕xc3

**17.♕xe4 ♕xe5**



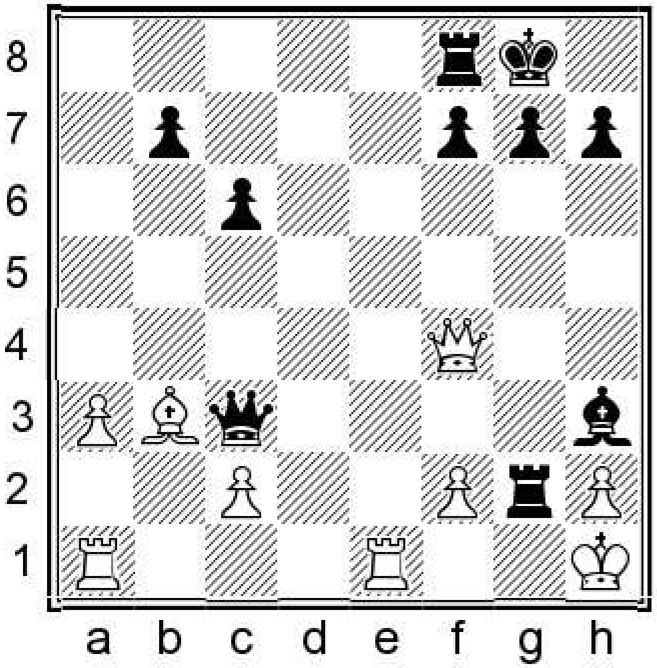
17...♖xe5 18.♕xa4 ♖e2 was also interesting.

**18.♕b4!** White needs to keep some tension.

If 18.♕xe5 ♖xe5 19.♖fe1 ♖fe8 20.♖xe5 ♖xe5 21.f4 ♖e3 22.♖d1 ♔f8 23.♖d8+ (23.♔f2? ♖xc3) 23...♖e8 and Black is simply better.

**18...♖b5 19.♕xa4 ♕xc3 20.♗b3 ♖g5 21.♖fe1 ♗h3 22.♕f4** This looks tremendous but runs into a brilliant reply.

**22...♖xg2+ 23.♔h1**

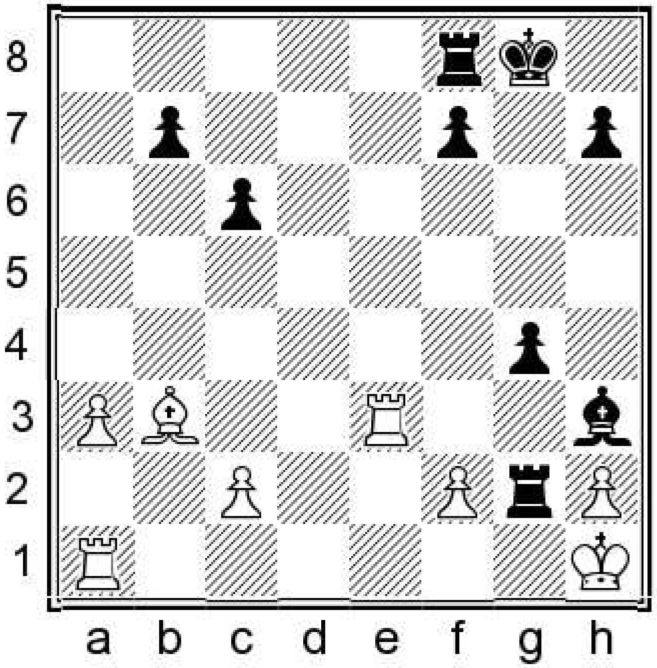


Of course White is threatening Qf7. After a normal pawn move to prevent this White wins a piece with Qe3, but Giri quickly found: **23...g5!!** Obvious once you see it, but not at all easy to find quickly - at least not for me.

23...♕c5? 24.♖e8!;

23...g6 24.♕e3 ♕xe3 25.♖xe3 ♖xf2 26.♖xh3+-

**24.♕e3 ♕xe3 25.♖xe3 g4**



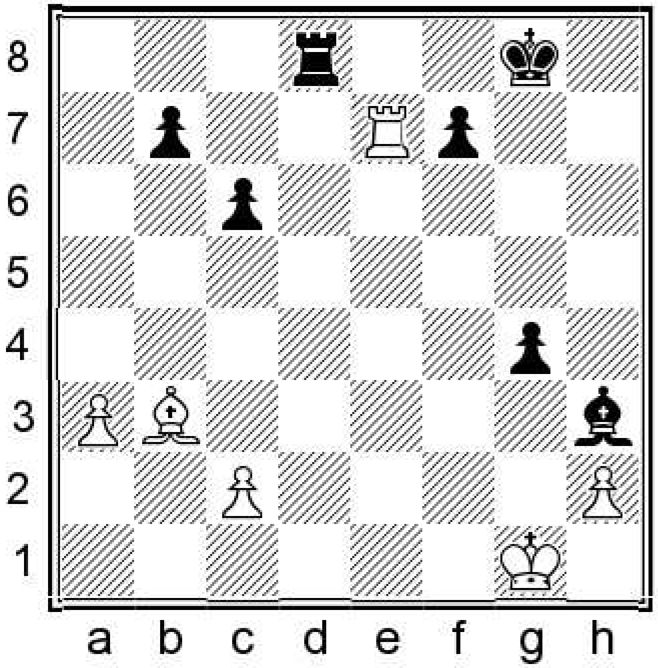
**26.f3?!** This should lose.

After 26.♖g1 ♖xg1+ 27.♔xg1 Black is much better but White can fight.

**26...h5**

Missing the knockout 26...g3! 27.hxg3 ♖d8 28.♖d3 (28.♖g1 ♖f2 29.g4 ♖dd2 30.♖g3 ♖f1+ 31.♖g1 ♗g2+ 32.♔h2 ♗xf3+ 33.♔h3 ♖xg1 34.♖xf3 ♖d7 is almost the same.) 28...♖e8 29.♖g1 (29.♗c4 b5) 29...♖f2 30.g4 ♖ee2 31.♖g3 ♖f1+ 32.♖g1 ♗g2+ 33.♔h2 ♗xf3+ 34.♔h3 ♖xg1 35.♖xf3 ♖e7-+

**27.fxg4 hxg4 28.♖g1 ♖xg1+ 29.♔xg1 ♖d8 30.♖e7**



And after a scramble it ended up dead equal:

**30...♖d1+ 31.♔f2 ♖f1+ 32.♔g3 b5 33.♖c7 ♖f6 34.a4 bxa4 35.♗xa4 ♖f3+ 36.♔h4 ♖f2 37.♗b3 ♔f8 38.♖xc6 ♖xh2 39.♖f6 ♔e8 40.♖xf7 ♖xc2 41.♗xc2 ♔xf7 42.♗f5 ♔f6 43.♗xg4 ♗xg4 44.♔xg4 1/2-1/2**

**B90**
**Van Foreest, Jorden (2671) - Grandelius, Nils (2663)**
**Wijk aan Zee, 2021**

*Tournament winner; Photo by Jurriaan Hoefsmit -*
*Tata Steel Chess Tournament 2021*

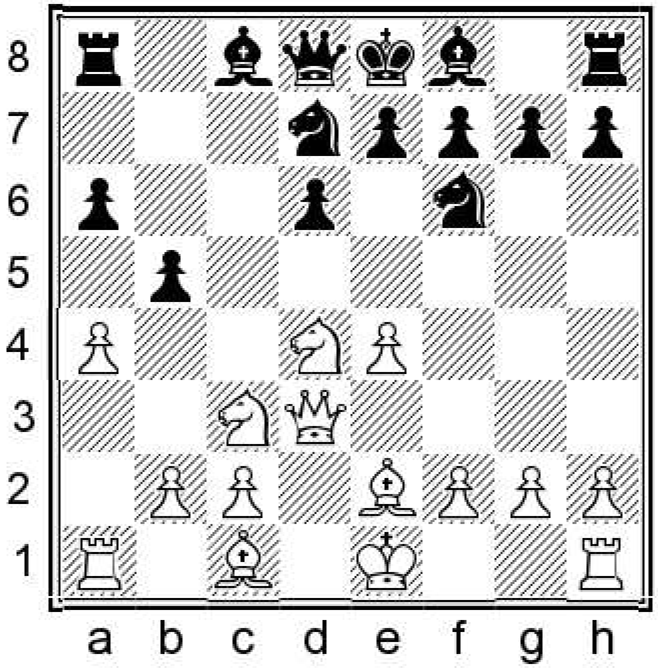
**1.e4 c5 2.♘f3 d6 3.d4 cxd4 4.♘xd4 ♘f6 5.♘c3 a6 6.♕d3 ♘bd7**

6...e6 7.a4 ♘c6 8.♘xc6 bxc6 9.♕g3 ♗b7 10.♗e2 ♗e7 11.♗f4 e5 12.♗e3 O-O 13.O-O± - see Carlsen - Grandelius game elsewhere in this Informant volume.

**7.♗e2 b5**

7...g6

**8.a4**



**8...♘c5N** A maximalist move which is a novelty.

Instead 8...b4 9.♘d5 ♗b7 10.♘xf6+ (10.♕c4 is critical 10...♖c8 11.♕xb4 ♖b8 12.♕c3 ♖c8 13.♕b3 ♖b8) 10...♘xf6 11.♗f3 ♕c7 (11...♘d7 12.a5 e6 13.♗d2 d5! Ibadov,Dashgyn 2270 - Afanasiev,Nikita 2487, Saint Petersburg 2018) 12.O-O e6 13.♗g5N (13.♗d2) 13...♗e7 14.♖fd1 O-O∞ Socko,Monika 2421 - Sarana,Alexey 2640, tornelo.com (Internet-blitz) 2020

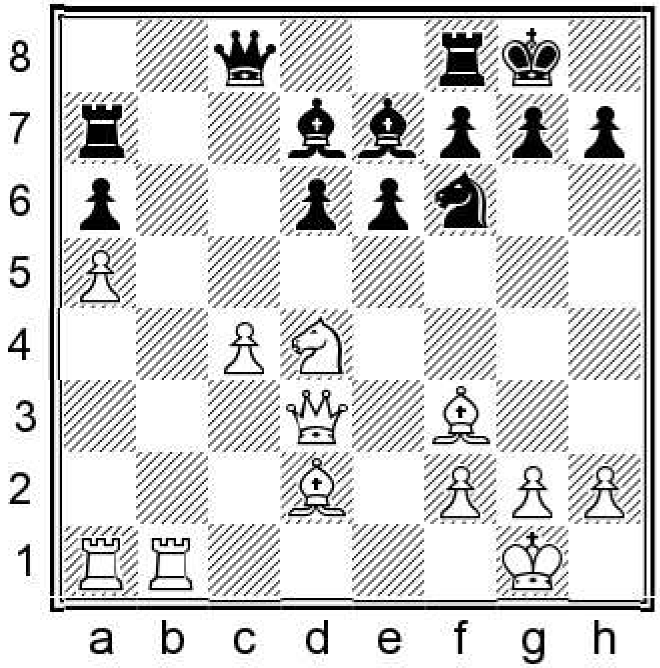
**9.♕e3 b4 10.♘d5 ♘cxe4 11.a5 ♘xd5 12.♕xe4 e6**

12...♗b7 13.O-O ♕c8 (Or 13...e6) 14.♘f5 e6 15.♗f3 g6 16.♘h6⩱

**13.O-O ♗d7 14.♗d2 ♗e7 15.♗f3 O-O 16.♕d3 ♕b8 17.c4**

17.♗xd5 exd5 was perfectly playable but this gives much better winning chances.

**17...bxc3 18.bxc3 ♖a7 19.♖fb1 ♕c8 20.c4 ♘f6**

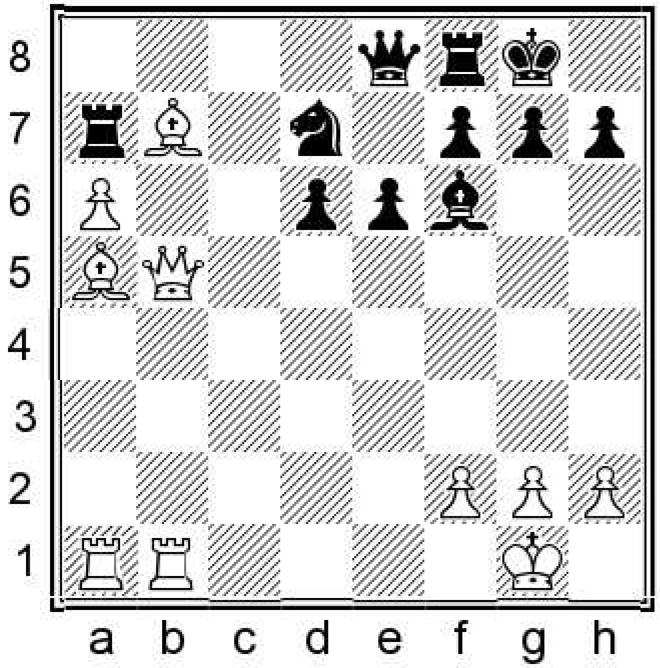


**21.♘b5!** This beautiful sacrifice cannot really be refused and gives White two fearsome connected passed pawns.

**21...axb5 22.cxb5 ♗xb5**

22...♘d5 23.♗xd5 (23.b6 ♘xb6 24.axb6 ♖xa1 25.♖xa1 d5) 23...exd5 24.b6 ♗f5 25.♕b5 ♗xb1 26.♖xb1 ♖a8 (26...♕d7 27.bxa7 ♕xa7 28.♕xd5) 27.b7 The pawn gives White a clear advantage.

**23.♕xb5 ♘d7 24.♗b7 ♕d8 25.a6 ♗f6 26.♗a5 ♕e8**



**27.♗c7?!**

A nice move to play, but simply 27.♖a2 kept more control.

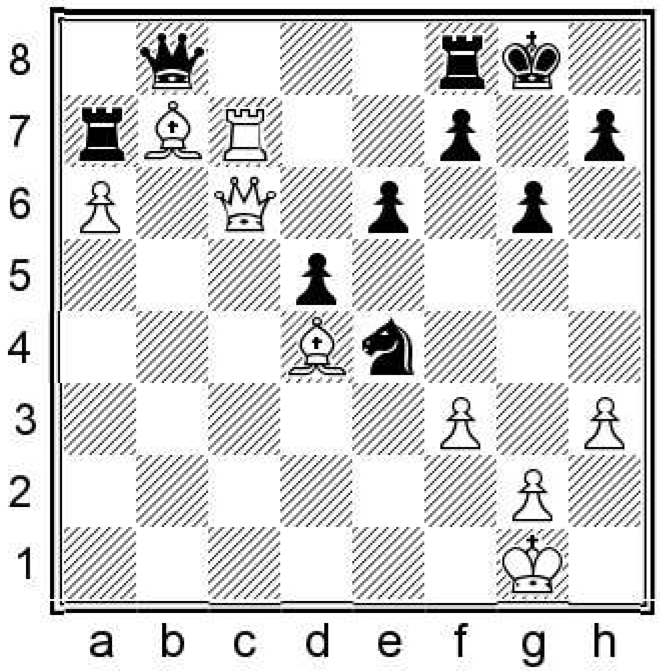
**27...♗xa1 28.♖xa1 d5?**

28...♘c5 29.♕b6 ♕d7 30.g3 (30.♗xd6? ♕xb7! 31.♗xc5 ♖fa8 32.♕xb7 ♖xb7 33.g3∓; 30.♕xa7!? ♕xc7 31.♖b1) 30...♘xa6 31.♖xa6 ♖xa6 32.♗xa6 d5 (32...♖a8 33.♗b5 ♖a1+ 34.♔g2 ♕c8)

**29.♗d6 ♕d8 30.♖c1 g6 31.h3**

The crude 31.♗xf8 ♘xf8 32.♕b4 ♕f6 33.h3 also won easily: 33...♔g7 34.♕b6 ♖xb7 35.♕xb7

**31...♖e8 32.♖c7 ♘f6 33.♗e5 ♘e4 34.♕c6 ♖f8 35.♗d4 ♕b8 36.f3**



**36...♖xa6!** The only chance!

36...♘d2 37.♗xa7 ♕xa7+ 38.♕c5+-

**37.♗xa6 ♕b4 38.♗e5 ♕e1+ 39.♔h2 ♘f2 40.♕c3! ♕h1+ 41.♔g3 ♕g1**

41...♘d1 42.♖xf7! ♖xf7 (42...♔xf7 43.♕c7+ ♔e8 (43...♔g8 44.♕g7#) 44.♗b5#; 42...♘xc3 43.♖g7+ ♔h8 44.♖xg6+ ♖f6 45.♗xf6#) 43.♕c8+ ♖f8 44.♕xe6+ ♖f7 45.♗d4! leaves Black totally helpless: 45...♘e3 46.♕xe3

**42.♖c8 ♘h1+ 43.♔h4 ♕f2+**

43...♕b6 44.♖xf8+ ♔xf8 45.♗c7! ♕f2+ 46.g3 ♔g8 47.♗e5

**44.g3 g5+ 45.♔xg5 f6+ 46.♔h6 fxe5 47.♕xe5!**

47.♖xf8+ ♔xf8 48.♕c8+ also leads to mate.

**1-0**

## WIJK AAN ZEE, I 2021 cat. XIX (2725)
## The 83rd Tata Steel Chess Tournament

Time Control: 100 minutes for 40 moves followed by 50 minutes for 20 moves, then 15 minutes for the rest of the game, with an increment of 30 seconds per move starting from move one.

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| 1 | J. VAN FOREEST | g | 2671 | ■ | ½ | ½ | ½ | ½ | ½ | 1 | 1 | 1 | ½ | ½ | 1 | ½ | ½ | 8½ |
| 2 | ANISH GIRI | g | 2764 | ½ | ■ | ½ | ½ | ½ | ½ | ½ | 1 | 1 | ½ | 1 | ½ | 1 | ½ | 8½ |
| 3 | AN. ESIPENKO | g | 2677 | ½ | ½ | ■ | ½ | ½ | 1 | ½ | 0 | ½ | ½ | 1 | 1 | ½ | 1 | 8 |
| 4 | F. CARUANA | g | 2823 | ½ | ½ | ½ | ■ | ½ | ½ | ½ | ½ | ½ | ½ | 1 | ½ | 1 | 1 | 8 |
| 5 | A. FIROUZJA | g | 2749 | ½ | ½ | ½ | ½ | ■ | 0 | 1 | ½ | ½ | 1 | ½ | 1 | ½ | 1 | 8 |
| 6 | M. CARLSEN | g | 2862 | ½ | ½ | 0 | ½ | 1 | ■ | ½ | ½ | 1 | ½ | ½ | ½ | 1 | ½ | 7½ |
| 7 | P. HARIKRISHNA | g | 2732 | 0 | ½ | ½ | ½ | 0 | ½ | ■ | ½ | 1 | ½ | ½ | ½ | ½ | 1 | 6½ |
| 8 | A. TARI | g | 2625 | 0 | 0 | 1 | ½ | ½ | ½ | ½ | ■ | ½ | ½ | ½ | ½ | ½ | ½ | 6 |
| 9 | GRANDELIUS | g | 2663 | 0 | 0 | ½ | ½ | ½ | 0 | 0 | ½ | ■ | 1 | ½ | ½ | 1 | 1 | 6 |
| 10 | J.-K. DUDA | g | 2743 | ½ | ½ | ½ | ½ | 0 | ½ | ½ | ½ | 0 | ■ | ½ | ½ | ½ | ½ | 5½ |
| 11 | R. WOJTASZEK | g | 2705 | ½ | 0 | 0 | 0 | ½ | ½ | ½ | ½ | ½ | ½ | ■ | ½ | ½ | ½ | 5 |
| 12 | ANTÓN GUIJARRO | g | 2679 | 0 | ½ | 0 | ½ | 0 | ½ | ½ | ½ | ½ | ½ | ½ | ■ | ½ | ½ | 5 |
| 13 | VACHIER-LAGRAVE | g | 2784 | ½ | 0 | ½ | 0 | ½ | 0 | ½ | ½ | 0 | ½ | ½ | ½ | ■ | 1 | 5 |
| 14 | ALEXA. DONCHENKO | g | 2668 | ½ | ½ | 0 | 0 | 0 | ½ | 0 | ½ | 0 | ½ | ½ | ½ | 0 | ■ | 3½ |

**Playoff** (blitz)

Time Control: 5 minutes + 3 seconds increment

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| **J. VAN FOREEST** | g | 2671 | ½ | ½ | 1 | 2 |
| ANISH GIRI | g | 2764 | ½ | ½ | 0 | 1 |

* Armageddon game will consist of 5 minutes for white and 4 minutes for black, with a 3 seconds increment after the 60th move.

# ONLINE 4NCL

By GM Gawain Jones

## Tournament Review

## Part II

**Gawain Jones**

- **Country:** England
- **Born:** 1987
- **Rating:** 2670
- **Peak rating:** 2709
- **Title:** Grandmaster since 2007

The Four Nations Chess League (4NCL) is normally played over the board, but had to be postponed in March. The online version has so far proved popular, with the third season just starting. At the time of writing my last article we were six games into the second season of the British Online League.

The top division was divided into four all-play-all groups, with the winners of each pool playing each other in a four team knockout. My team, Chessable White Rose, and Wood Green were already guaranteed to top their groups. We were joined by Guildford, who brushed aside Wood Green's second team, the Monarchs, 4 : 0. The final pool saw a big scrap. The strong amateur team Barbican defeated the Irish team Gonzaga 3 : 1, but that wasn't quite enough to qualify, as ChessPlus Kingston defeated the Exeter Honey Badgers by the same margin. Both teams finished on 12 points, but Kingston edged out their London neighbours on Sonneborn-Berger tiebreak.

The stage was set for the semi-finals. The precise pairing system is a bit of a mystery to me. Perhaps because we only drew our last match of the season (against the Celtic Tiger Sharks, an online merger of the Celtic Tigers and Grantham Sharks, the two most sociable teams in the offline version of the league, and full of good friends of mine) we had a tricky match up against Wood Green. Meanwhile Guildford played against ChessPlus Kingston, comfortably the lowest rated of the four teams.

On top board I had an interesting battle with GM Daniel Fernandez. I equalised in a theoretical line of the Scotch. I then misplayed it looking for an advantage, and had to hold a rook endgame a pawn down. In the battle of IMs on bottom board Christof Sielecki outplayed Joseph McPhillips from a level middlegame. Wood Green hit back when Marcus Harvey bamboozled GM Alexander Raetsky on board three. In the event of a drawn match there would be no playoff. Instead it would be decided on board count. With our win coming on bottom board we therefore had to win on board two. There James Adair and Ravi Haria, two players who are fighting to be England's next GM, were playing. James had an advantage for most of the game, but couldn't quite blow down Ravi's defences and we were out.

Meanwhile the drama continued over in the other bracket. Romain Edouard had found a rare over-the-board tournament to play. In his absence Maxime Lagarde led the team. He won a pawn in return for a compromised structure but was easily held by Pia Cramling. Kingston were pressing on two and three, but were both held. The match came down to bottom board. There the hero of the Kingston team, Oleksandr Vakulenko took his chance when Harry Grieve drifted after a promising opening.

So the two favourites were out! It looked like the path was open for Wood Green, who outrated ChessPlus Kingston by an average of 150 points a board. But in a four board match anything can happen. Vakulenko put Kingston into an early lead as his Saemisch Variation dispatched Joseph McPhillips' Nimzo Indian. Dana Reizniece-Ozola was then rewarded for some enterprising sacrificial play as Ravi Haria stumbled into mate. Marcus Harvey clawed one back grinding down Goran Pavlik. That left the score at 2 : 1 to Kingston, but with their wins coming on boards two and four Wood Green would clinch it on board count if they equalised the score. Daniel Fernandez didn't have anything from his King's Indian Attack against Pia Cramling but persevered and reached a winning rook and pawn endgame. With both players' flags' teetering Pia used all her experience and tenacity to find one final trick and clung onto the draw.

Congratulations to the underdogs ChessPlus Kingston! Getting past the much fancied Wood Green and Guildford teams makes them deserving winners. My team of Chessable White Rose will just have to take our chances in the third season.

## SEASON 2 Playoff

### Semi-finals:

| **Guildford Young Guns** | | 2467 | **1½ : 2½** | **ChessPlus Kingston** | | 2293 |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Maxime LAGARDE | g | 2651 | ½ : ½ | Pia CRAMLING | g | 2464 |
| Alberto SUAREZ REAL | m | 2448 | ½ : ½ | Dana REIZNIECE-OZOLA | wg | 2279 |
| Matthew WADSWORTH | m | 2416 | ½ : ½ | Goran PAVLIK | | 2197 |
| Harry GRIEVE | f | 2356 | 0 : 1 | Oleksandr VAKULENKO | f | 2232 |

| **Wood Green** | | 2442 | **2 : 2** | **Chessable White Rose 1** | | 2484 |
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| Daniel Howard FERNANDEZ | g | 2466 | ½ : ½ | Gawain JONES | g | 2670 |
| Ravi HARIA | m | 2440 | ½ : ½ | James ADAIR | m | 2450 |
| Marcus HARVEY | f | 2440 | 1 : 0 | Alexander RAETSKY | g | 2386 |
| Joseph McPHILLIPS | m | 2425 | 0 : 1 | Christof SIELECKI | m | 2431 |

### Final:

| **Wood Green** | | 2442 | **1½ : 2½** | **ChessPlus Kingston** | | 2293 |
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**Harvey, Marcus (2440) - Raetsky, Alexander (2386)**
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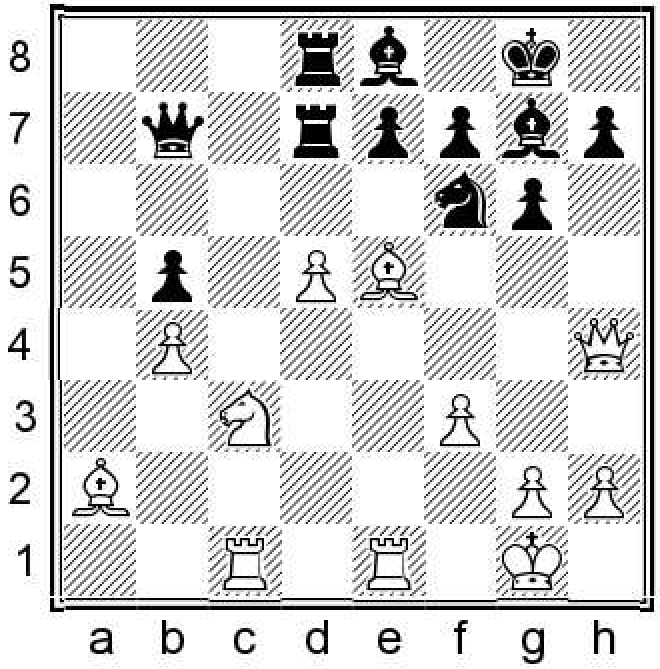


This game was board three of the *Wood Green - Chessable White Rose* match. I was holding top board a pawn down.

White's enjoyed a space advantage thanks to that d5-pawn for quite a while. Black's pieces are passive, but so far Raetsky has remained solid.

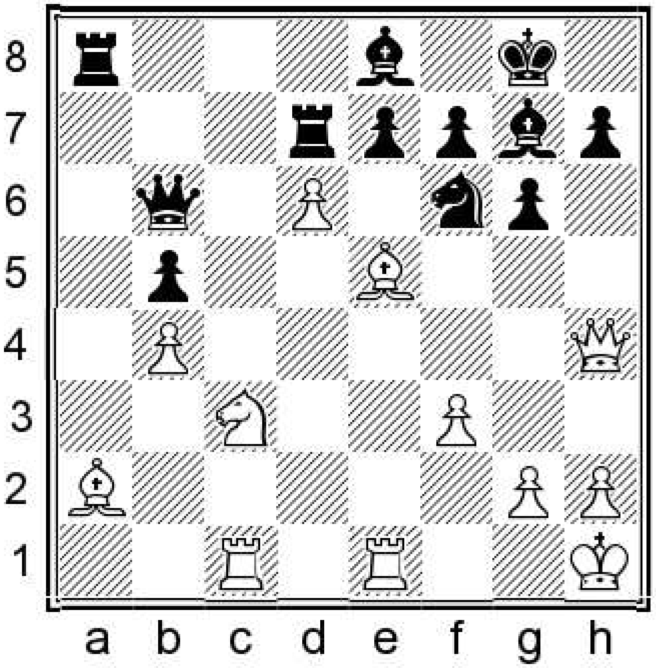
**31...♖a8?!**

31...♕a7+ was probably the most accurate. 32.♔h1 (Or 32.♗d4 ♕a3 going after the b4-pawn.) 32...♘h5 33.♗xg7 ♘xg7= The exchange of dark-squared bishops has helped Black. Next he can put the knight on f5 when he shouldn't have any problems.

**32.d6!?** Marcus decides to increase the tension.

32.♗b3!± A typical engine suggestion. Black doesn't have any concrete ideas yet, White can improve with Kh1 before deciding how to proceed. 32...♘h5 33.♗xg7 ♘xg7 34.♘e4± A much improved version for White as the knight gets to c5.

**32...♕b6+ 33.♔h1**

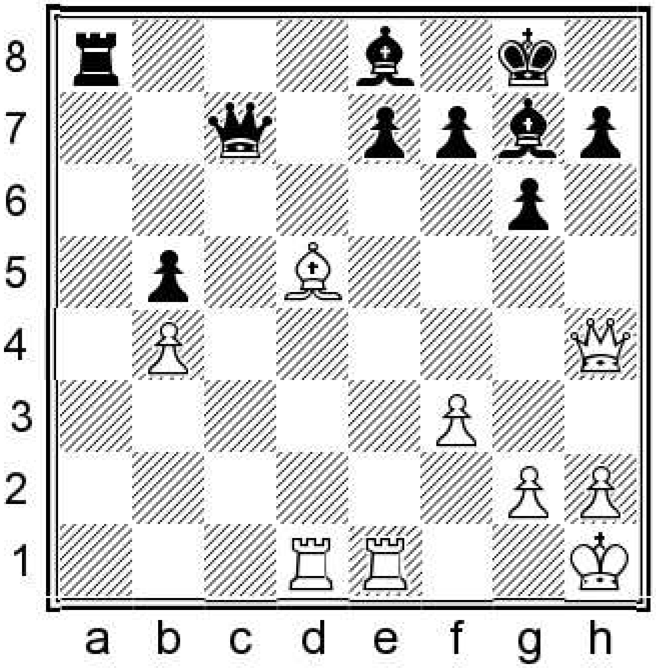


**33...♖xd6!?** A decent practical choice. Giving up the exchange extinguishes White's initiative.

Objectively 33...♕d8!= was strongest. White has lots of 0.00 moves but no way to crash through. Playing such a move requires faith in your calculation.

**34.♗xd6 ♕xd6 35.♖cd1** White's of course a bit better here, but it should be very hard to make anything of it.

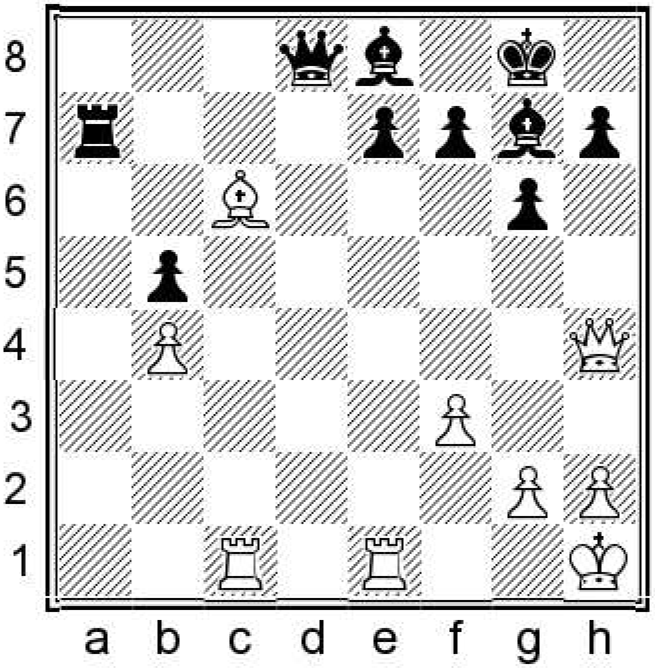
**35...♕c7 36.♘d5 ♘xd5 37.♗xd5**



**37...♖a7** Not spoiling anything yet, but making it a bit trickier.

37...♗f6! This intermezzo would have got Black very close to the draw. The rook no longer needs to go to the seventh. 38.♕g3 ♕xg3 39.hxg3 ♖a4± White can still press of course, but with limited material I don't believe Black should have significant problems.

**38.♖c1 ♕d8 39.♗c6**

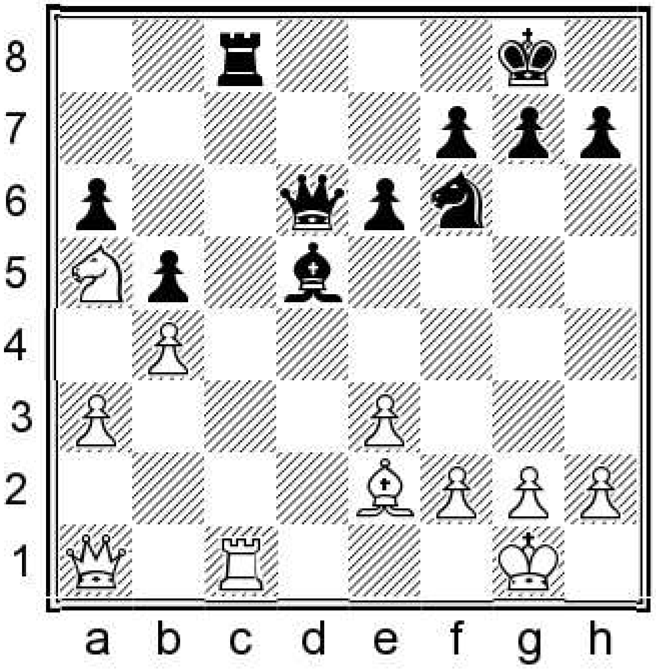


**39...♗f6??⊕** Short on time Black blunders.

39...♗xc6 40.♖xc6 ♗f6 Only now. 41.♕h6 ♖a4 42.♖ec1 ♖a8= It's extremely difficult for White to increase the pressure with an exposed king of his own. The position should just be equal.

**40.♕xf6! 1-0**

**Sielecki, Christof (2431) - McPhillips, Joseph (2425)**
**Great Britain (Internet-playoff), 2020**



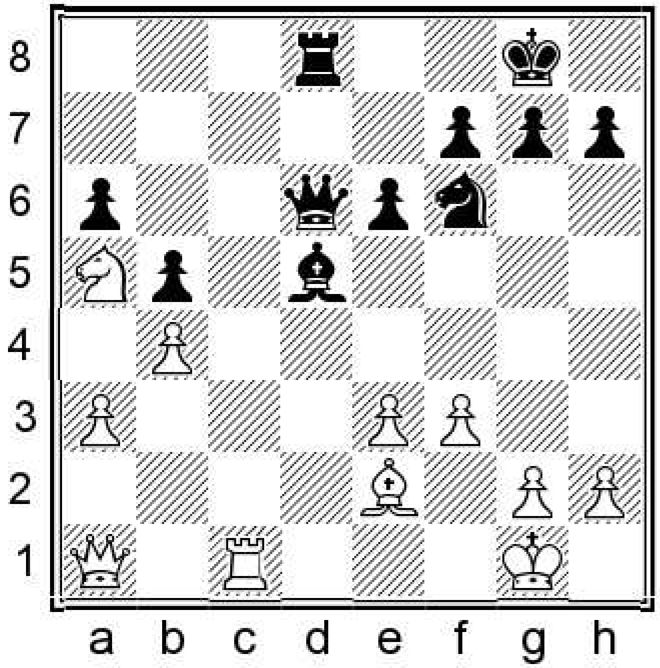
With the loss on board three we were now 1½ : ½ down, and needed to make the most of our White on board four.

Sielecki's opening hadn't worked out well, but by now it was back to equal.

**25...♖d8** This makes Black's position trickier.

25...♖xc1+ Simplest. 26.♕xc1 h6 Here it looks very unlikely that White will be able to make anything of the position. 27.f3 e5 28.e4 ♗e6= An additional option not available in the game. Black would have no problems.

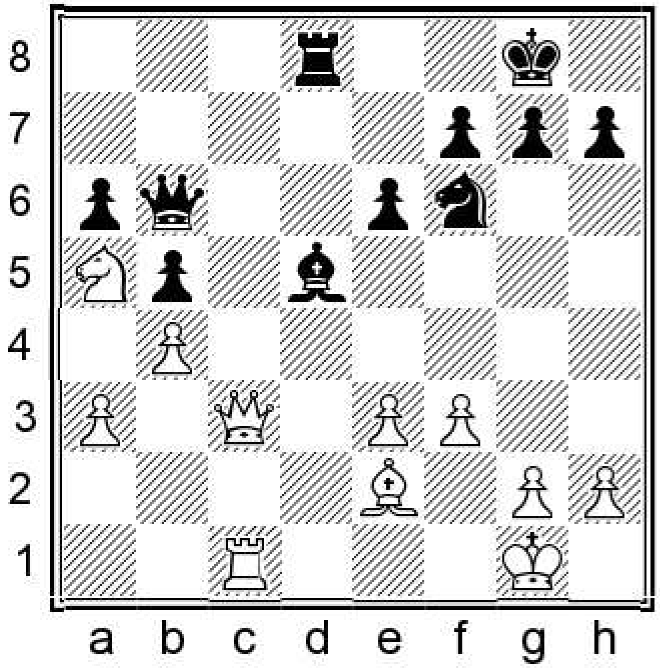
**26.f3**



**26...♕b6**

26...e5! was better, exploiting a potential tactic. 27.e4? (27.♕c3 should be played, but here Black has 27...e4= The bishop isn't being expelled and so Black has no problems.) 27...♗xe4! Exploiting White's open king. 28.fxe4 ♕b6+ 29.♔h1 ♘xe4 30.♖c6! Black has at least a draw with ...Nf2, ...Nh3, but can play for more too. 30...♕e3 31.♕f1 g6∓

**27.♕c3**



**27...♗a8**

27...♘e8! Black's last chance. The point is to be able to play ...f5 before White gets in e4.

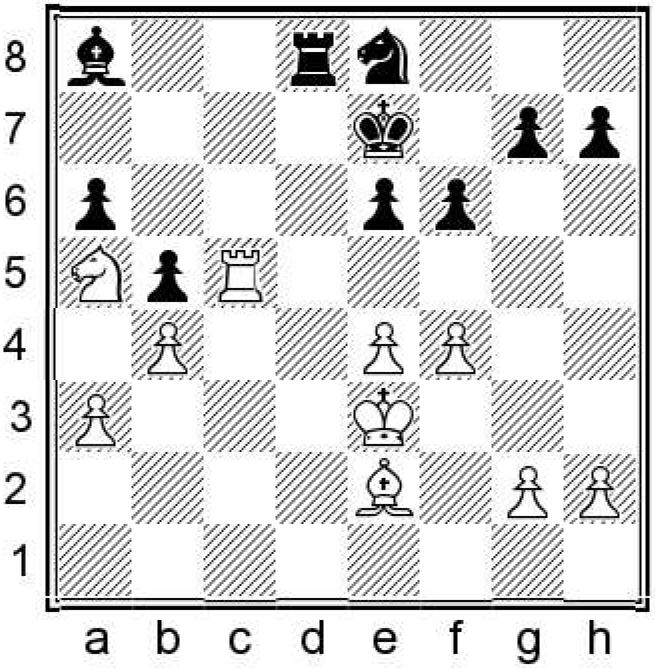
**28.♕c5** Now Black's position starts to get unpleasant.

**28...♕xc5**

28...♘d7! would have limited White's advantage.

**29.♖xc5 ♘e8 30.e4±** Black's bishop is a very sad piece.

**30...♔f8 31.♔f2 ♔e7 32.♔e3 f6 33.f4** Slightly sloppy.



**33...♔d7**

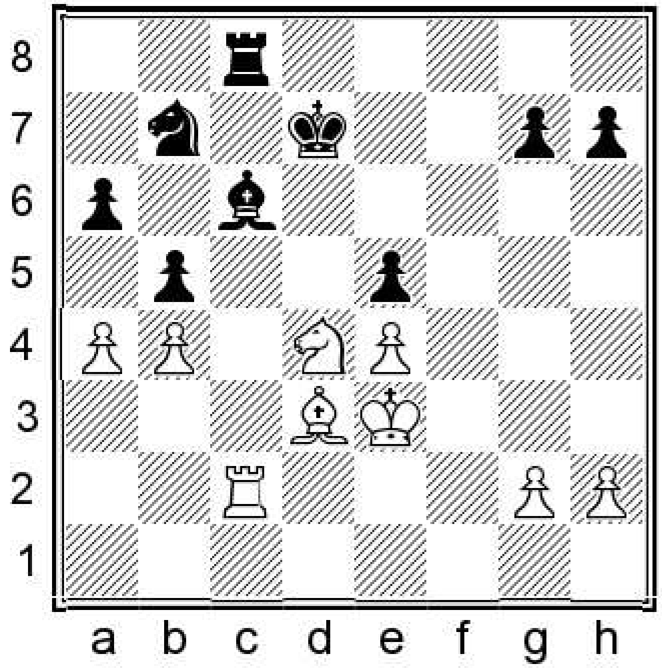
33...f5!⩲ At least the bishop would have a function again.

**34.♘b3 ♘d6 35.♗d3 ♗c6 36.♖c2 ♘b7 37.♘d4 ♖c8 38.a4!?** A logical culmination of White's pressure, especially bearing in mind the tactic that Christof employs in a couple of moves time.

38.e5! would have been completely crushing, but requires a few tactics. 38...fxe5 (38...h6 39.f5!+-; 38...f5 39.♘xf5!+-) 39.fxe5 h6 (39...g6 40.♖xc6 ♖xc6 41.♘xc6 ♔xc6 42.♗e4+ ♔c7 43.♔f4+- The king penetrates.) 40.♘f5! Exploiting the skewer. 40...♖g8 41.♖xc6 ♔xc6 42.♘e7++-

**38...e5 39.fxe5** If White wanted to use the trick in the game it was better to play it without exchanging on e5.

**39...fxe5**



**40.♘xb5?!** Pretty, but it might actually have let Black off the hook.

40.♘f3±

**40...axb5?**

40...♗xb5! 41.♖xc8 ♔xc8 42.axb5 axb5 43.♗xb5 ♘d6 White's a pawn up but I don't see a way to break through. Black sits on the dark squares and it will be very difficult for White to make progress.

**41.axb5 ♗xe4?** Now it's dead lost.

41...♘d6 42.bxc6+ ♖xc6 would allow Black to play on, although here White isn't obliged to exchange rooks. 43.♖a2±

**42.♖xc8 ♗xd3 43.♖b8 ♔c7 44.♖xb7+ ♔xb7 45.♔xd3+-** The king and pawn ending is hopeless.

**45...♔b6 46.♔e4 ♔xb5 47.♔xe5 ♔xb4 48.♔e6 ♔c4 49.g4 ♔d4 50.♔f7 ♔e4 51.♔xg7 ♔f4 52.h3 1-0**

**C76**
**Adair, James (2450) - Haria, Ravi (2440)**
**Great Britain (Internet-playoff), 2020**

The *Chessable White Rose - Wood Green* match boiled down to this game. If Black drew then the match would be tied, and *Wood Green* would progress on tiebreak.

**1.e4 e5 2.♘f3 ♘c6 3.♗b5 g6** I've played this system a fair bit as Black, particularly at faster time controls. With the different move orders (3...a6 4. Ba4 d6 often reaches the same thing) I get a bit confused by the name. Smyslov Variation or Modern Steinitz? Black attempts to get a King's Indian style setup.

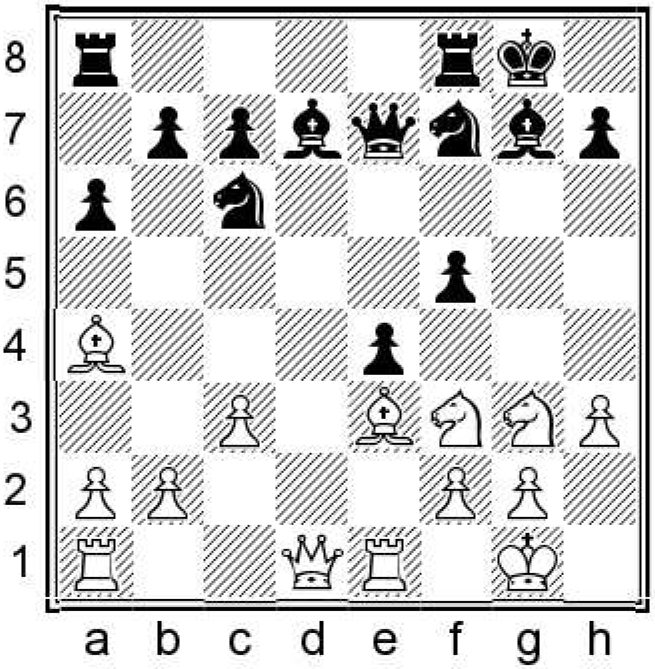
**4.c3 a6 5.♗a4 d6 6.d4 ♗d7 7.♗g5!?** A double-edged move. White provokes ...f6, which could potentially be a weakness. Ivan Sokolov in "Ruy Lopez Revisited" thinks it does't give White an advantage as Black can now develop with ...Nh6-f7.

**7...f6 8.♗e3 ♘h6 9.O-O ♗g7 10.♖e1 O-O 11.h3 ♘f7 12.♘bd2 ♕e7 13.♘f1**

Thus far they were actually following one of my own games. 13.♗c2 Sethuraman,SP 2637 - Jones,Gawain 2681, Astana 2019. Here I played the rather passive 13...Ncd8 but 13...f5! would have been more challenging.

**13...♖ad8** I'm not a big fan of Ravi's choice of squares for his major pieces here, but it's difficult to come up with a good plan.

13...f5?! would be the ideal break, but here it doesn't impress. 14.exf5 gxf5 15.dxe5 dxe5 16.♘g3 e4



17.♘h5! ♖ae8 18.♘d4 ♘fe5 19.♗c2±;

13...♖ae8 strikes me as a more logical square, although it's still not clear what Black should do after 14.♘g3;

13...♔h8!? waiting is perhaps best. 14.♘g3 (14.♕d2? ♘xd4!∓ is a nice trick now that the bishop is undefended.) 14...♗h6 Black's rather passive and so this bishop exchange should favour him.

**14.♗c2 ♖fe8 15.♗d2** The knight doesn't do a great deal on e3, and so this plan isn't very fruitful.

With Black's rook having left the f-file I'd be tempted to turn it into a proper King's Indian structure. 15.d5 ♘b8 16.♕d2 f5?! Too early. (16...♕f8 and being patient is the order of the day. White's better, but Black will always get counter-chances on the kingside.) 17.exf5 gxf5 (17...♗xf5 is better but 18.♘g3± highly unpleasant.) 18.♘g3+- Black's kingside is too loose.

**15...♕f8 16.♘e3 ♘e7 17.c4?!** This gives Ravi the chance to free his position.

17.♗a4!? The bishop trade tends to favour White in the subsequent KID structures. 17...b5 18.♗c2± Now White can get pressure down the a-file with a4.

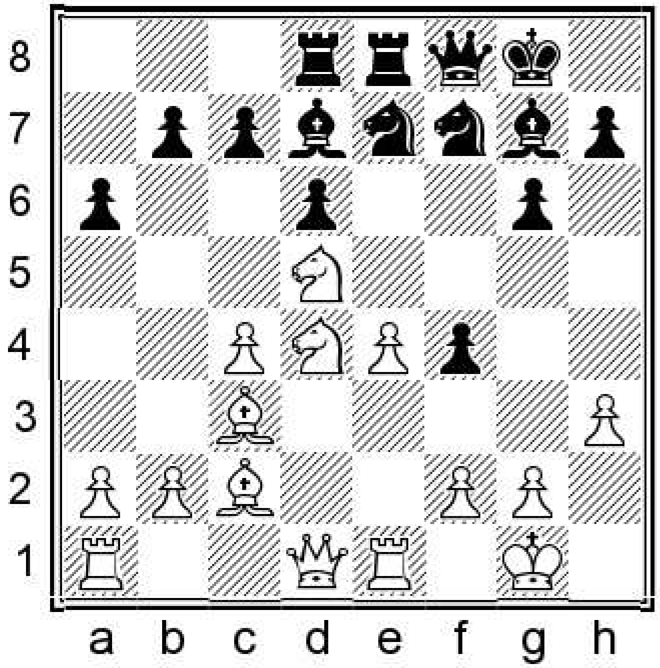
**17...exd4**

17...f5!? 18.dxe5 ♘xe5 also looks fine.

**18.♘xd4 f5 19.♗c3?!** Now Black has the chance to take over the initiative.

19.♘e2 looks rather clumsy, but was objectively better. The position is balanced. For example: 19...fxe4 20.♗xe4 ♘g5 21.♗c2 (21.♗xb7 c6=) 21...♘c6=

**19...f4! 20.♘d5**



**20...♘xd5**

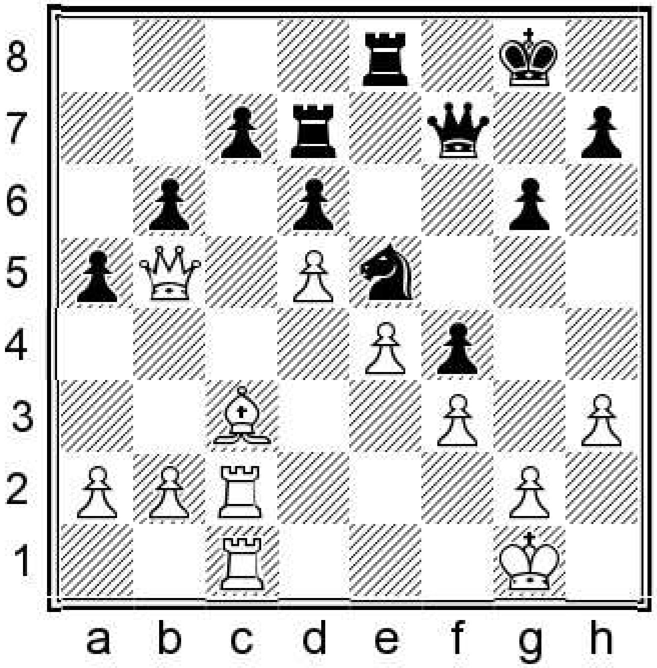
20...c5! should have been played first. 21.♘f3 (21.♘e2? f3-+ White's king is way too weak.) 21...♘xd5 22.exd5 ♗xc3 23.bxc3 ♕h6∓ The knight comes to g5 next move when Black has a very pleasant King's Indian.

**21.cxd5 ♘e5 22.♗a4 ♗xa4?!** This weakens the e6-square too much.

22...b5! 23.♗c2 (23.♗b3 ♖c8!∞) 23...♖b8∞ The position remains very complicated.

**23.♕xa4± ♘d3 24.♖e2 ♗xd4** Ravi decides to give up the bishop to prevent the knight jump.

**25.♕xd4 ♘e5 26.f3 ♕e7 27.♕b4 b6 28.♖c2 a5 29.♕b5 ♕f7 30.♖ac1 ♖d7** James's strong last few moves have pinpointed the weakness in Black's position. Here it was possible to win with an unusual tactic.

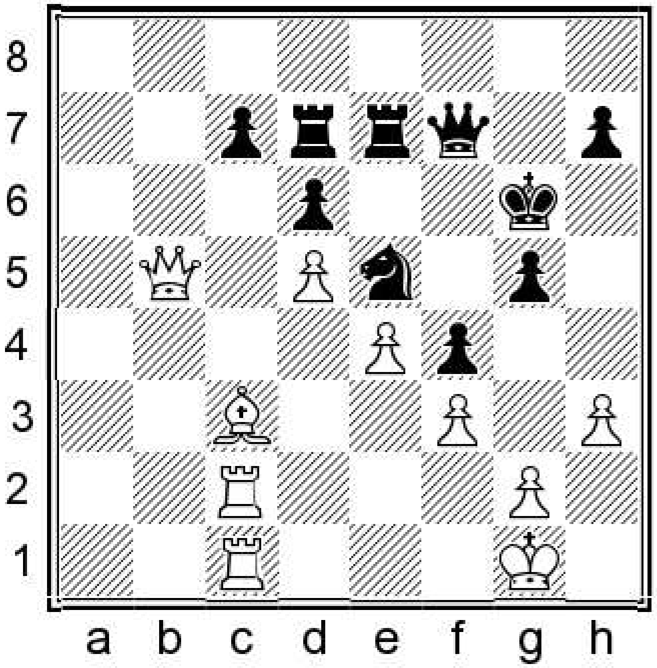


**31.b4**

31.a4! ♖ee7 32.b3! Two curious moves, but the reason becomes apparent. 32...g5 33.♗xe5 ♖xe5 (33...dxe5 wouldn't drop material immediately, but Black is too vulnerable to hold long-term. 34.♖c6+-) 34.♕xd7! ♕xd7 35.♖xc7+- The queen has nowhere safe to go. White regains the sacrificed queen with a completely winning rook and pawn endgame. That was the reason to start with a4 and b3. Now Black can't use the b5-square.

**31...axb4 32.♗xb4 ♖ee7 33.a4 g5 34.a5 bxa5 35.♗xa5** White is still better but it's not so easy to find the win.

**35...♔g7 36.♗c3 ♔g6**



**37.♗d4**

37.♕a5! This was the right way to do it. Now White threatens to capture on e5 when Black's pieces will be over-worked. Recapturing with the pawn would allow White access via the sixth rank, but otherwise the c7-pawn drops. 37...♕g7 and waiting is probably the most tenacious, but now White can enter with (37...♘c4?! 38.♕a6 ♘e3 (38...♘e5? 39.♗xe5 ♖xe5 40.♖xc7 ♖xc7 41.♕xd6++-) 39.♖b2+- The knight is trapped on e3 so White will win at least a pawn.) 38.♕a8! Followed by Rb1.

**37...♕f6** Sitting is rather risky.

37...h5! Playing for ...g4 and some counterplay was better. Any result is possible here.

**38.♔h1 ♕f7 39.♖c3**

39.♕a5!+- was again the correct setup.

**39...h5 40.♕b8 ♖e8 41.♕b2 g4?!** Bad timing but the position is very difficult to play.

**42.♕c2?!**

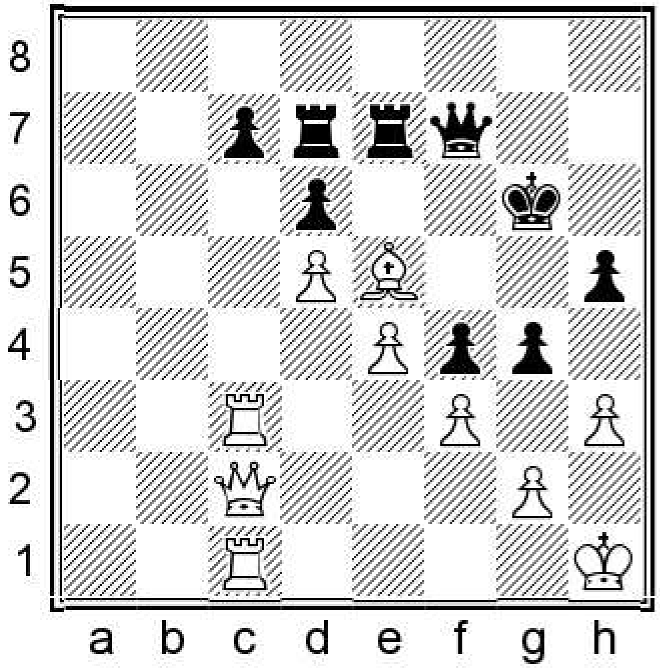
42.fxg4 hxg4 43.♕e2!± White's pieces are ready to enter. He threatens to take on e5 and then Qg4, while Rf1 will increase the pressure.

**42...♖ee7**

42...♕e7 was the right way to equalise. Black threatens counterplay with ...Qh4. 43.♗xe5 ♕xe5 44.♖xc7 ♖xc7 45.♕xc7 g3= White's won a pawn but with a vulnerable back rank will never be able to exploit it.

**43.♗xe5**

43.fxg4! White should be opening the kingside.

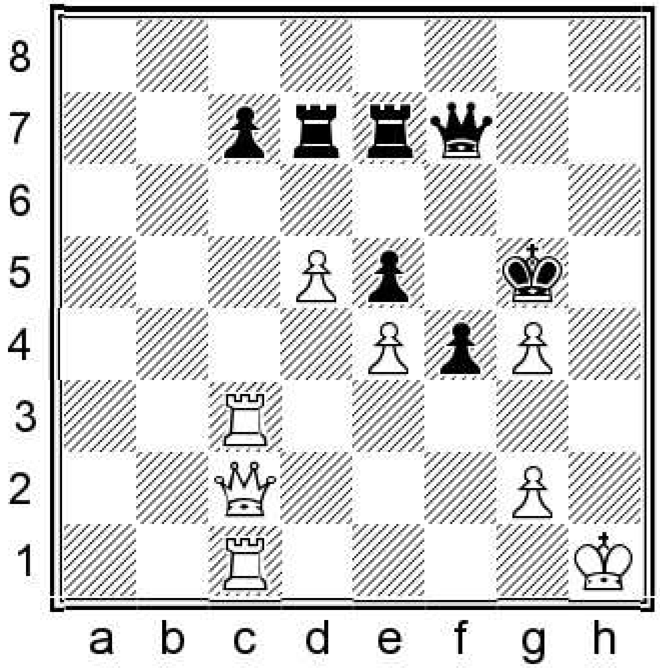


**43...dxe5** It's very risky to open the sixth rank.

43...♖xe5! 44.♖xc7 ♖xc7 45.♕xc7 ♕xc7 46.♖xc7 g3! 47.♖d7 ♖e8 48.♖xd6+ ♔f7 White's two pawns up but won't be able to make anything of it. The rook will have to go to the back rank to prevent mate, and then Black will sit with his rook on the second rank. If White gives up the g2-pawn then the g3-pawn will be deadly, and otherwise it won't be possible to make progress.

**44.fxg4 hxg4 45.hxg4 ♔g5?**

45...♕f8! The only way to stay in the game, but extremely tough move to spot. 46.♖h3 ♖h7 47.♕c6+ ♔g5 48.♖h5+ ♖xh5+ 49.gxh5 ♕f7±



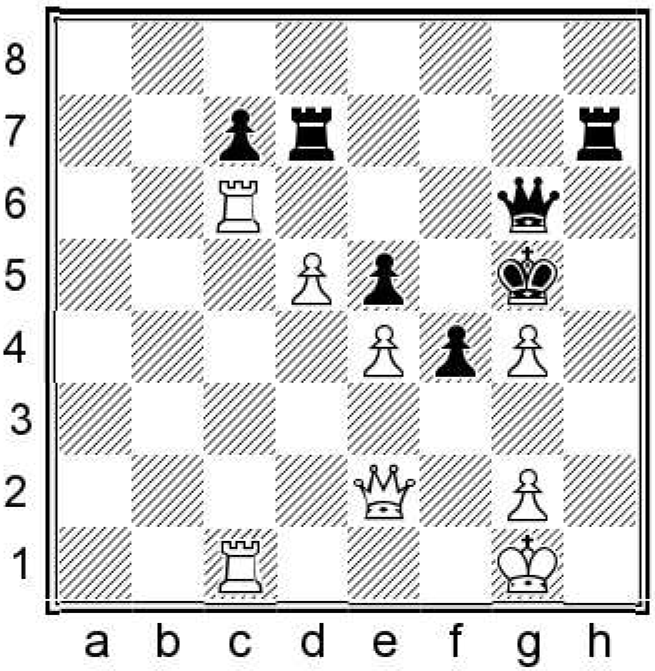
**46.♕e2?**

46.♖h3! This was probably the easiest win that was overlooked. Here Black's king is too vulnerable. 46...♕g6 (46...♔xg4 47.♕e2+ ♔g5 48.♕f2 With the queen coming to h4 Black's defence collapses.) 47.♖h5+ ♔f6 48.♕e2 White threatens both Rc6 and doubling on the h-file via Rc3-h3. 48...♖h7 (48...♔g7 49.♖c3) 49.♖c6+ ♖d6 50.g5++-

**46...♕g6 47.♖c6**

47.♖h3± was still a better try.

**47...♖h7+ 48.♔g1**



**48...♕g8?** Giving White another chance.

48...♖d6 49.♖xc7 ♕h6= Black's counterplay down the h-file will be sufficient to hold the draw.

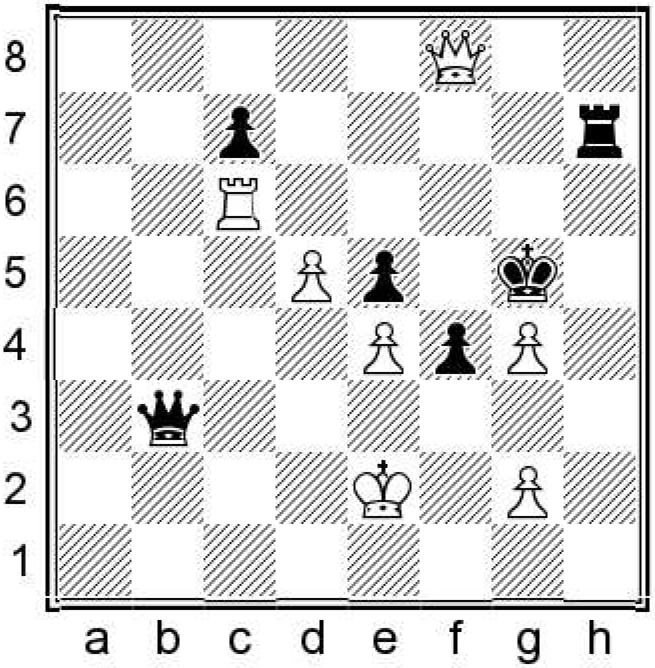
**49.♕f3?**

49.♕a6!+- White's own threats prevent Black from doubling on the h-file. Next he'll play Re6.

**49...♕b8 50.♕a3 ♖d6 51.♔f2 ♖xc6 52.♖xc6 ♕b1 53.♕f8?** Overpressing.

53.♕c3 ♕xe4 54.♖e6 ♕d4+= But White will never win this position.

**53...♕b2+ 54.♔f3 ♕b3+ 55.♔e2**



**55...♕b2+?** Requiring just a draw Ravi doesn't look too hard for the win.

55...♕e3+! 56.♔d1 ♕d3+ 57.♔c1 ♖h1+ 58.♔b2 ♖b1+ 59.♔a2 ♕b3#

**56.♔d3 ♕d4+ 57.♔c2 ♕xe4+ 58.♔b2 ♕d4+ 59.♖c3 ♕b6+ 60.♔c2 ♕f2+ 61.♔b3 ♕b6+ 62.♔c2 ♕f2+ 63.♔b3 ♕b6+ 64.♔c2 ♕f2+** The draw meant the *Chessable White Rose - Wood Green* match was also tied, with *Wood Green* going through on tiebreak.

64...♕g6+ 65.♔d2 ♖d7 would be much better for Black, but unnecessary in the dynamics of the match.

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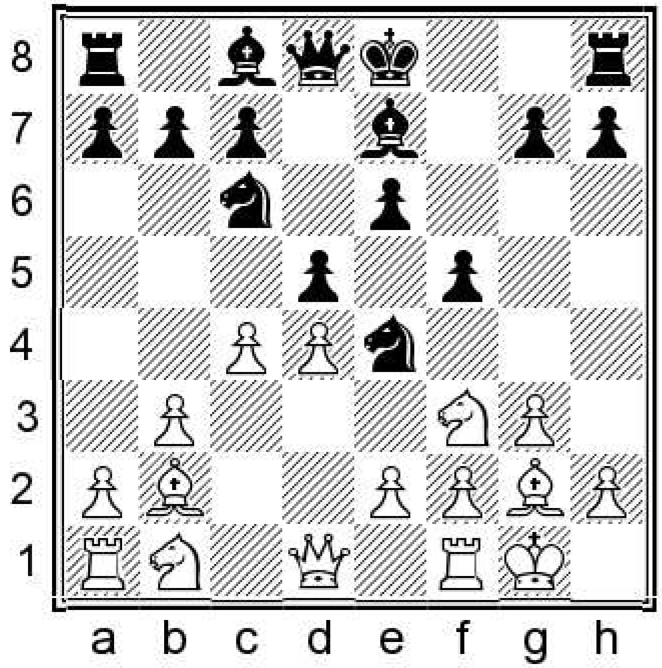
**A90**
**Vakulenko, Oleksandr (2232) - Grieve, Harry (2356)**
**Great Britain (Internet-playoff), 2020**

With the other three boards drawn the *ChessPlus Kingston - Guildford Young Guns* Semi-Final came down to board four.

**1.d4 e6 2.c4 f5** The Dutch is quite common in English chess circles, thanks, no doubt to the GingerGM Simon Williams' influence.

**3.♘f3 ♘f6 4.g3 d5** The Stonewall. Simon would keep it in more classical waters.

**5.♗g2 ♗e7 6.O-O ♘e4 7.b3 ♘c6 8.♗b2**



**8...h5!** Following in Richard Rapport's footsteps. Black shows his aggressive intent.

**9.♘bd2?!** Going to c3 looks a bit more reliable, although Black can still be quite happy.

**9...h4 10.♘e5**

An earlier Rapport game was absolutely crushing. 10.♖c1 hxg3 11.hxg3 ♗f6 (11...♗b4!∓ Black threatens to capture on d2 and also gets his bishop out of the way of Black's queen. ...Qf6-h6 and mate down the h-file isn't actually easy to prevent.) 12.e3 ♕e7 13.cxd5 exd5 14.♖xc6? White fails to get any compensation at all. 14...bxc6 15.♕c1 ♕e6 16.♕c2 ♗a6 17.♖e1 g5 18.♘e5 ♗xe5 19.dxe5 g4 20.♘f1 ♖h6 0 : 1 Ehlvest,Jaan 2547 - Rapport,Richard 2709, Jurmala 2015

**10...hxg3**

10...♘xe5 11.dxe5 ♗d7!∓ was Black's most accurate continuation. It's in his interests to keep the queens on the board. Black now has ideas of ...Bc5 and taking twice on g3. 12.cxd5 It looks like this is White's best defence. (12.e3?! ♗b4 13.♘xe4 (13.♘f3 dxc4∓) 13...dxe4∓) 12...exd5 13.♘xe4 dxe4∓ Black can continue with ...c6, ...Qc7 and ...Be6.

**11.hxg3 ♘xe5 12.dxe5 c6 13.♗d4?!** An aimless move.

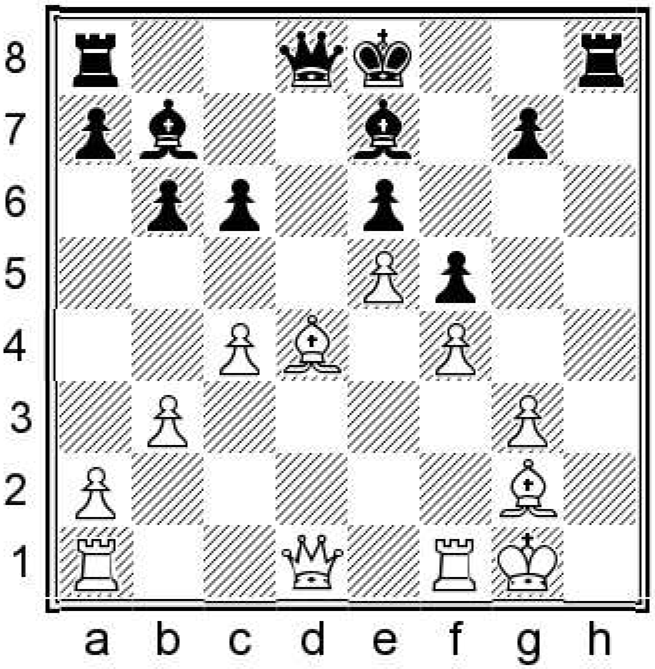
13.♘xe4 White's able to exchange queens here. 13...dxe4 Black prefers recapturing with the d-pawn. (13...fxe4 14.♕d2± White can expand on the queenside with b4 next.) 14.♕xd8+ ♔xd8 15.♖ad1+ ♔c7 16.f3=

**13...b6**

13...c5 14.♗b2 ♕b6∓ was also good.

**14.♘xe4 dxe4 15.f3 exf3 16.exf3 ♗b7 17.f4?!**

17.♗e3= first was the better move order.



**17...♕d7**

17...g5! 18.♗e3 gxf4 19.♕xd8+ ♖xd8 20.gxf4 ♖g8∓ would leave White in quite an unpleasant endgame.

**18.♗e3= O-O-O 19.♕xd7+ ♖xd7 20.♖ad1** The game should quickly be ending in a draw. Perhaps Black was annoyed at not taking his opportunities earlier in the game starts to drift.

**20...♖hd8**

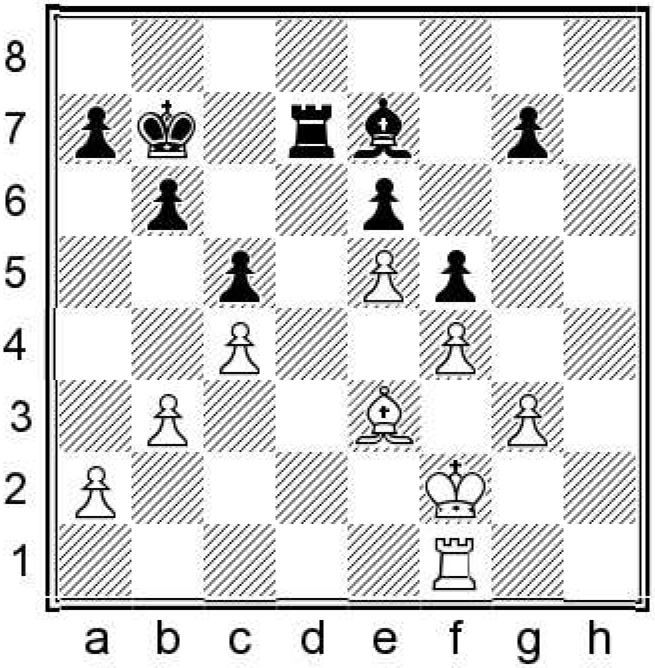
20...♖xd1 21.♖xd1 ♖d8= and it would soon have been time to shake hands.

**21.♖xd7 ♖xd7 22.♔f2 c5**

22...♖d3!? With the idea of activating the rook via c3 to c2.

**23.♗xb7+ ♔xb7?!** Now things start to become really unpleasant. Black needed his king to hold some kingside squares.

23...♖xb7! 24.♖h1 ♔d7 25.g4!± (25.♖h7 ♗f8=)



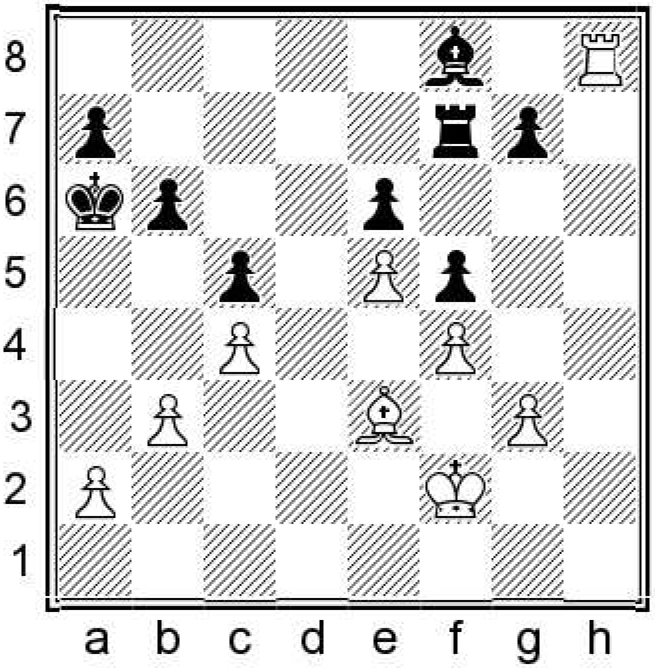
**24.♖h1**

24.g4!± followed by taking on f5 and Rg1 would have been very unpleasant.

**24...♔a6?** I don't understand this move at all. Presumably the hope was to get counterplay with ...Ka5-b4-a3 but it's easily parried.

24...♖d8 25.♖h7 ♖g8 26.g4 ♔c6 Black is very passive, but also very solid. It seems unlikely that White will be able to create enough problems.

**25.♖h7 ♗f8 26.♖h8 ♖f7**



**27.g4! b5?** The position seems to be lost anyway, but Black could have been much more tenacious.

27...fxg4 28.♔g3 g5! would have complicated the issue. (28...♔b7 It's interesting to see how White should break-through. 29.♔xg4 ♔c6 30.♔g5 ♔d7 31.♔g6 ♔e8 32.a4 a5 Black shouldn't allow the pawn to get any further. (32...♖f5 33.a5 ♖f7 (33...♔d7 34.axb6 axb6 35.♖h5! Once the rooks get exchanged Black will quickly get zugwanged. 35...♖xh5 36.♔xh5 ♔e8 37.♔g6 ♔e7 38.♗f2 ♔e8 39.♗h4+- Mission accomplished.) 34.♖h2 ♖d7 35.♖d2 ♖b7 Once again Black can't allow the rook exchange. 36.a6 ♖c7 (36...♖f7 37.♖d8+) 37.f5 exf5 38.e6! ♖e7 39.♔xf5 g6+ 40.♔e5+- And White wins. Black is too passive.) 33.♖h2 ♖d7 34.♖d2 ♖b7 35.♗f2+- Once again the plan of bringing the bishop around to h4 should win the game.) 29.fxg5 ♗g7 30.♖g8 ♗xe5+ 31.♔xg4 ♗d4 I imagine White should be winning, but clearly there's a lot of game left.

27...♔b7 Black's king is now too far away. 28.g5 g6 29.♖g8 ♗g7 30.♖e8+-

**28.g5** Now there's no defence.

**28...g6**

28...♗e7 29.♖g8+- White will move his king so there's no ...Bh4 and then play g6.

**29.♖g8 bxc4 30.bxc4 ♔a5 31.♖xg6 ♔b4 32.♖f6 ♖xf6 33.exf6 1-0**

With this win *ChessPlus Kingston* reached the final.

**D38**
**Reizniece Ozola, Dana (2279) - Haria, Ravi (2440)**
**Great Britain (Internet-playoff), 2020**

This game really set the tone for the final. *Wood Green* comfortably outrated *ChessPlus Kingston*, but clearly the latter weren't feeling overwhelmed.

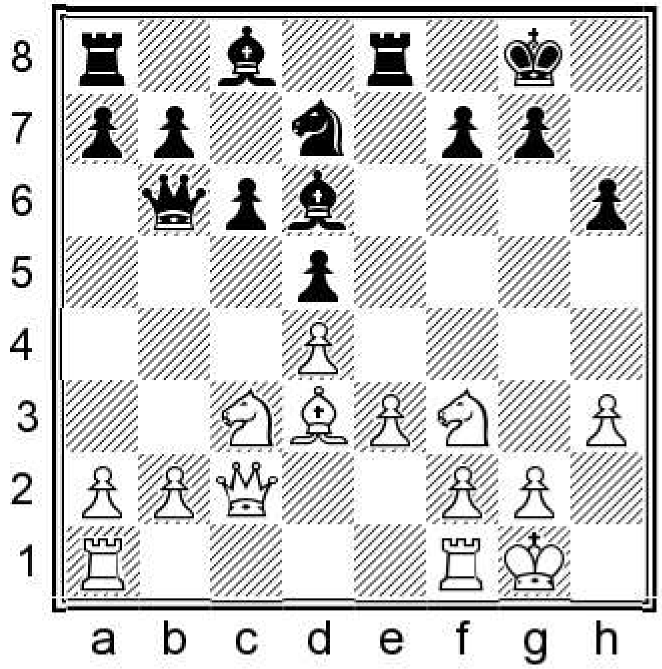
**1.c4 e6 2.♘c3 d5 3.d4 ♗b4 4.cxd5 exd5 5.♘f3 ♘f6 6.♗g5 h6 7.♗xf6 ♕xf6 8.♕b3 ♕b6 9.e3 O-O 10.♗d3 c6 11.O-O ♗d6**

11...♘d7 was the move order chosen in a recent high-rated encounter. 12.♕c2 ♕d8 13.a3 With White pushing the bishop back, Black gains half a tempo. 13...♗d6 14.♖fe1N (14.♖ae1) 14...♘f6= Radjabov,Teimour 2765 - Anton Guijarro,David 2675, chess24.com (Internet-rapid) 2020

**12.♕c2 ♖e8** Ravi wants to prevent the Ne5 plan.

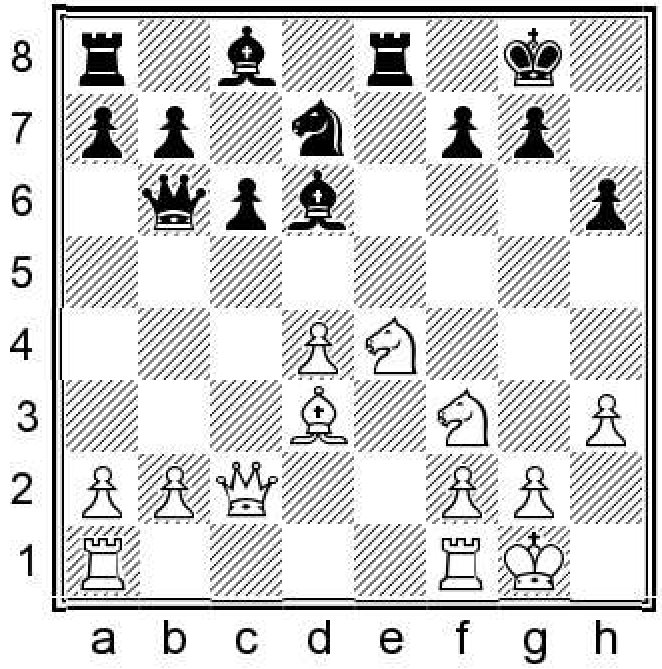
**13.h3 ♘d7**

In the English magazine "Chess" 13...♕d8! was offered as an improvement. The point is seen after 14.e4 dxe4 15.♘xe4 ♗e6= when Black's kingside is much more secure.



**14.e4!** If Black has time for ...Nf6 he'll have comfortably equalised.

**14...dxe4 15.♘xe4**



**15...♗f8?** Black tidies up his pieces but neglects to realise how vulnerable his kingside is.

15...♕c7! was better, to keep the f8-square free for the knight. 16.♖fe1 ♖d8= Black will play ...Nf8 next.

**16.♖fe1?!** A case of the wrong rook!

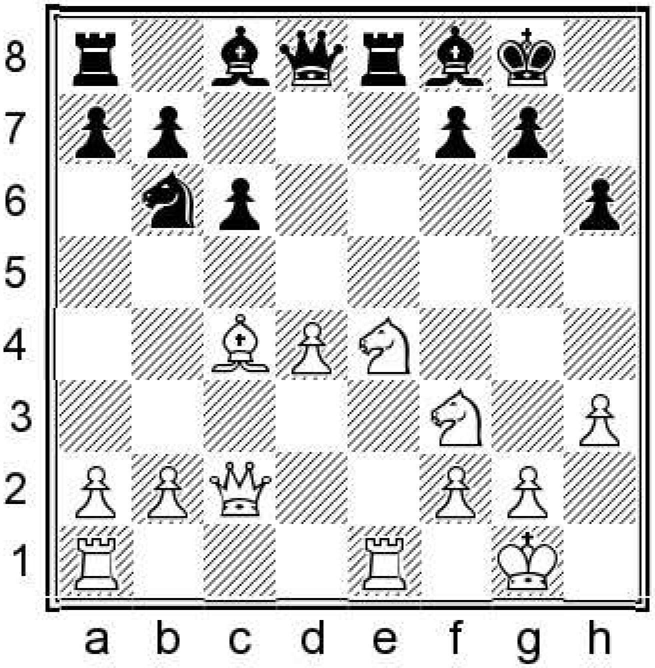
16.♖ae1! was much better. Black would have been in a lot of trouble. 16...♕d8 17.♗c4 ♘b6? Trying to play as in the game. (17...♗e7 Better but 18.♘e5± would still be very pleasant for White.)

18.♘eg5! Compared to the game it's not check on e1. 18...hxg5 19.♖xe8 ♕xe8 20.♘xg5+- Black can't defend against both Qh7# and Bf7.

**16...♕d8 17.♗c4** Continuing to play aggressively.

17.a3! was the way to keep some advantage. 17...♘b6 18.♘c5± Black has problems developing his c8-bishop.

**17...♘b6**

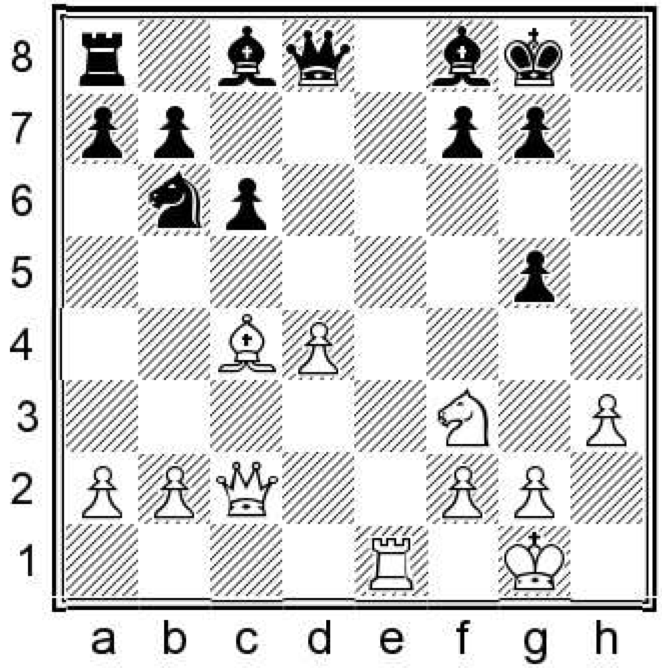


**18.♘eg5!** The best try.

18.♘f6+?! This is tempting but doesn't really work. 18...♕xf6! 19.♖xe8 ♗f5∓ Black regains the material.

**18...♖xe1+!** This exchange means that White can't force the queen away from defending the g5-pawn.

**19.♖xe1 hxg5**



**20.♗xf7+!** White's all in.

**20...♔xf7 21.♕h7 ♘d7**

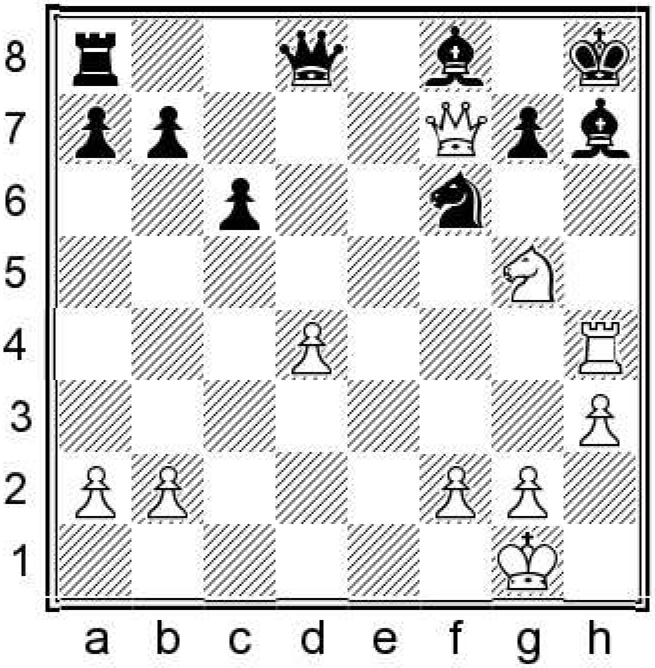
21...♕f6 was the other defence, and probably the easier one to play. 22.♘e5+! ♔e7 23.♘g4+ ♕e6 24.♖xe6+ ♗xe6∞ White's collected the queen and so we have the unusual material imbalance of queen and pawn for rook and two bishops. Black will take on a2 and run the king to c7, when it looks unlikely that White can hope for more than a perpetual.

**22.♕h5+ ♔g8 23.♘xg5 ♘f6 24.♕f7+ ♔h8 25.♖e4!** White threatens mate on h4.

**25...♗f5**

25...♗g4!? The other defence. 26.♖xg4! ♘xg4 27.♕h5+ ♘h6 28.♕g6 ♕xg5 29.♕xg5± Another queen versus rook and two minor pieces. This is a better version for White who's collected an extra pawn and got rid of one of the bishops.

**26.♖h4+ ♗h7**



**27.♕g6!?** This should just secure the draw.

27.♘xh7 was the way to keep the game going. 27...♘xh7 28.♕h5 ♕xh4 29.♕xh4 ♖e8= This one is a better version of 25...Bg4 for Black, who's a tempo or so ahead. White isn't able to break with d5 and so it's probably dynamically equal.

**27...♕d5??** Ravi falls at the final hurdle.

27...♕e8 - ...Qe7 also does the job, but is extremely unnatural. 28.♖xh7+ (28.♘f7+ ♔g8 29.♘h6+ ♔h8= is another draw.) 28...♔g8 29.♖h8+ ♔xh8 30.♘f7+ ♔g8 31.♘h6+=;

27...♔g8!?= was also enough for equality.

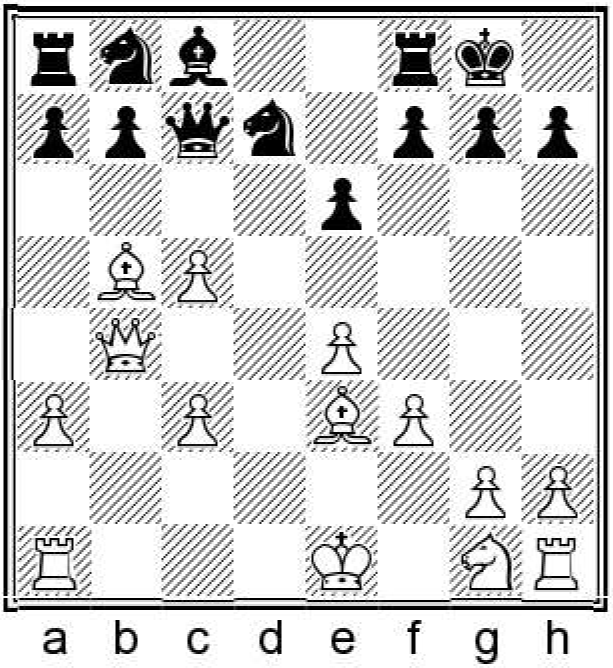
**28.♘xh7** This mates immediately.

Black must have only analysed 28.♖xh7+

**1-0**

*Kingston* 1 - *Wood Green* 0.

**Vakulenko, Oleksandr (2232) - McPhillips, Joseph (2425)**
**Great Britain (Internet-playoff), 2020**



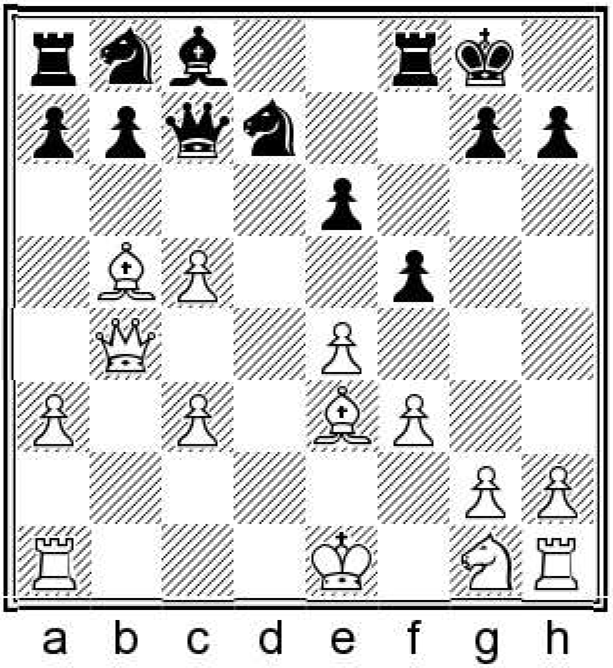
We've been following the old mainline of the Saemisch Nimzo Indian.

**13...f5?**

Odd timing. When this is played earlier in the variation the point is to try and make it difficult for White to play e4. Here it simply weakens the e6-pawn and opens the position for White's bishop pair.

13...♘c6 14.♗xc6± is White's idea.

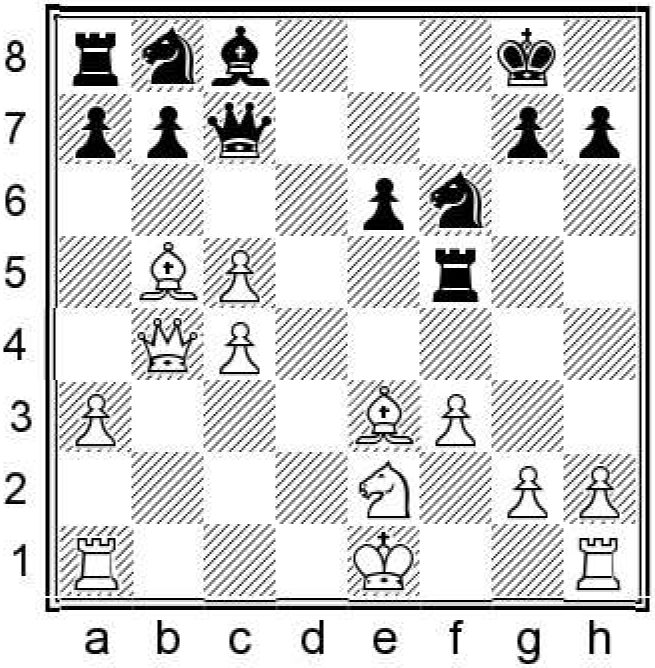
13...♘e5**!** looks strongest to me. Black prepares either ...Bd7 or ...Nbc6.



**14.exf5 ♖xf5 15.♘e2 ♘f6?** After having attacked the c5-pawn it's a bit of a mystery why it wasn't taken.

15...♘xc5 16.O-O± White's still much better with his bishops and Black's bad e6-pawn, but at least material is level.

**16.c4**



**16...♖h5?!** Black is hoping for vague chances based on attacking the h2-pawn, but the rook is simply misplaced here.

16...♘fd7 Accepting that his previous was a step in the wrong direction. 17.O-O (17.♘g3 ♘xc5 would still be a bit complicated.) 17...♘xc5 18.♖ad1±

**17.♕d2 ♗d7**

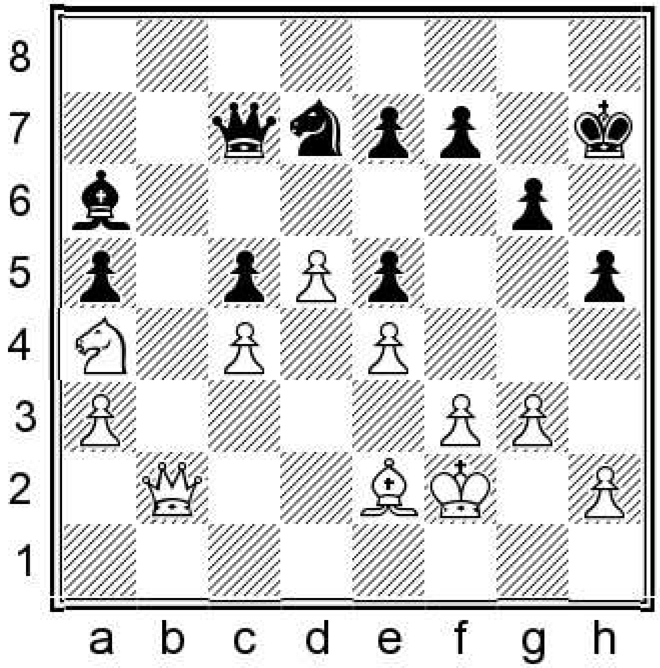
17...♖xh2? now loses to 18.♖xh2 ♕xh2 19.♕d8++-

**18.♘f4 ♖e5 19.O-O+-** Black's lost so much time and is left with a ridiculous rook on e5. It's already hopeless.

**19...♘c6 20.♘d3 ♖h5 21.g4 ♖h3 22.♘f4 ♖h4 23.♗f2 ♖h6 24.g5 ♘h5 25.gxh6 ♘xf4 26.♗g3 g5 27.♗xf4 gxf4 28.♕g2+ 1-0**

Despite being heavily outrated on both boards *ChessPlus Kingston* now lead *Wood Green* 2 : 0!

**Harvey, Marcus (2440) - Pavlik, Goran (2197)**
**Great Britain (Internet-playoff), 2020**



After a disgustingly anti-positional opening Black has fought well to still be in the game.

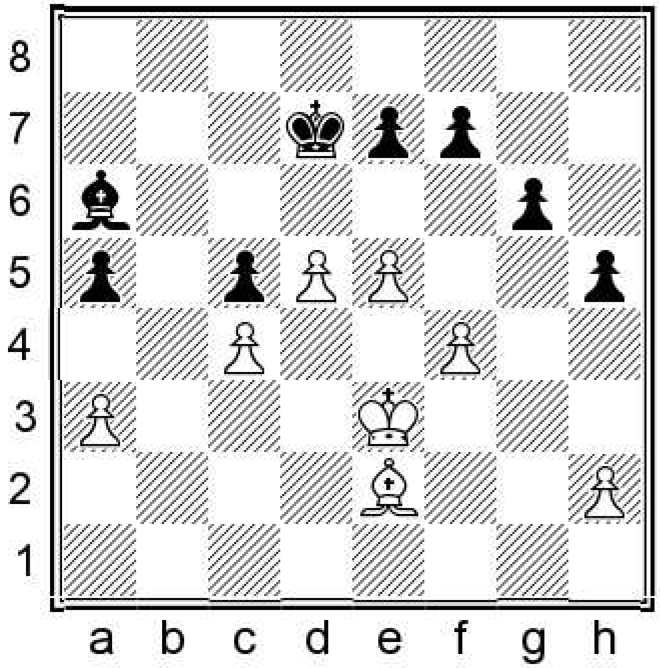
**26...♘f6?**

26...♔g7± It wouldn't be so easy for White to make progress.

**27.♕b6!** With the queens coming off Black has no hope of defending all his weaknesses.

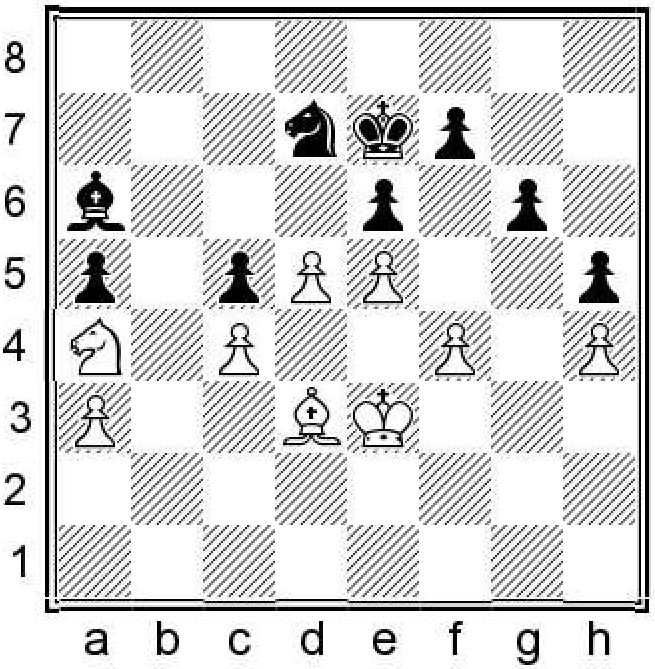
**27...♕xb6 28.♘xb6 ♔g8 29.♔e3 ♔f8 30.f4 exf4+ 31.gxf4 ♔e8 32.e5 ♘d7 33.♘a4**

33.♘xd7 The knight exchange would have won immediately. 33...♔xd7



34.f5! The pawns roll too fast. 34...gxf5 35.♗xh5 ♗xc4 36.♗xf7+- The h-pawn will decide.

**33...e6 34.h4 ♔e7 35.♗d3**



Zugzwang! Moving the knight drops the c5-pawn. Moving the king allows de6 and Bg6.

**35...exd5** This is hopeless, but there was no defence.

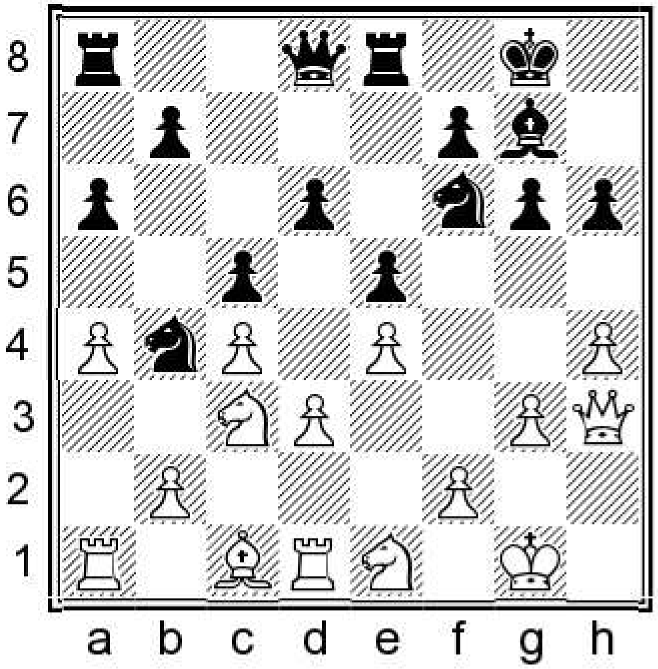
35...♗b7 36.♗e4! ♗a6 37.d6+ ♔d8 38.♗c6 Material falls. 38...♘b8 (38...♗xc4 39.♗xd7 ♔xd7 40.♘b6++-) 39.♘xc5+-

**36.cxd5 ♗xd3 37.♔xd3 g5 38.hxg5 c4+ 39.♔e4 h4 40.♔f3 ♘b6 41.♘c3 ♘xd5 42.♘xd5+ ♔e6 43.♘c3 ♔f5 44.♘d1 1-0**

*Wood Green* had pulled one back. *ChessPlus Kingston* 2 - *Wood Green* 1.

**Fernandez, Daniel Howard (2466) - Cramling, Pia (2464)**
**Great Britain (Internet-playoff), 2020**

*Kingston Plus* lead 2 : 1 against *Wood Green* so White needed to win this game. If he did then *Wood Green* would have edged it on the board count tiebreak.



The game started as a King's Indian Attack against a 2...e6 Sicilian, although now it looks more like some sort of Symmetrical English.

**17...♕c8?** A step in the wrong direction. The endgame is surprisingly unpleasant.

It was better to play 17...♖f8= preparing a subsequent ...f5.

**18.♕xc8 ♖axc8 19.a5!**± This is the problem Black now has to contend with an unpleasant outpost on b6.

**19...h5 20.♘g2** White goes for the d5-square immediately. A logical plan, but Black has his own outpost.

20.♖a4! The most incisive plan. White prepares the b4 break, which will be achieved after Bd2 and Nd5. Then the b7-pawn will be a chronic weakness.

**20...♔h7 21.♖a3 ♘d7 22.♘e3 ♗h6**

22...♖f8 was once again the right way of playing. Black intends play of her own with ...f5. 23.♘ed5 ♘c6=

**23.♘cd5 ♘c6 24.♗d2 ♘d4**

Yet again 24...♖f8 was correct, not fearing 25.f4 ♘d4 26.♖f1 f5=

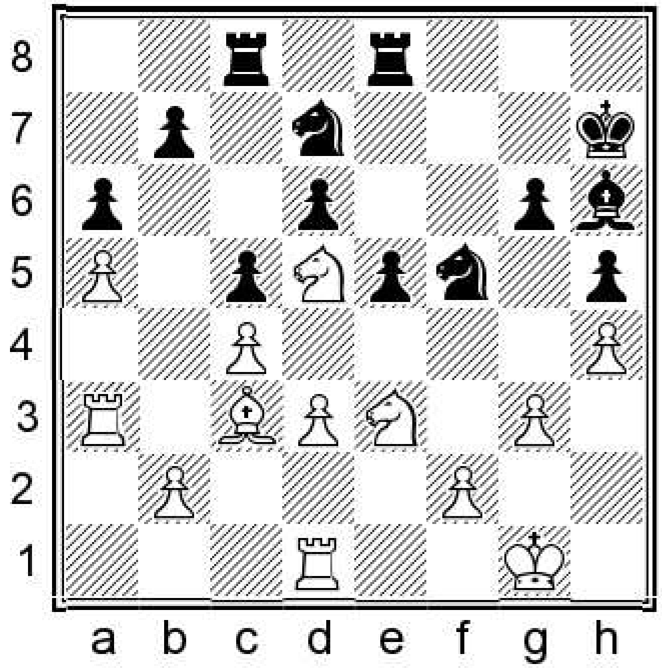
**25.♗c3**

25.b4!±

**25...f5?** Wrong timing. This break needed preparing.

**26.exf5 ♘xf5**

The problem is that the strategically preferable 26...gxf5? loses a pawn 27.♗xd4+-



**27.b4?!**

27.♘xf5! gxf5 28.b4+- was a much more accurate way to go about it. Now it would be much harder to shift the fantastic knight.

**27...♗xe3!** Seizing the chance. In this structure the knights are much more powerful than the bishops.

**28.fxe3 ♖f8**

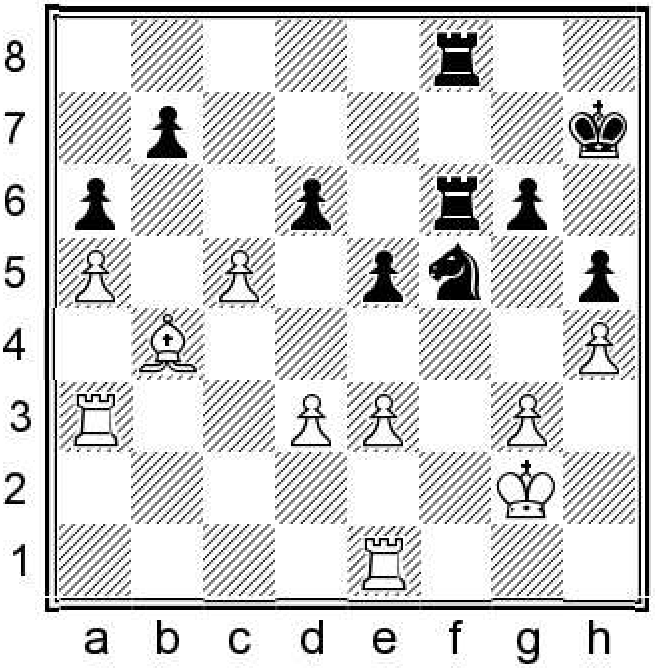
It was possible to solve Black's problems tactically. 28...cxb4 29.♗xb4 e4= As the c4-pawn is hanging White isn't able to keep his structure.

**29.♔g2**

29.e4! A favourable structural shift. 29...♘d4 30.♗xd4 cxd4 (30...exd4 31.bxc5 ♘xc5 32.♘f4±) 31.♖f1±

**29...♘f6!=** Pia equalises again, but Daniel perseveres.

**30.♘xf6+ ♖xf6 31.♖e1 cxb4 32.♗xb4 ♖cf8 33.c5?**



**33...♖8f7?** Black's been in defensive mode for a while, so it's not surprising that Cramling misses a shot.

33...♘xg3! would have suddenly turned the game around. 34.♔xg3? ♖f2-+ There's no defence to ...R8f3#

**34.cxd6 ♘xd6 35.♗xd6 ♖xd6 36.♖b1 ♖fd7?** I believe Black was playing on increment, but this is a major mis-step.

36...♖d5=

**37.♔f3!+-** White's king enters to decisive effect.

**37...♖d5 38.♔e4 ♔h6 39.♖xb7! ♖xd3 40.♖xd3 ♖xb7 41.♖d6 ♖b4+ 42.♔xe5 ♖g4 43.♖xa6 ♖xg3 44.e4 ♖a3 45.♖a8 g5 46.♖a6+**

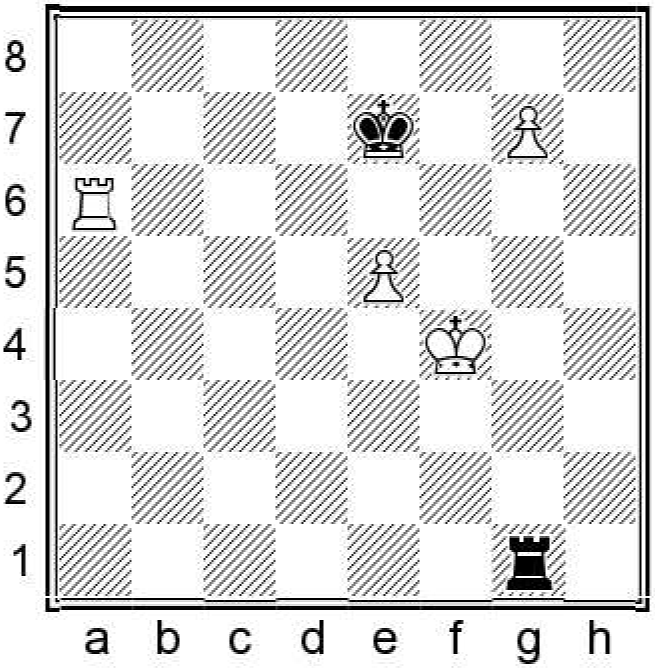
46.hxg5+ ♔xg5 47.a6 The threat is a7 and Rg8. 47...♔g6 48.♔d6! This also wins but is more complicated than the game continuation.

**46...♔g7 47.hxg5 h4 48.♔f4 h3 49.♖h6 ♖xa5 50.♖xh3 ♖b5** So far it's been a very professional conversion.

**51.♖d3** There are various ways to win the position, and this one doesn't spoil anything.

51.e5 The most direct. 51...♖b1 52.♔f5 ♖f1+ 53.♔e6 ♔g6 54.♖d3 ♔xg5 55.♔e7! (55.♔d6? ♖a1!=) 55...♖a1 56.e6+-;

51.♖a3 This would be my choice. Black wants his rook to be as far from White's king as possible, which would be the a-file here. 51...♔g6 52.♖a6+ ♔f7 53.e5 ♖b1 54.g6+ ♔e7 (54...♔g7 55.♔f5 ♖f1+ 56.♔e6 ♔xg6 57.♔d7+ ♔g7 58.e6+-) 55.♔g5+- The human approach. (The engine points out 55.g7 wins faster: 55...♔f7 (55...♖g1



56.♔f5! ♔f7 57.g8=Q+! ♔xg8 58.♖g6++-) 56.♖a7+ ♔g8 57.e6+-)

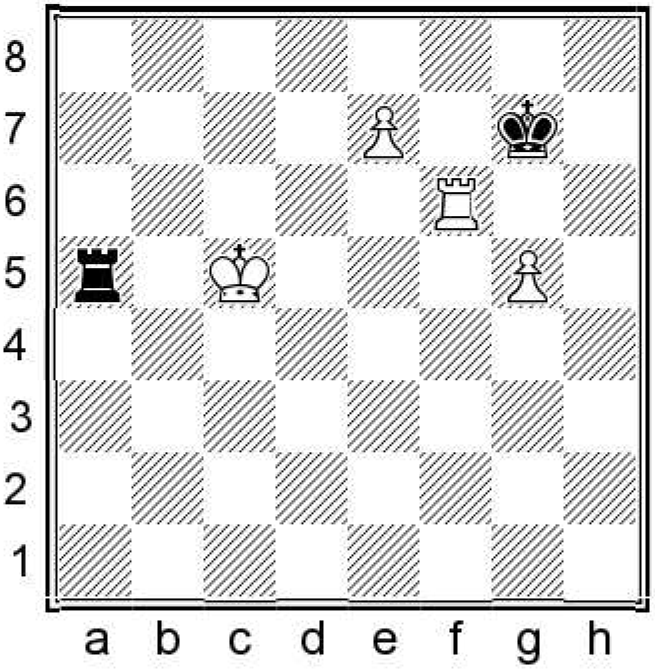
**51...♔g6 52.♖d6+ ♔f7 53.♖f6+ ♔g7 54.e5 ♖b1 55.e6**

55.♖a6 would be my preference. 55...♔f7 56.g6+ returning to 51.Ra3, but there's absolutely nothing wrong with the approach chosen.

**55...♖f1+ 56.♔e5 ♖e1+ 57.♔d6 ♖d1+ 58.♔c6 ♖c1+ 59.♔d7 ♖d1+ 60.♔e8 ♖a1 61.e7** This is still winning, but gives Black a glimmer of hope.

61.♖f7+! ♔g6 62.♖d7+- Black has run out of tricks.

**61...♖a8+ 62.♔d7 ♖a7+ 63.♔d6 ♖a6+ 64.♔c5 ♖a5+**



**65.♔c6!** No more checks.

**65...♖a8 66.♖d6?** Black's tenacity pays off.

Certainly not 66.♖f1? ♖a6+= With a draw.

66.♖e6! This is certainly not obvious, but this was the way to do it. 66...♔f7 67.♔d5 ♖a5+ 68.♔e4 ♖a4+ 69.♔f5 ♖a5+ 70.♖e5! ♖xe5+ 71.♔xe5 ♔xe7 72.g6+- With a winning king and pawn endgame.

**66...♔f7! 67.♖d7**

67.♔d7 ♖a7+ 68.♔d8 ♖a8+=;

67.♖d8 ♖a6+ 68.♔b7 (68.♔d7 ♖a7+) 68...♔xe7!= Black holds the draw. (68...♖e6? 69.g6+! ♔xe7 70.g7+- White wins, although has to play queen vs rook.)

**67...♖a6+ 68.♔b7**

68.♔c7 ♔e8=

**68...♖e6** Next move the king will come back to e8, when the pawns start to fall.

**69.g6+ ♖xg6 70.♔c8 ♔e8 71.♖c7 ♖e6 72.♔b8 ♖xe7 73.♖xe7+ ♔xe7 1/2-1/2**

With the draw *ChessPlus Kingston* won the match 2½ : 1½ and were proclaimed champions.

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## EVERY NEW IDEA IS ACTUALLY A LONG FORGOTTEN ONE

There is an almost unanimous opinion that, in chess as in other fields, the beginning of the third Millennium features an explosion of information that is without precedent.

To me, this seems a bit exaggerated. I remember that as a kid I found similar statements in many of the opening monographies of the ’80s, the ’70s and even of the ’50s. Believe it or not, a similar informatics explosion is described in the introduction of the first edition of the *Bilguer’s Handbuch*, the Chess Encyclopaedia of the 19th century.

There is nothing really new in life or in chess. In every game, there comes a moment when a novelty inevitably pops up, but one cannot be sure that the idea behind it has not been played before.

In this column, I will try to highlight the way in which certain strategic and tactical ideas have maintained their actuality over the decades and sometimes centuries. I invite you to re-discover with me some long forgotten chess from the past.

*Mihail Marin*

## Plethora of Fresh Ideas

The central game of this article features several interesting moments. Therefore, my approach is different than in other articles of this column. Instead of illustrating several aspects of just one theme, I have examined examples that are relevant for several critical moments.

**B90**
**Van Foreest, Jorden (2671) - Grandelius, Nils (2663)**
**Wijk aan Zee, 2021**

**Mihail Marin**

- **Country:** România
- **Born:** 1965
- **Rating:** 2502
- **Peak rating:** 2616
- **Title:** Grandmaster since 1985

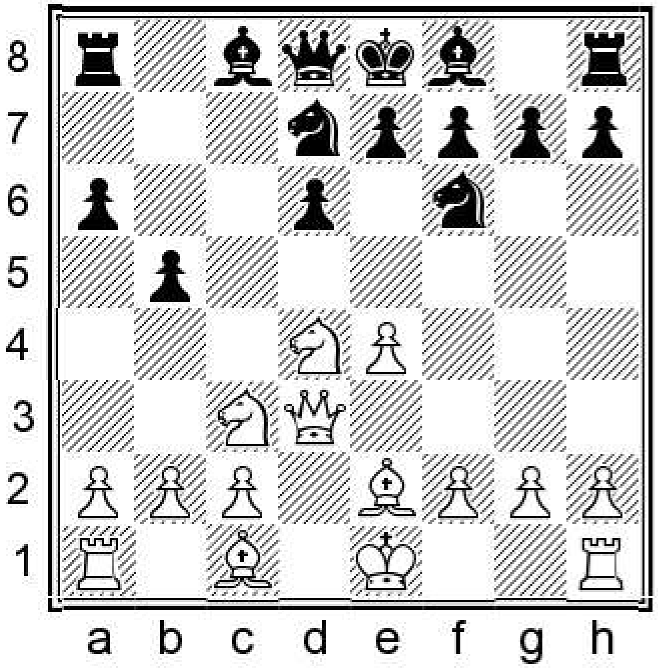
**1.e4 c5 2.♘f3 d6 3.d4 cxd4 4.♘xd4 ♘f6 5.♘c3 a6 6.♕d3**
On d3, the queen is exposed to both ...Nc5 and ...Ne7, while also restricting the developing possibilities of the bishop on f1. Without being an expert, I assume that White's idea is to use his queen for early active operations. If chess is a logical game, this should not be dangerous objectively, but as a surprise weapon it could work well.

This early queen's development looks even more paradoxical than 6.♕f3

**6...♘bd7**

Grandelius deviates from his earlier game played at the same tournament: 6...e6 7.a4 ♘c6 8.♘xc6 bxc6 9.♕g3 Carlsen,Magnus 2862 - Grandelius,Nils 2663, Wijk aan Zee 2021. The game has lost part of its Sicilian contours and Carlsen eventually outplayed his opponent.

**7.♗e2 b5**



**8.a4** A very provocative move. White spends a tempo in order to invite his opponent to take the pawn on e4.

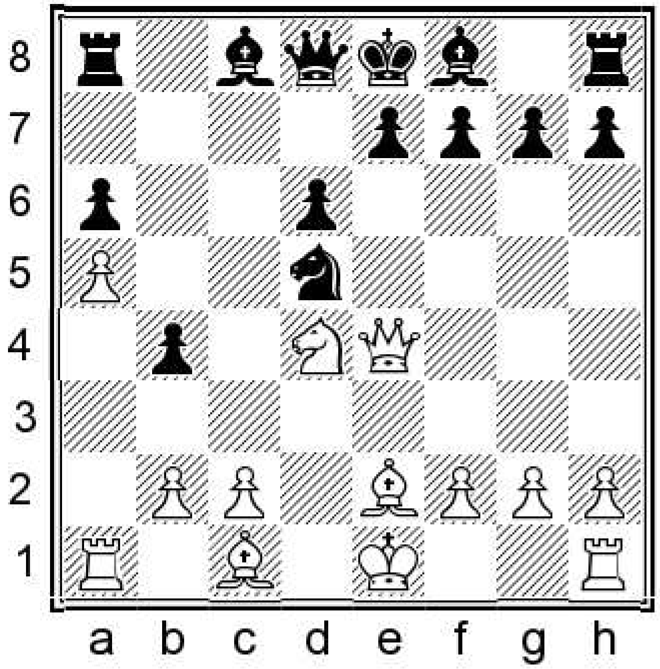
**8...♘c5 9.♕e3 b4 10.♘d5 ♘cxe4 11.a5** An interesting moment. White plays for positional compensation, gaining important queenside space.

Both 11.♘xb4 and 11.♘xf6+ ♘xf6 12.♘c6 ♕c7 13.♘xb4 would have retrieved the pawn. However, exchanging a central pawn for a wing one does not favour White in his fight for initiative.

**11...♘xd5** Black decides to exchange the knight that was threatening to jump to b6.

In the event of 11...♗b7 12.♘b6 ♖b8 White could break the queenside in the same way as in the game, 13.c3 even though this time his idea is different. He simply clears the d1-a4 diagonal, preparing to deliver an unpleasant check to the uncastled king. 13...e5 (13...bxc3? 14.♗d1 is really annoying, as Black does not have the time to clear the f8-square for the king.) 14.♗d1 ♗e7 15.♘f5 (A different approach is 15.♗a4+ ♔f8 16.♘f5 bxc3 Now that g7 is defended, Black has the time to release the queenside tension. 17.O-O!? with dangerous initiative for the pawns.) 15...O-O 16.f3 ♘c5 17.cxb4↑ With certain initiative to White, despite Black's massive centre.

**12.♕xe4**



**12...e6**

12...♗b7 is worth mentioning. Playing for a direct attack does not seem to offer White much: The best probably is 13.O-O inviting Black to transpose below. (13.c4 bxc3 14.♗d1 ♕c8 15.♗a4+ ♔d8 16.O-O e5 and Black seems to be safe.; Alternatively, 13.♗c4 e6 14.♗b3 ♗e7 15.♘xe6 fxe6 16.♕xe6 ♘f6 17.♕f7+ ♔d7 18.♗e3 ♕e8 (18...♕g8? 19.♗a4+ ♔d8 20.♗b6++- wins.) 19.♕e6+ ♔c7 20.O-O-O⩱ White has certain compensation for the piece, but Black does not seem to have real worries.) 13...♕c7 (13...e6 transposes to the line from the next comment.) 14.♗f3 ♖b8 15.♕d3∞ Black's delay in development should yield White satisfactory compensation for the pawn.

**13.O-O ♗d7**

Black defends the exposed diagonal, probably fearing a line such as 13...♗b7 14.c4 bxc3 15.♗d1 ♗e7 16.♗a4+ ♔f8 17.bxc3 with certain discomfort for Black.

**14.♗d2** There is something impressive in White's play during the next phase. He will calmly develop and regroup, preparing a slow queenside attack at his leisure.

**14...♗e7 15.♗f3 O-O 16.♕d3 ♕b8?!** Defending the pawn on b4, but misplacing the queen.

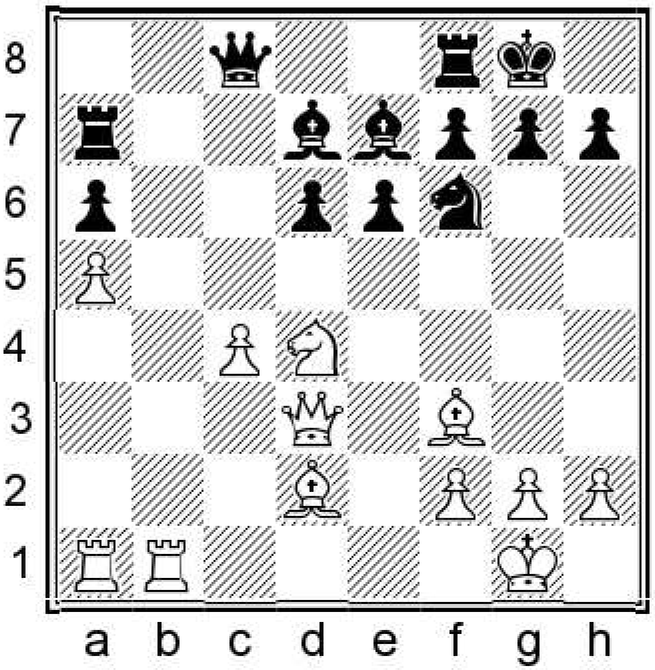
With hindsight, one could recommend returning the pawn with 16...♗f6 17.♗xd5 exd5 18.♗xb4± even though there is no doubt that White's position is preferable.

**17.c4!** After this well-timed pawn break, Black's queenside will be in trouble.

**17...bxc3 18.bxc3 ♖a7 19.♖fb1 ♕c8**

19...♕d8 does not change much: 20.c4 ♘f6 21.♗e3 ♖c7 22.♘b5! The same idea as in the game. 22...axb5 23.cxb5 with similar play as in the game.

**20.c4 ♘f6**



**21.♘b5!** A beautiful positional sacrifice, based on the fact that all White's pieces are targeting the enemy queenside, while most black pieces are passive in the other half of the board.

21.♗e3 would have also been strong, but White would have had to sacrifice the knight on the next move anyway, under less favourable circumstances. 21...e5 Clearing the bishop's diagonal for counterplay. 22.♘b5 axb5 23.♗xa7 (23.cxb5 ♗f5) 23...♗f5 24.♕b3 ♗xb1 25.♖xb1 bxc4 26.♕b7 The a-pawn is very dangerous, but the play is still on.

**21...axb5 22.cxb5** White is a clear piece up, but has a big advantage nevertheless. The pawns, sustained by all the pieces, cannot be stopped.

**22...♗xb5** Black did not have much of a choice.

22...♘d5 23.b6 ♖b7 24.♗xd5 exd5 25.a6 ♖b8 26.b7 ♕c6 27.♖c1! (27.a7?! ♖xb7 28.a8=Q? ♖xb1+ 29.♕xb1 ♖xa8-+) 27...♕b5 28.♕xb5 ♗xb5 29.a7 ♖xb7 30.a8=Q ♖xa8 31.♖xa8+ ♗f8 32.♖cc8+-

**23.♕xb5 ♘d7?!** The knight is seeking stability on c5, but does not do anything for neutralising any of the white bishops.

23...d5 neutralises the light-squared bishop only partly and temporarily. 24.♗e3 ♖a6 25.♖c1 ♕a8 26.♗e2 ♖d6 27.a6+-;

23...♘d5 was the best chance: 24.♗xd5 exd5 25.♕xd5 ♗f6 26.♖a2!? Black's position remains difficult in view of Be3-b6, but he can still struggle.

**24.♗b7 ♕d8 25.a6** After caging the rook on a7, White is winning. Black would be doing fine if he managed to exchange the rook for the bishop and pawn, but that is impossible. Moreover, the rook is completely useless, while the bishop's control on c8 will be decisive in some lines.

**25...♗f6 26.♗a5 ♕e8 27.♗c7!?**

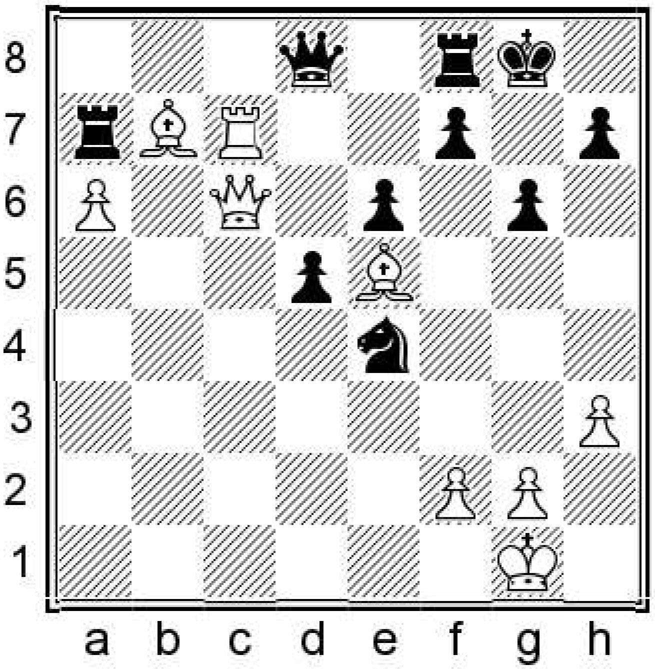
There was nothing wrong with 27.♖a2+-

**27...♗xa1 28.♖xa1 d5 29.♗d6 ♕d8 30.♖c1**

30.♗xf8 ♘xf8 31.♖c1+- followed by Rc8 also wins. Van Foreest prefers to use the bishop for eliminating the blockade on a7.

**30...g6 31.h3 ♖e8 32.♖c7 ♘f6 33.♗e5 ♘e4 34.♕c6** Threatening Rc8 again.

**34...♖f8**



**35.♗d4!**

The correct move order, since 35.f3 ♕g5 36.♗d4 runs into 36...♕d2 37.♗xa7 ♕e1+ with a perpetual: 38.♔h2 ♕g3+ 39.♔h1 ♕e1+ 40.♗g1 ♘g3+ 41.♔h2 ♘f1+=

**35...♕b8 36.f3 ♖xa6** What else?

36...♘g3 37.♗xa7 ♕xa7+ 38.♕c5 ensures the pawn's advance and promotion.

**37.♗xa6 ♕b4** Black has a material disadvantage already, but has some vague hopes for a perpetual.

**38.♗e5 ♕e1+ 39.♔h2 ♘f2 40.♕c3 ♕h1+ 41.♔g3** The king has been forced to advance, but does not face any real danger. It is curious to watch how it will soon turn into an attacking piece. From hunted to hunter, in other words.

**41...♕g1 42.♖c8 ♘h1+** This does not look like a well coordinated attack, but there is not anything better. Black needs to keep checking as otherwise he would be mated quickly.

**43.♔h4**

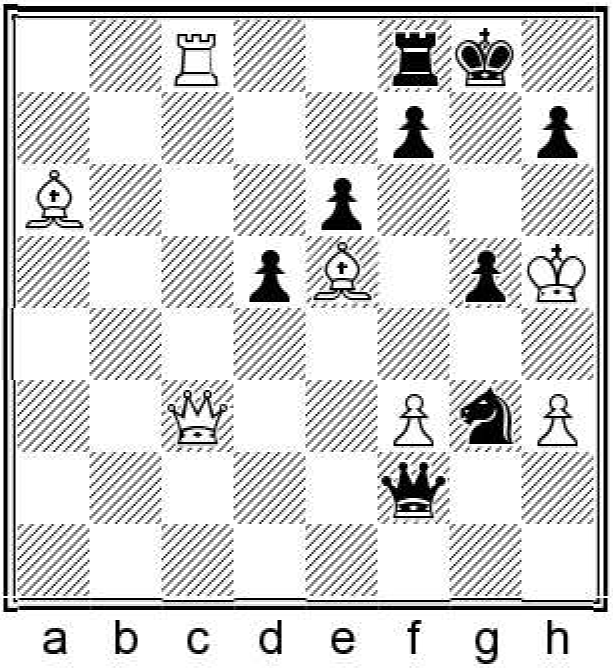
43.♔f4 also wins, but requires a bit more of calculating. 43...♕h2+ 44.♔g5 f6+ 45.♔h6 ♕xe5

46.♖xf8+ ♔xf8 47.♕c8+ ♔e7 48.♗b5 White threatens Qd7 followed by mate. Black needs to clear the e5-square with check and then advance with his king. Sadly, he does not have a good square for his queen. 48...♕e3+ (48...♕g5+ 49.♔g7 ♔d6 50.f4! Threatening Qc6 mate. 50...♕xf4 51.♕b8+ wins the queen.; 48...♕f4+ 49.♔g7 ♔d6 50.♕b8+ is similar.) 49.♔g7 ♔d6 50.♕c6+ ♔e5 51.♕c7+ ♔f5 (51...♔d4 exposes Black to another way of losing the queen: 52.♕b6+) 52.g4+ ♔g5 53.h4+ ♔xh4 54.♕h2+ ♔g5 55.♕h6#

We should notice that the brave white king, even though hidden beyond Black's pawns, is still able to sustain the decisive blow.

**43...♕f2+ 44.g3 g5+ 45.♔xg5** Again the simplest.

45.♔h5 wins, too, but requires certain accuracy. 45...♘xg3+



46.♔g4! (46.♔xg5 is premature due to 46...h6+! 47.♔f6 ♘e4+ 48.♔e7 ♘xc3 and White has to look for a perpetual. 49.♖xf8+ ♔h7 50.♖xf7+ ♔g6 51.♖f6+ ♔h5 52.♗f4 ♕a7+ 53.♔f8 ♕a8+ It is Black finally who delivers the perpetual.; 46.♗xg3 seems insufficient, too: 46...♕xg3 47.♖xf8+ ♔xf8 48.♕b4+ ♔g7 49.♕g4 ♕h4+! 50.♕xh4 gxh4 51.♔xh4 f5 In order to draw with absolute certainty, Black would need to exchange the pawn on f3 and stay with the king close to h8. The only way to prevent that for White is 52.f4 ♔f6 53.♔h5 e5 54.fxe5+ ♔xe5 White cannot win the pawn on h7 without allowing either enough counterplay to Black, or the black king's return to the saving corner.) 46...h5+ 47.♔xg5

**45...f6+ 46.♔h6!** The end of a glorious adventure for the king.

**46...fxe5 47.♕xe5**

47.♕xe5 ♕xg3 48.♕xe6+ ♔h8 49.♖xf8+

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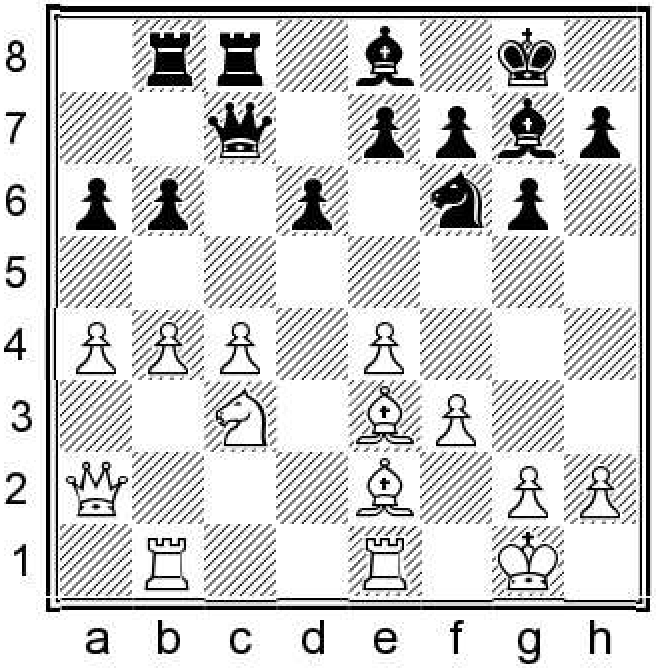
This may be subjective, but in my opinion the most remarkable element was the positional knight sacrifice on b5, something van Foreest must have anticipated when breaking on the queenside. There are several earlier examples with a similar sacrifice in a similar structure, but in most of them things were simpler due to the oposition of the white rook and the black queen along the c-file, usually leading to a quick retrieval of the material. I have picked up the most relevant example, played relatively recently, in which this sacrifice had a purely positional character.

**B38**
**Baryshpolets, Andrey (2251) - Melnichuk, Mikhail (2215)**
**Kyiv, 2004**

**1.c4 ♘f6 2.♘c3 c5 3.♘f3 ♘c6 4.d4 cxd4 5.♘xd4 d6 6.e4 g6 7.f3 ♗g7 8.♗e3 O-O 9.♕d2 ♗d7 10.♖c1 ♘xd4 11.♗xd4 ♗c6 12.♗e2 ♕a5 13.♗e3 ♖fc8 14.O-O a6 15.♖b1 ♕c7 16.♖fe1 ♖ab8 17.b4 ♗e8 18.a4 b6 19.♕a2**



**19...♗d7**

19...a5 20.bxa5 bxa5 21.♘b5↑ offers White strong initiative, as all his minor pieces are targeting the queenside.

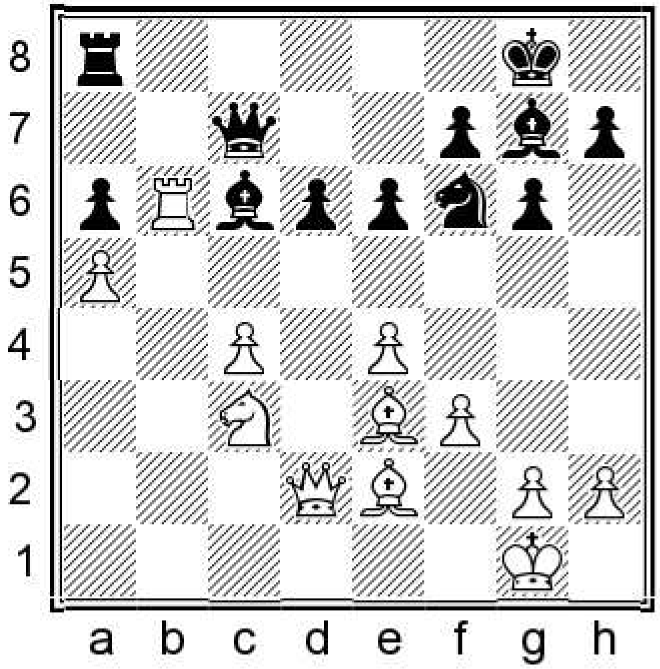
**20.a5**

White could have prepared this pawn break with 20.♖ec1, defending the knight, but he correctly evaluates that this was not necessary.

**20...bxa5**

20...b5 is best met with 21.♔h1!, preparing Bb6, which more or less forces the exchange sacrifice. 21...bxc4 (21...♗e6 22.♘d5 ♘xd5 23.exd5 ♗f5 24.♖bc1±) 22.♗b6 ♕c6 (22...♖xb6 23.axb6 ♕xb6 24.♗xc4±) 23.b5 axb5 24.♘xb5 The threat Na7, combined with the lack of space experienced by Black's major pieces on the queenside, more or less force the following queen exchange, without adequate compensation. 24...♕xb5 25.♖xb5 ♗xb5 26.♖c1±

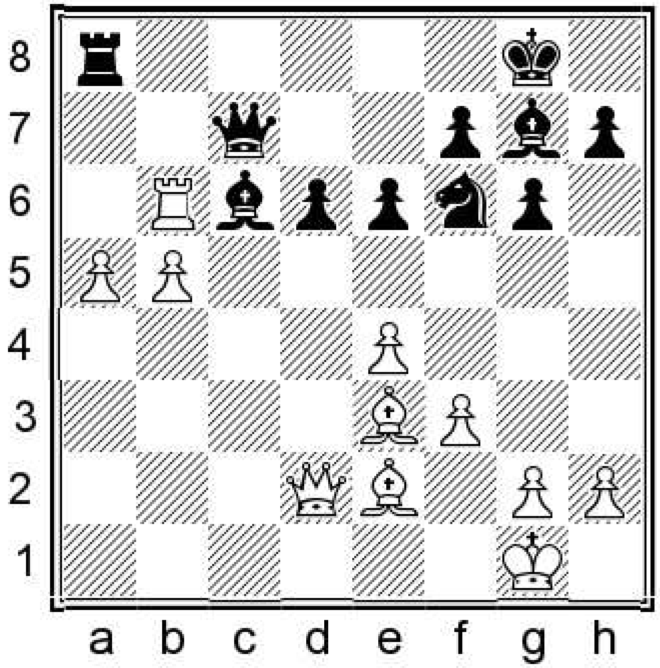
**21.bxa5 ♖xb1 22.♖xb1 ♖a8 23.♖b6 e6 24.♕d2 ♗c6**



**25.♘b5!?** The same sacrifice as in the previous game.

In fact, 25.c5! would have been stronger. 25...dxc5 26.♗f4! (26.♗xa6? ♘d7) 26...♕c8 (26...e5 27.♗g5± with excellent control on light squares.) 27.♗xa6 ♖xa6 28.♖b8± Black will not have enough compensation for the queen.

**25...axb5 26.cxb5**



**26...♗xb5?** Unlike the previous game, this is not forced. The difference is that Black is better mobilised and he does not have many passive pieces on the kingside.

26...♗e8!? 27.a6 d5 28.♖b7 ♕d6 29.a7 ♘d7 30.f4 d4 31.e5 ♕d5 32.♖xd7 ♗xd7 33.♕xd4 ♕a2 34.♗f3

♕xa7 35.♕xa7 ♖xa7 36.♗xa7 ♗xb5=;

26...♗xe4!? 27.fxe4 ♘xe4 28.♕d3 d5 29.a6 ♘c5 30.♕c2 ♕xb6 31.♕xc5 White has enough compensation for the exchange, but not more. 31...♕a5 32.b6 ♖xa6 33.b7 ♗e5 34.♗xa6 ♕xa6 35.♕c8+ ♔g7 36.b8=Q ♗xb8 37.♕xb8 ♕a1+ with three black pawns versus the bishop and a probable draw, due to the exposed white king.

**27.♗xb5 d5 28.♗c6±** The start of a massive invasion.

**28...♖a7 29.♕b4 h5 30.♖b8+**

30.a6! dxe4 31.♕b5 ♘d5 32.♖b7+-

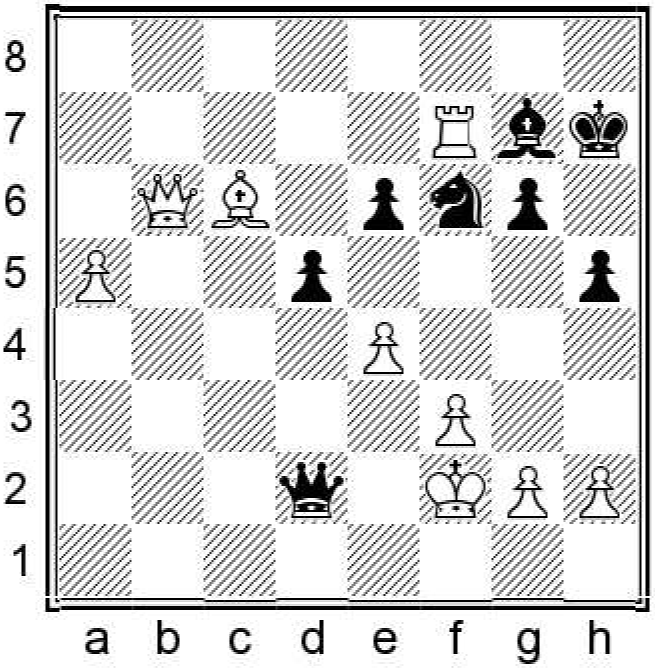
**30...♔h7 31.♗xa7**

31.♕b6!

**31...♕xa7+ 32.♕b6 ♕e7 33.♖b7**

33.e5!? ♘g8 34.♖b7 ♕a3 35.♗b5 Preparing to defend the king. 35...♘h6 36.♗f1 ♗xe5⇄ with enough counterplay.

**33...♕a3 34.♖xf7 ♕c1+ 35.♔f2 ♕d2+**



**36.♔g3?** The king embarks on the same kind of adventure as in the previous game. The result could have been opposite, though.

36.♔f1=

**36...♕g5+?**

36...♕e1+! 37.♔f4 (37.♔h3 g5 38.g3 ♕f1#) 37...e5+ 38.♔xe5 ♘d7+ The players might have overlooked that this is a double check, preventing Rg7

**37.♔h3+- ♘xe4 38.g3 ♘f6 39.♖xg7+ ♔xg7 40.♕c7+ ♔h6 41.♕f4 ♕xf4 42.gxf4 1-0**

In the final phase of both games we have just analysed, White's king bravely advanced. In the first one, he even turned into a useful attacking piece. The following game is doubtlessly the most famous classical example featuring this idea.

**B04**
**Short, Nigel D (2660) - Timman, Jan H (2630)**
**Tilburg 53/115, 1991**

**1.e4 ♘f6 2.e5 ♘d5 3.d4 d6 4.♘f3 g6 5.♗c4 ♘b6 6.♗b3 ♗g7 7.♕e2 ♘c6 8.O-O O-O 9.h3 a5**

9...♘a5!?

**10.a4 dxe5 11.dxe5 ♘d4 12.♘xd4 ♕xd4 13.♖e1 e6**

13...♗e6!?

**14.♘d2 ♘d5N**

14...♗d7 Short,Nigel D 2620 - Hennigan, Michael 2320, Great Britain (ch) 1987 - 44/(135)

**15.♘f3 ♕c5 16.♕e4!** [Δ Qh4, Bh6→] **16...♕b4! 17.♗c4**

17.♗xd5 exd5 18.♕xd5 ♗e6=∞

**17...♘b6 18.b3! ♘xc4 19.bxc4±** [Δ Ba3] **19...♖e8 20.♖d1 ♕c5 21.♕h4 b6 22.♗e3! ♕c6 23.♗h6 ♗h8 24.♖d8 ♗b7**

24...♗d7!? 25.♘d4 (25.♖xa8!?± Timman,Jan) 25...♖axd8 26.♘xc6 ♗xc6 27.♕f4 ♖d7 28.♗g5±

**25.♖ad1 ♗g7**

25...♕xa4!? 26.♕e7 (26.♖xa8 ♗xa8 27.♖d8 ♗xf3 28.♕e7? ♕a1+ 29.♔h2 ♗xe5+-+) 26...♗xf3 27.♖xa8 (27.gxf3 ♕c6! 28.♖xa8 (28.♖1d7 ♕xd7!) 28...♕xa8!) 27...♗xa8 28.♖d8 ♕a1+ 29.♔h2 ♗xe5+ 30.f4 ♗xf4+ 31.♗xf4 ♖xd8 32.♕xd8+ ♔g7 33.♕xa8±

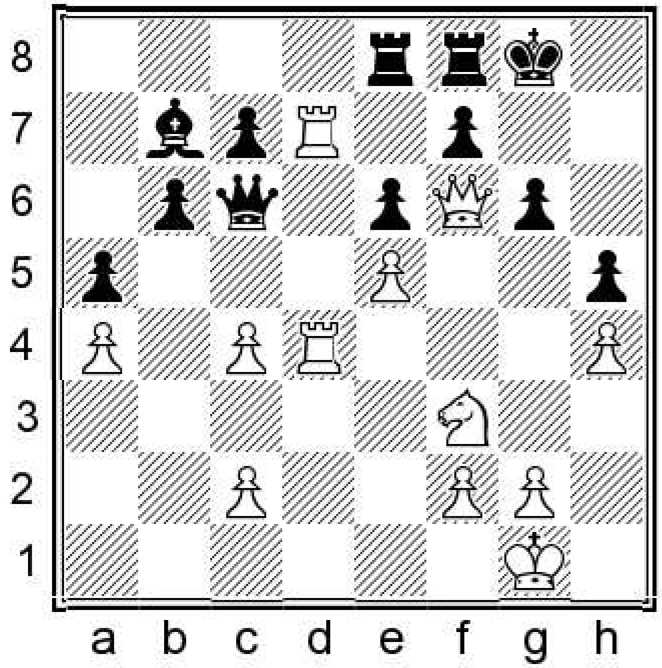
**26.♖8d7!**

26.♗xg7? ♖axd8

**26...♖f8**

26...♗xe5 27.♖xf7!; 26...♕e4 27.♖xf7!

**27.♗xg7 ♔xg7 28.♖1d4 ♖ae8 29.♕f6+ ♔g8 30.h4 h5** Black is almost paralysed, but his structure is compact and it may seem that White will have problems proving a winning plan.

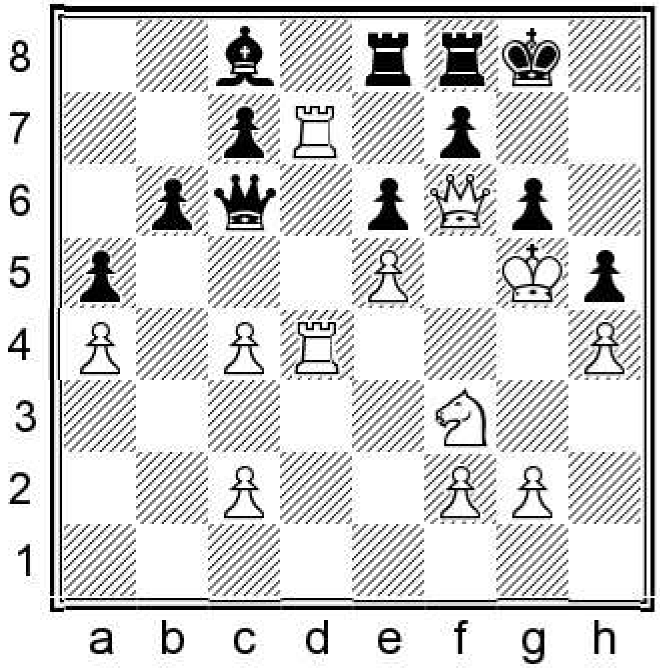


**31.♔h2!!** A brilliant idea. White's king intends to slowly go all the way to h6 in order to sustain the queen when delivering mate on g7.

**31...♖c8?**

31...♗c8□ 32.g4! (Another way of using the fact that Black has relesaed the pressure along the long diagonal is 32.♘g5 ♗xd7 33.♖f4+- followed by Nf7 - Marin,Mihail) 32...hxg4 (32...♗xd7 33.gxh5 gxh5 34.♕g5+) 33.♘g5 g3+! (33...♗xd7 34.h5; 33...♗b7 34.f3) 34.fxg3 (34.♔xg3 ♗xd7 35.♔h2!!+- Speelman,Jon) 34...♗b7 35.♘e4 ♕xa4 36.h5 ♕xc2+ 37.♘f2 gxh5 (37...♕f5 38.hxg6!) 38.♖d3 ♗e4 39.♖d2 ♕b1 40.♖d1 ♕c2 41.♖7d2 ♕xc4 42.♖d4+-

**32.♔g3! ♖ce8 33.♔f4! ♗c8 34.♔g5**



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The next game, probably less known, is by far more complex. In the decisive phase, the advancing king will be surrounded by certain danger, some of it real, some less so.

**A61**
**Portisch, Lajos (2615) - Benjamin, Joel (2575)**
**Szirak (izt) 44/76, 1987**

**1.d4 ♘f6 2.c4 e6 3.♘f3 c5 4.d5 exd5 5.cxd5 ♗d6?! 6.♘c3 ♗c7 7.♘d2N**

7.♗g5 Gurevich,Mikhail 2540 - Hodgson,Julian 2520, Tallinn 1987 - 43/82

7.d6 Eslon,Jaan 2415 - Jacobs,Byron 2305, Sevilla 1986 - 43/(82)

**7...d6 8.♘c4 a6 9.a4 ♘bd7 10.♗g5 O-O 11.e4?!**

11.e3

**11...♖e8 12.♗d3 ♖b8 13.♘e3 h6 14.♗h4 ♘e5 15.O-O ♗d7 16.♗c2 ♘g6**

16...b5?! 17.f4 ♘g6 18.♗xf6! ♕xf6 19.e5! Δdxe5 20.f5→

**17.♗g3 b5 18.axb5 axb5 19.f3 c4 20.♘e2 ♘h5 21.♗f2 ♗b6 22.g3 ♘e5 23.♔g2 b4 24.♖e1 ♖c8 25.♘g1 ♘f6 26.♖c1 ♗c5 27.♘f1 ♗xf2 28.♔xf2 ♕b6+ 29.♔g2 ♖a8** [Δ Ra2] **30.♗b1□ ♖ec8?!** [×⊞] **31.♘e3 c3 32.b3 ♖a3?!**

32...♔h8 33.h3 g5!∞

**33.h3 ♗b5?**

33...g5∞

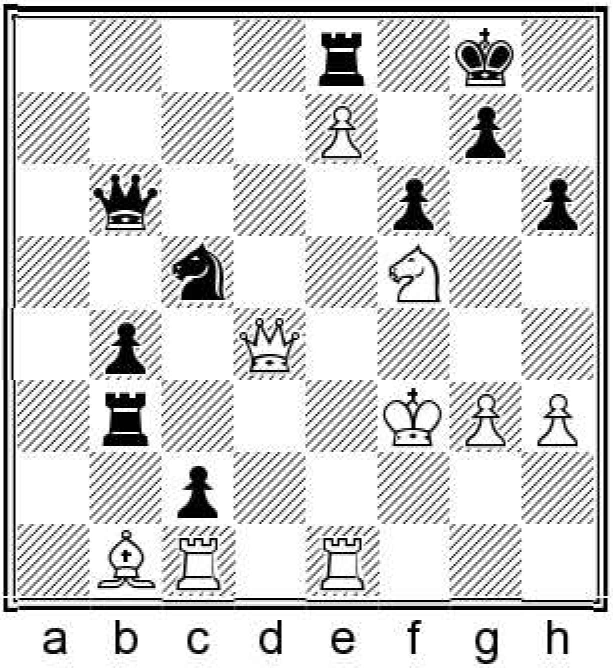
**34.f4 ♘ed7 35.♘f3 ♖e8 36.♘f5 ♘c5 37.e5!→ dxe5 38.fxe5 ♘xd5**

38...♘h7 39.♘3d4±; 38...♘fd7 39.e6! fxe6 40.♕d4⇄

**39.♕xd5 ♗c6 40.♕d4 ♖xb3 41.e6 f6 42.e7**

42.♗c2 ♖b2 43.e7 Portisch is right, this would have won, while after the game move the fight will re-start at the highest intensity.

**42...♗xf3+ 43.♔xf3 c2+**



**44.♔g4!** An excellent practical decision.

44.♔f2? cxb1=Q 45.♖xb1 ♖xb1 46.♖xb1 ♕e6 (×Nf5) 47.♕xc5 ♕a2+-+;

44.♔g2 cxb1=Q 45.♖xb1 ♖xb1 46.♖xb1 ♕c6+ 47.♔g1 ♘e4∞ Marin, Mihail

**44...♕c6**

44...cxb1=Q 45.♕d5+ Δ Rb1, Qf7+- Portisch,Lajos) Both players must have overlooked that after 45...♘e6 46.♖xb1 ♖xb1 47.♖xe6 Black has 47...♖d1!! when White cannot maintain the battery along the a2-g8 diagonal under favourable circumstances. 48.♕c4 ♖c1 49.♕e4 (49.♕d5? ♕c5-+) 49...♕c5 Time has come for White to force a draw: 50.♘xh6+ ♔h8 51.♘f7+ ♔g8 52.♘h6+ Black should not avoid a repetition with 52...gxh6? due to 53.♕g6+ winning - Marin,Mihail

**45.♔h5!** Another brave step forward. In fact, in view of the threat ...Qf3 all the other moves lose.

**45...cxb1=Q 46.♖xb1 ♕f3+?** The decisive mistake. Black forces the king to occupy the optimal square.

The most principled move was 46...♔h7 preventing the enemy king's advance. 47.♕g4! The only move. (47.♘d6 ♖xg3!?-+) 47...♕f3! Also forced. (47...g5 48.♘d6+-) 48.♖bd1! White threatens Rd8, thus forcing Black to take concrete measures. 48...g6+ 49.♔h4 ♕xg4+ 50.hxg4 ♘d3 51.♘d6 ♖b2 52.♖h1 ♖xe7 53.♖xd3 ♖e1 54.♖h3 b3=∞ Black has enough compensation for the knight - Marin, Mihail

46...♘e6 was also good. 47.♕g4 ♘g5 48.♖xb3 ♕d5 White is a rook up, but Black achieves a draw due to the vulnerable white king. 49.♘d4 g6+ 50.♔xg6 (50.♔h4? ♘f3+ 51.♘xf3 g5+ 52.♔h5 ♕f7+ 53.♔xh6 ♕h7#) 50...♕f7+ 51.♔f5 ♕d5+= Marin,Mihail

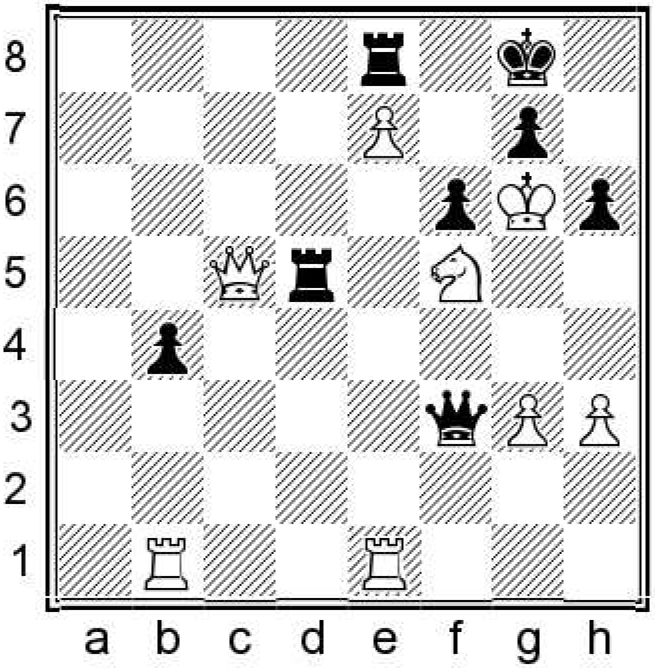
**47.♔g6+- ♖d3**

47...♖xb1 48.♕c4+ Δ Qf7+-

**48.♕xc5!**

48.♕c4+ ♕d5 49.♖xb4 is good, but by far less convincing - Marin,Mihail

**48...♖d5**



**49.♖f1□** The same kind of intermediate move played by the rook on the first rank as in the line missed by Portisch in his comments.

49.♕c8?? ♕xg3+! 50.♘xg3 ♖g5#;

49.♕c2?? ♕xg3+! 50.♘xg3 ♖g5#

**49...♖xf5 50.♕xf5 ♕xg3+ 51.♔h5 ♖xe7 52.♖g1 ♕c3 53.♖bc1 ♖e5 54.♖xc3 ♖xf5+ 55.♔g6** The king has returned to the optimal square, Black does not have reasons to continue the game. **1-0**

Another interesting element was the caged rook on a7. We can find a similar pattern in the game below, one of the most complicated in the whole chess history. Analysing the whole game would require a volume, so I will focus on the relevant phase.

**B04**

## Spassky, Boris (2660) - Fischer, Robert James (2785)
## Reykjavik (m/13) 14/165, 1972

**1.e4 ♘f6 2.e5 ♘d5 3.d4 d6 4.♘f3 g6 5.♗c4**

5.♗e2 ♗g7 6.c4 ♘b6 7.exd6 cxd6 8.♘c3 O-O 9.O-O ♘c6 10.♗e3 ♗g4 11.b3 d5!; 5.♘g5

**5...♘b6 6.♗b3 ♗g7 7.♘bd2!?**

7.O-O O-O 8.a4 a5 9.h3 ♘c6 10.♕e2

**7...O-O 8.h3? a5! 9.a4?**

9.c3∓

**9...dxe5 10.dxe5 ♘a6! 11.O-O ♘c5∓ 12.♕e2 ♕e8! 13.♘e4 ♘bxa4 14.♗xa4 ♘xa4 15.♖e1**

15.♕c4∓

**15...♘b6 16.♗d2 a4 17.♗g5 h6 18.♗h4 ♗f5!?**

18...♗d7!

**19.g4 ♗e6?**

19...♗xe4; 19...♗d7

**20.♘d4! ♗c4 21.♕d2 ♕d7**

21...♗xe5 22.♕xh6 ♗g7 23.♕e3 ♘d5 24.♕d2

**22.♖ad1 ♖fe8 23.f4! ♗d5 24.♘c5 ♕c8= 25.♕c3!?**

25.e6! ♘c4 26.♕c1=

**25...e6! 26.♔h2 ♘d7 27.♘d3?**

27.♘b5

**27...c5! 28.♘b5 ♕c6 29.♘d6 ♕xd6**

29...♖eb8 30.♕d2 b5

**30.exd6 ♗xc3 31.bxc3 f6 32.g5! hxg5 33.fxg5 f5 34.♗g3 ♔f7 35.♘e5+ ♘xe5 36.♗xe5 b5 37.♖f1 ♖h8 38.♗f6! a3 39.♖f4 a2 40.c4**

40.♖a1

**40...♗xc4 41.d7 ♗d5 42.♔g3!** [Δ Rh4] **42...♖a3+ 43.c3**

43.♔f2? ♖axh3! 44.d8=Q ♖xd8 45.♗xd8 e5!

**43...♖ha8! 44.♖h4! e5! 45.♖h7+ ♔e6 46.♖e7+ ♔d6 47.♖xe5 ♖xc3+ 48.♔f2 ♖c2+ 49.♔e1 ♔xd7 50.♖exd5+ ♔c6 51.♖d6+ ♔b7∓ 52.♖d7+**

52.♖e6 ♖c8

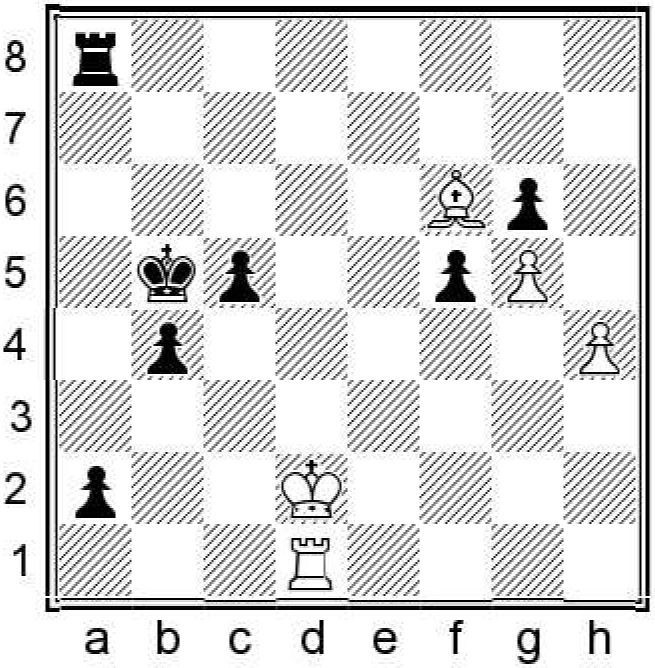
**52...♔a6 53.♖7d2 ♖xd2 54.♔xd2 b4 55.h4!**

55.♔c2? ♔b5 56.♔b2 c4 57.♔a1 c3-+

**55...♔b5**

55 moves have passed since the start of the game, many pieces have been exchanged, the kings have moved a lot, but the tension of the fight did not go down for a single bit.

Black's four passed pawn are not weaker than the bishop. If White plays passively, he will be crushed by these pawns. Spassky's next move is the only one allowing him to stay in the game.



**56.h5!**

White does not afford to lose time. In the event of a neutral move such as 56.♔c2? the most convincing win is 56...♖a6! preventing the game plan. For instance: 57.h5 gxh5 58.♖g1 f4 59.g6 (59.♗a1 f3 60.g6 f2 61.♖f1 ♖xg6 62.♖xf2 h4-+) 59...♖xf6 60.g7 a1=Q 61.♖xa1 ♖g6-+ Marin,Mihail

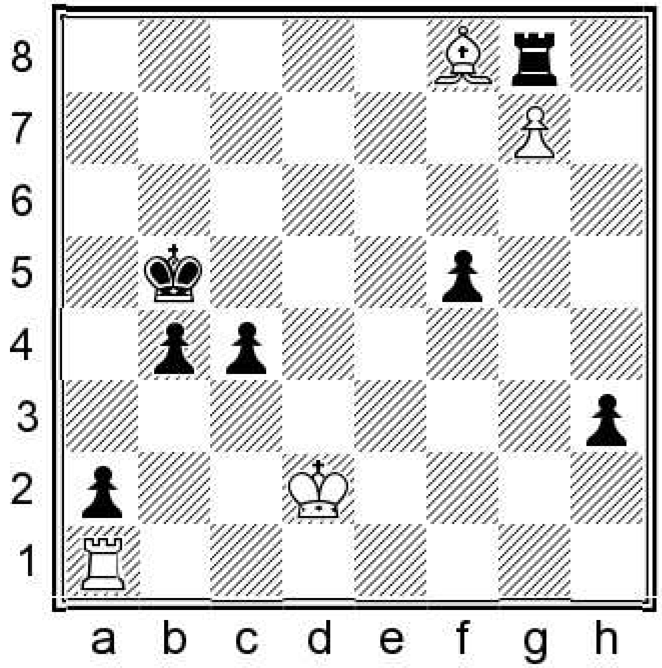
**56...c4!** [Δ c3] **57.♖a1**

57.h6? c3+ 58.♔d3 a1=Q 59.♖xa1 ♖xa1 60.h7 ♖d1+! 61.♔c2 ♖h1 62.h8=Q ♖xh8 63.♗xh8 ♔c4-+

**57...gxh5 58.g6 h4**

58...♖a3 59.g7 ♖g3 60.♖xa2 c3+ 61.♔e2 b3 62.♖a8= Gligoric,Svetozar. In fact, this even wins for White. 62...c2 (62...b2 63.g8=Q ♖xg8 64.♖xg8 b1=Q 65.♖b8+) 63.♖c8 h4 64.♗b2 winning the rook soon.

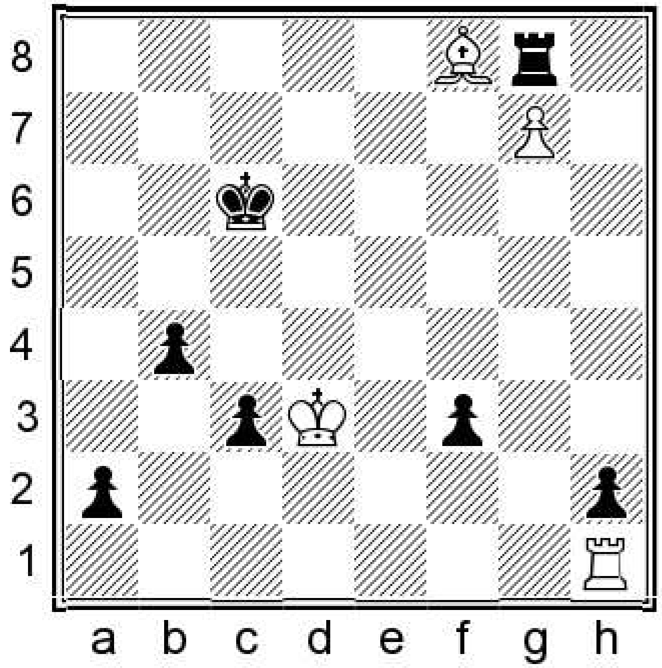
**59.g7 h3 60.♗e7 ♖g8 61.♗f8**



Finally, we have reached the same situation with the rook's imprisoning as in the main game. As we will see later, the bishop is alive, while the rook is not.

**61...h2**

61...c3+ is an important alternative, requiring from White very accurate defence. 62.♔d3! (62.♔c2? ♔c4-+) 62...h2 63.♖h1 f4 64.♖a1 White can do little else than sit and wait. 64...f3 65.♖h1 ♔c6

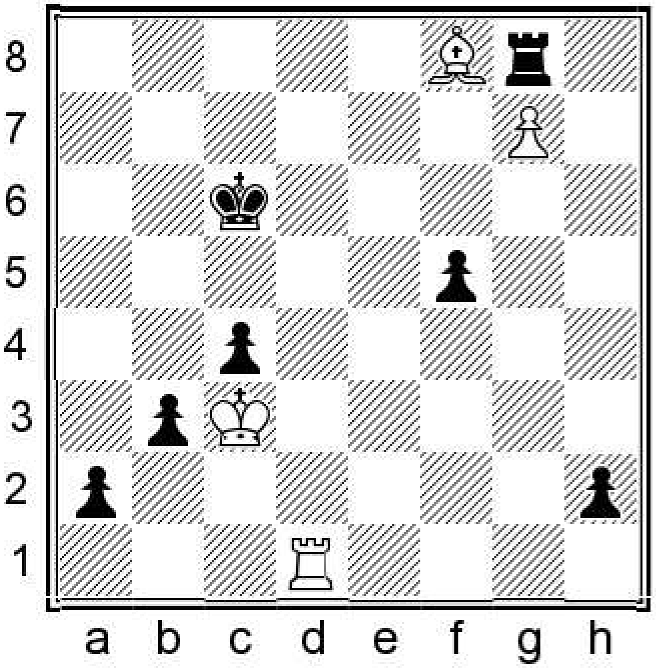


(65...♔a4 66.♔c2) 66.♔c4! (66.♔c2? allows 66...♔d5 67.♔d3 f2 68.♖f1 ♔e6!? Black would also win by advancing one of the queenside pawns and thus clearing the king's path, but he can achieve the same with a small triangle. (68...♔e5? runs into 69.♗xb4! since the pawn on g7 is taboo. This is a good example for the fact that the bishop not only fulfils a static function. It can also return into play at the right time. 69...♔f4 70.♗xc3 ♔g3 71.♗d4=) 69.♔c2 (69.♗xb4 ♖xg7-+) 69...♔e5 70.♔d3 (70.♗xb4 ♔e4 71.♗xc3 ♔f3 72.♗d4 a1=Q 73.♖xa1 ♔g2-+) 70...♔f4 71.♖xf2+ ♔g3 72.♖f1 ♔g2-+; 66.♔d4 transposes to the main line after 66...c2 67.♔c4 f2 68.♖f1!) 66...c2 67.♖a1 (67.♔xb4? ♔d5-+; 67.♖f1? f2-+ puts White in zugzwang. Compare with the main line.) 67...f2 68.♖f1! After Black has achieved the most active position, the rook must go here. Previously, it could choose between several good squares. (68.♖h1? b3 69.♔xb3 ♔d5-+) 68...b3 69.♔xb3 ♔d5 70.♔xc2 ♔e4 71.♔b2 ♔f3 72.♗c5! This saving resource is available only with the rook on f1. 72...♖xg7 73.♖xf2+ ♔g3 74.♖xh2 ♔xh2 75.♔xa2=

**62.♔c2 ♔c6 63.♖d1! b3+ 64.♔c3?**

The question mark attached by Gligoric is pointless, as the game is still drawn after the last move.

64.♔b2 f4 (64...h1=Q 65.♖xh1 ♔d5 66.♖d1+ ♔e4 67.♖e1+ ♔d3 68.♖d1+ ♔e2 69.♖c1=) 65.♖d6+ ♔c7 66.♖d1! f3 67.♔c3 f2 68.♔b2!= In this line we once again notice that the bishop is alive.

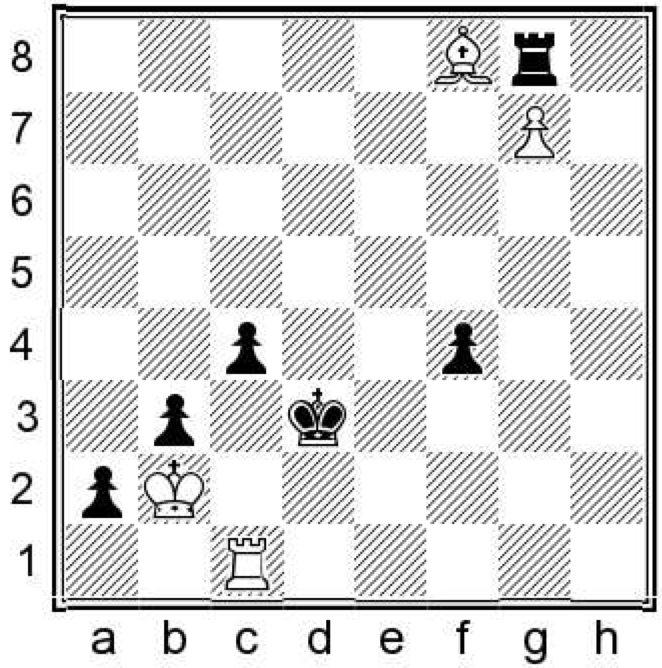


**64...h1=Q!** The only chance.

Black's king cannot cross the d-file with the help of zugzwang ideas, since after 64...f4 White has 65.♖d6+! Once again, the bishop is useful. 65...♔c7 66.♖d1 f3= (Purdy,Cecil) 67.♔b2 ♔c6 68.♖d6+ (68.♔c3 h1=Q 69.♖xh1 ♔d5) 68...♔b5 69.♖d5+ ♔a4 70.♖d1 f2 71.♔c3= Marin,Mihail

**65.♖xh1 ♔d5 66.♔b2 f4 67.♖d1+ ♔e4 68.♖c1 ♔d3**

68...♔d4 69.♖d1+



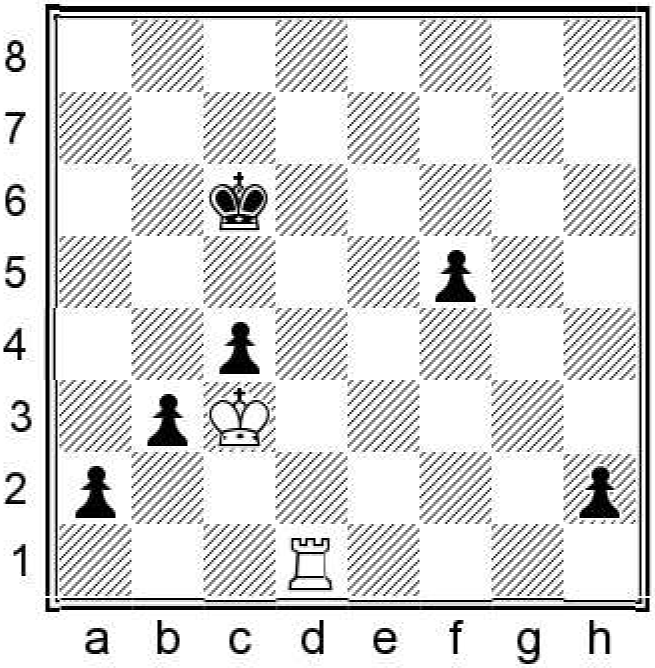
**69.♖d1+??** One of the most famous mistakes in chess history. Frankly speaking, I do not find it that obvious under the over the board play circumstances.

69.♖c3+! ♔d4 (69...♔e2 70.♖xc4 f3 71.♖c1 f2 72.♔xb3 f1=Q 73.♖xf1 ♔xf1 74.♔xa2) 70.♖f3 c3+ (70...♔e4 71.♖c3 f3 72.♖xc4+ ♔e3 73.♖c1 Δ Kb3= Purdy,Cecil) 71.♔a1 c2 72.♖xf4+ ♔c3 (72...♔d3 73.♖f1 Δ Kb2+- Purdy,Cecil) 73.♖f3+ ♔d2 74.♗a3!= ♖xg7 75.♖xb3 ♖c7 76.♗b2= (76.♔xa2?? ♖a7!-+)

**69...♔e2!-+ 70.♖c1 f3 71.♗c5 ♖xg7 72.♖xc4 ♖d7! 73.♖e4+ ♔f1 74.♗d4 f2** [Δ Rd4] **0-1**

## ANALYSIS

In order to highlight the part played by the white bishop in this game, it is useful to examine the similar position resulting after removing the whole small group of pieces on g7, g8 and f8.



Black wins here with a bit of accuracy.

**64...♔c5 65.♖h1!?**

65.♔b2 ♔b4 66.♖f1 c3+ 67.♔a1 ♔a3-+

**65...f4!** Before centralising his king, Black should advance his f-pawn as far as possible. The point is that at this height the king should be ready to advance to b4 if allowed.

65...♔d5? 66.♔b2! ♔d4 67.♔a1!! (67.♖xh2? c3+ 68.♔a1 c2 69.♖h1 ♔c3 70.♖h3+ ♔b4 71.♖h1 ♔a3-+) 67...c3 Otherwise White would take on h2. But now the white king is stalemated and White achieves a draw by checking no matter how. 68.♖d1+ ♔e4 69.♖d4+!?=

**66.♖d1**

66.♔b2 ♔b4-+

**66...f3 67.♖h1 ♔d5 68.♔b2 ♔d4 69.♔a1 f2-+** The pawns are taboo now and Black wins by advancing with his king to g2 or e2.

# DANNY'S CHESS DIARY

By GM Daniel Gormally

## CHESS TOUR MONEY LEADERS

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I am increasingly fascinated and horrified by the world of golf. Fascinated, because of the sharp parallels between a game that matches man against the course, and one of the lone struggle of a chess brain against the board. And horrified, because I understand how easy it is to lose money betting on the sport, particularly as I am attracted to backing just the sort of emotionally fragile characters that remind me of myself, and these infuriating types just never seem to win.

Where I believe a sport like golf is similar but at the same time differentiates from chess, is in the world of statistics. In golf there is an obession with stats, for example who are the longest off the tee, who has the best putting statistics and so on. Both players and fans are increasingly lead by the numbers.

You would assume the same obsession in chess, which of course has a large scientific element. But if one exists, then I have yet to see it. I believe there is a good reason for this; most chess players are artistic, instinctive types. They are aware of the statistics but are not consumed by them. There was a lot of interest generated recently by a study conducted by chess24.com which strove to find the fifty best chess players in history.

I wondered if that could be expanded a little bit, to find the best chess players in their individual category. Who are the best strategic players, the best tacticians, endgame maestros, and so on?

### Off the tee/Opening experts

In golf the ability to drive the ball long distances has become all-important. In fact to such an extent that a very driven individual like Bryson DeChambeau has shown himself willing to put on large amounts of muscle mass just so that he can pump the ball that bit further, thus gaining an edge on the opposition. The danger is that golf will soon be reduced to a pitch and putt competition. The same dangers exist in chess, in that increasingly powerful chess engines are beginning to squeeze chess theory. Certain lines that were once considered playable, are no longer feasible. Play a risky but interesting gambit, turn on the chess engine and it already gives the other side a decisive edge. Who wants to play that? I think we have ended up in this current state, where it has become increasingly likely that computers will solve our royal game, because of the great development in opening understanding that has taken place over the last hundred years.

Chess players have for a long time been obsessed with the ramifications of opening theory and the possibility of pushing back the boundaries of what is possible. The following list of the top three openings experts in chess history is arbitary, and by no means final:

1. Garry Kasparov
2. Mikhail Botvinnik
3. Vladimir Kramnik

Honourable mention: Lev Polugayevsky.

I must admit that readers and contributors with a much deeper understanding of chess history, would be able to come up with a much better list. But who could leave out Garry Kasparov? One super grandmaster neatly described the dillema when facing the great man; you survive the opening somehow, but he outplays you anyway, because he's the best player. When I was younger a book that inspired me a lot was "Winning with the Najdorf" by Danny King. In the ♗e3 Najdorf, Danny King suggested you play an early ...♘g4. Kasparov, with his profound and deep instinct for dynamic play, was able to turn this into an explosive opening weapon.

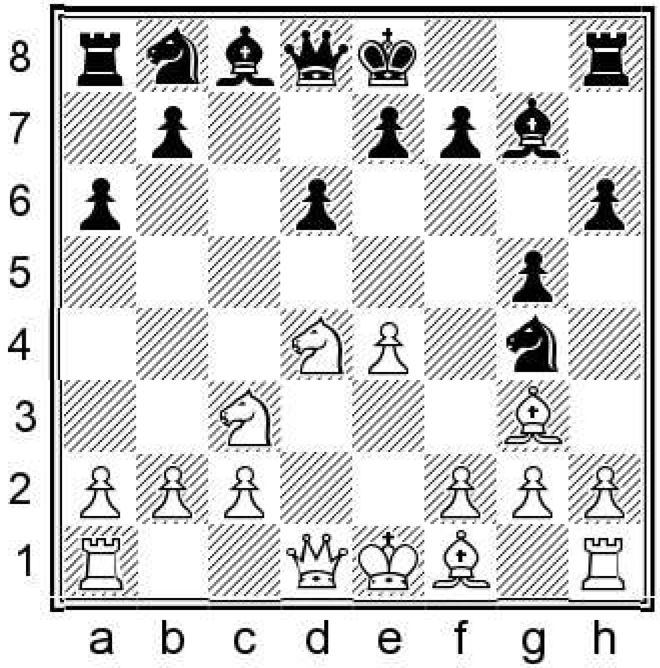
**B90**
**Ivanchuk, Vassily (2714) - Kasparov, Garry (2812)**
**Linares, 1999**

**1.e4 c5 2.♘f3 d6 3.d4 cxd4 4.♘xd4 ♘f6 5.♘c3 a6 6.♗e3 ♘g4 7.♗g5**

To my shame, I once had a game in the last round of the Isle of Man tournament where I was Black against Alexander Shabalov. He played 7.♗c1 and I repeated with 7...♘f6 8.♗e3 ♘g4 and we agreed a draw. Why was this to my shame? Because I needed a win to catch him, and a draw gave him outright first place. Of course Shabalov is a much stronger chess player than I am, but it's still pathetic to not fight in such a situation.

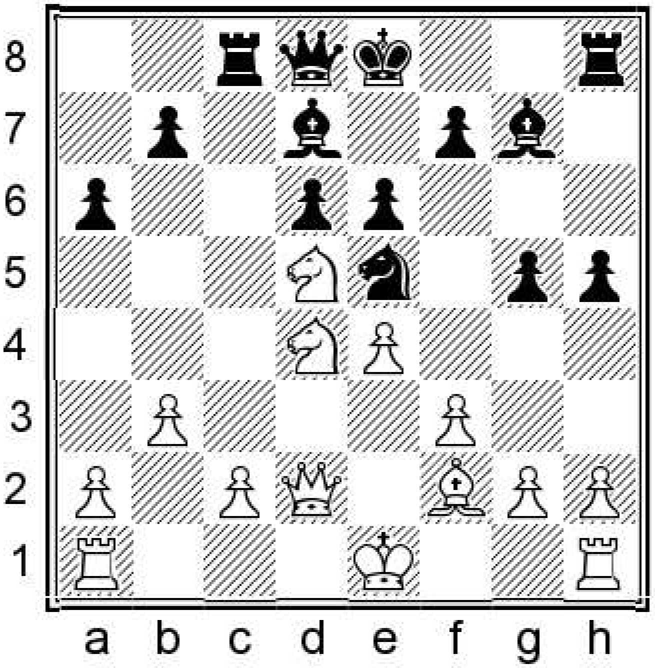
**7...h6 8.♗h4 g5** These aggressive pawn moves are not without their downside, although it is interesting that in recent years more and more players are happy to play like this. Computers have shown that you can push your pawns forward on the kingside and get away with it, so Kasparov was something of a pioneer in this sense.

**9.♗g3 ♗g7**



**10.♕d2** A positional approach. White is relying on unpretentious development to refute Black's strategy. That is why it is quite shocking what occurs in the game and how quickly Kasparov is able to grab a decisive edge.

10.♗e2 quickly became one of the mainlines. 10...h5! Black is continuing with his maximilist strategy. 11.♗xg4 (11.h3 h4! is one of the main tactical points. (11...♘f6?! seems inconsistent with Black's approach) 12.hxg4 hxg3 13.♖xh8+ ♗xh8 14.fxg3 ♘c6 is already winning for Black, according to my *Stockfish 12*.) 11...♗xg4 12.f3 ♗d7 13.♗f2 ♘c6 14.♕d2 (14.O-O e6 15.♘de2 ♕c7 was another heavyweight clash between Topalov and Anand, with the Indian genius playing on the Black side, doubtless motivated to try this line by his previous experience against Kasparov.) 14...♘e5 15.O-O (15.b3 ♖c8 16.♘d5!? and in general this is a not untypical way for White to play this line, using his knights to create tactical opportunities. 16...e6

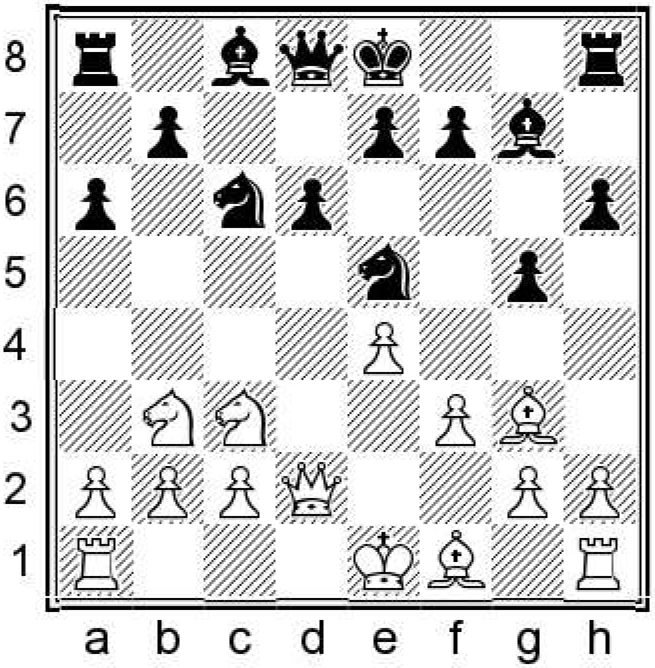


17.♘f5!! This is the brilliant idea! 17...exd5 18.♘xg7+ ♔f8 19.♘f5 although after 19...♕f6 Black seems to be holding reasonably well; Popov,Kirill 2158 - Stathopoulos, Ioannis 2297, Al-Ain 2013) 15...e6 16.b3 ♘g6 17.♖ad1 g4! 18.f4 h4 19.♘de2 h3 20.g3 ♖c8 21.e5 (One of my fears when playing this line with Black is the idea that my opponent would try to exchange dark-squared bishops with 21.♗d4! which should certainly be declined. 21...f6! (21...♗xd4+? a dynamic player like Kasparov would probably rather chop off his own hands, than chop off this bishop! 22.♕xd4+- is terrible for Black, as he has been robbed of any dynamic play by this exchange of bishops, and all his dark-squares are now weak.; 21...e5?! gives away the d5 square. 22.fxe5 ♘xe5 23.♘d5±) 22.♕d3 (22.f5 ♘e5 23.fxe6 ♗xe6 24.♘d5 with unclear prospects, although once again the pawn on h3 provides Black with a great deal of strategic insurance.) 22...♕a5 with a rich and complex middlegame ahead.) 21...d5 And Black had fine long-term prospects in the game Anand, Viswanathan 2735 - Kasparov,Garry 2785, Geneve (rapid) 1996. As Kasparov described very well around about this time the pawn on h3 is a very powerful asset for Black, not only in the middlegame where it hangs over the white king's head like a Damocles sword, but also in the endgame (in scenarios where the white h-pawn drops off, it will be very close to queening.).

In an important game playing White against Judit Polgar, Kasparov played the most popular response, 10.h3 and after 10...♘f6 (10...♘e5 is in fact the main-line. 11.♘f5 ♗xf5 12.exf5 ♘bc6 13.♘d5 e6 14.fxe6 fxe6 15.♘e3 ♕a5+! this is considered best by the engine, and it is wise not to doubt it in such sharp positions. (15...d5!? 16.♕h5+ ♘f7 is also playable.; 15...O-O 16.♗e2 d5 17.O-O ♘g6! - it's logical to increase the potential of the bishop on g7, and now Black may have a strategic threat of playing ...Be5. Also ...Nf4 becomes possible. 18.c4! d4 19.♕c2!± and it's quite sad to note that all of this theory is new to me, despite being a devotee of the Najdorf for many years.) 16.c3 ♘f3+ 17.♕xf3 ♗xc3+ 18.♔d1 ♕a4+ 19.♘c2 ♗xb2 with a bit of a mess, although if we use statistical analysis, we can see that most games from this position end in draws.) 11.♗c4 ♕b6 12.O-O O-O 13.♘de2 ♕xb2 14.♗b3 ♕a3 15.f4! With a razor-sharp game in prospect in Kasparov,Garry 2851 - Polgar,Judit 2658, Wijk aan Zee 2000 - 78/257. I believe that the Polgar game was reasonably famous as one where Kasparov made comments afterwards along the lines of "Most of my colleagues would have taken a quick draw in this situation." He was referring to the fact that a quick draw would have assured him of out-right victory in the tournament. Instead Kasparov went for it and scored a brilliant victory, to put an exclamation mark upon his overall success. This is the opposite to what I did against Shabalov, in effect. While Kasparov had the heart of a lion, I had the heart of a lamb. Although these comments by Kasparov might seem rather cruel, there is some truth to them. Having the courage to steel yourself against external pressures and not take draws, like he had, is something that statistics can not easily measure. I also believe that the video of the post mortem to this game was available on Youtube for a few years but now seems lost, which is a pity, as it gave an insight into Kasparov's fantastic tactical mind and other-worldly calculation.

One of the variations that attracted me to this line was the possibility of Black being given an early gift with 10.f3?? ♘e3 11.♕d2 ♗xd4!-+ and indeed, I managed to carry out this trap in a number of blitz games.

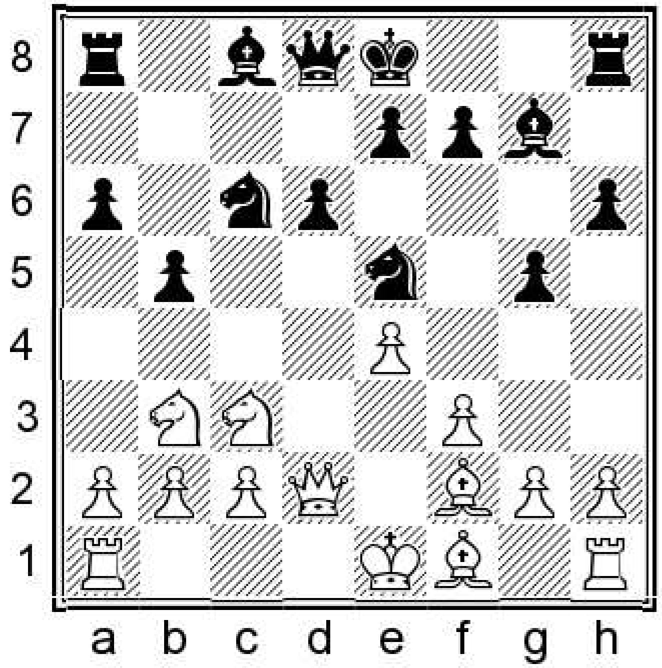
**10...♘c6 11.♘b3 ♘ge5 12.f3**



**12...b5!** As any Najdorf devotee will tell you, the pawn break ...b5! is almost as common as it's counterpart, the all-important ...d5!

I once had this position against a young Luke McShane and played 12...♗e6 I was vaguely aware that it was a move. I had no idea of what the follow-up was. In the game I ended up drifting aimlessly, and was ruthlessly crushed on the kingside. This was why I eventually gave up this variation with ...Ng4. I realized that it was tempting to play the same lines that Kasparov did, but because the variations that he chose were often so sharp and theoretical, you really had to know the details. And this line is a prime example. If Black just plods along, and fails to play with great dynamism and accuracy, then you can quite easily end up in a situation where you have all these weaknesses on the kingside and nothing to show for it.

**13.♗f2**



**13...♖b8!** The ball has been smashed 370 yards down the middle! Now only a wedge into the green awaits. This is the difference between me and Kasparov. (Well in truth, not the only difference.) Kasparov plays the opening with a purpose. As soon as you see this idea of ... b5 and ...Rb8, you think, wow this makes sense, because it is obvious that Black is creating counterplay on the queenside - ...Nc4 already looks like a threat.

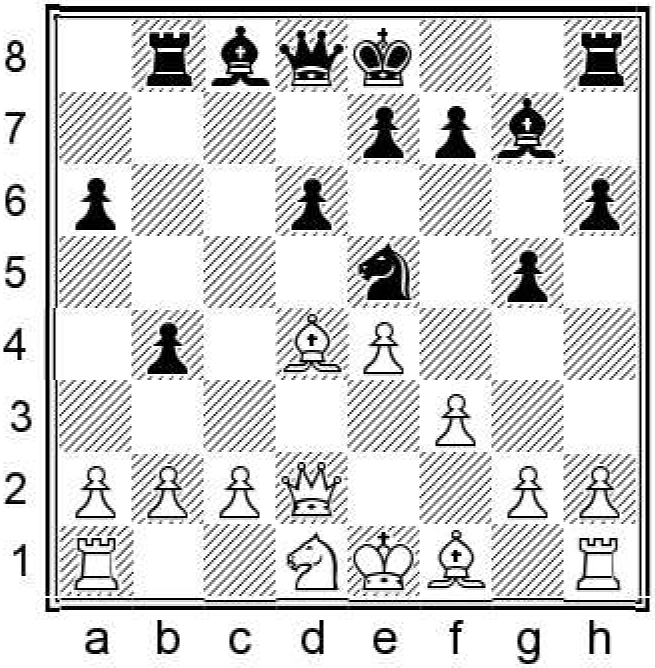
**14.♘d4?!** No doubt made uncomfortable by the strength and purpose of Kasparov's opening play, Ivanchuk violates one of the great opening principles- don't move a piece more than once in the opening. Of course a player of the calibre of Ivanchuk is more than aware of such a rule, and they do not break them lightly. He must have had an idea in mind.

14.♗e2 ♘c4 looks scary for White, because if you take on c4 then it looks like b2 will be hanging at the end, and perhaps this is why Ivanchuk rejected this continuation and went for Nd4 instead. 15.♗xc4! anyway! (15.♕c1?? ♘xb2-+) 15...bxc4 16.♘d4 ♘e5 17.♖b1∞ is just unclear.

**14...b4! 15.♘d1**

I wondered if White could try 15.♘ce2 O-O 16.♘g3 because it looks like the knight is heading for f5 or h5, but in the opening time is even more important, and 16...d5! like in the game, is immensely powerful.

**15...♘xd4 16.♗xd4**



**16...d5!** I once had a conversation with the Dutch player Merijn van Delft on a train from Amsterdam to Hamburg. He's a bit of an openings expert himself, and according to him the struggle in the Najdorf revolves around whether or not Black can get the ...d5 break in successfully. He also seemed to think there were many situations where this break ...d5 looks bad, but ended up working out well for Black anyway. In short, it's very tough for White to keep a lid on Black's play. Here it's just good.

**17.exd5 ♕xd5** White's opening can already be seen as a disaster. His development is lacking and Black is already creating decisive threats.

**18.c3 O-O 19.♗e2 ♖d8 20.♕e3 ♗b7 21.♘f2 bxc3 22.♗xc3 ♕e6!** Subtle prophylaxis. Black wants to prevent his opponent castling, after which much of his advantage will be lost.

**23.♔f1** not a move that you would ever gladly play, but there was little choice.

23.O-O ♘xf3+ was the point of Black's last.

**23...♗d5 24.b3 ♖bc8 25.♖d1 ♖xc3 26.♕xc3 ♘g4! 27.♕a5 ♘e3+ 28.♔g1 ♖c8 29.♕xa6 ♘xd1 30.♕xe6 ♗xe6 31.♗xd1 ♖c1 0-1**

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### Off the tee/Opening experts
### Honourable mention: Lev Polugaevsky

There are too many examples of opening geniuses to mention in this article. Rubenstein would be a shocking omission according to those I asked on Twitter, although my knowledge of chess history is too sketchy to give any masterful comment.

In more recent times Daniil Dubov has impressed as a particularly bountiful supply of creative ideas.

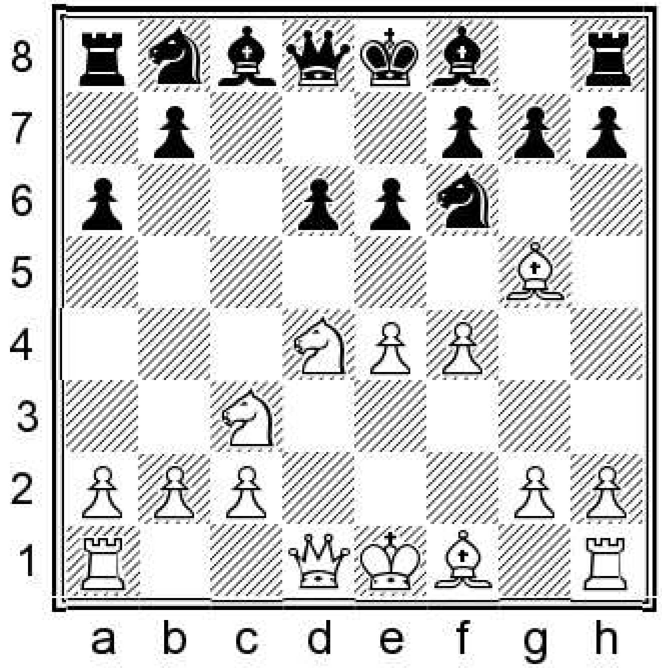
One of the best theoreticians of the 1960s was Lev Polugaevsky. I recall reading this book when I was younger called "Grandmaster Preparation", where Polugaevsky outlined in detail how he spent many months preparing a secret variation against the ♗g5 Najdorf.

That diligent preparation and art of analysis now seems lost. Anything you prepare, you stick it on the engine, and the computer tells you whether it's good or not. You have to do that because you can be assured that your opponents will do exactly the same. So this great mystery, this journey of discovery that Polugaevsky made with his own concoction, no longer seems relevant. According to Lev himself, "Every day for roughly six months I spent hours at the board studying positions from this variation, and even went to sleep and dreamed about it." I don't know how you could do that these days, with all the distractions like Netflix, Facebook etc. How would he have found time to add all the Amazon prime channels?

**B96**
**Zagorovsky, Vladimir - Polugaevsky, Lev**
**USSR, 1959**

**1.e4 c5 2.♘f3 d6 3.d4 cxd4 4.♘xd4 ♘f6 5.♘c3 a6 6.♗g5** The Bg5 variation has tormented this author over the years and exposed my lack of opening study and knowledge. So much so, that I have wondered about giving up the Najdorf altogether. I doubt Polugaevsky had such concerns. Unlike other variations of the Najdorf, you cannot get by on feel alone. That is because the lines become extremely sharp very quickly, which lends itself more to memorization and thorough preparation.

**6...e6 7.f4**



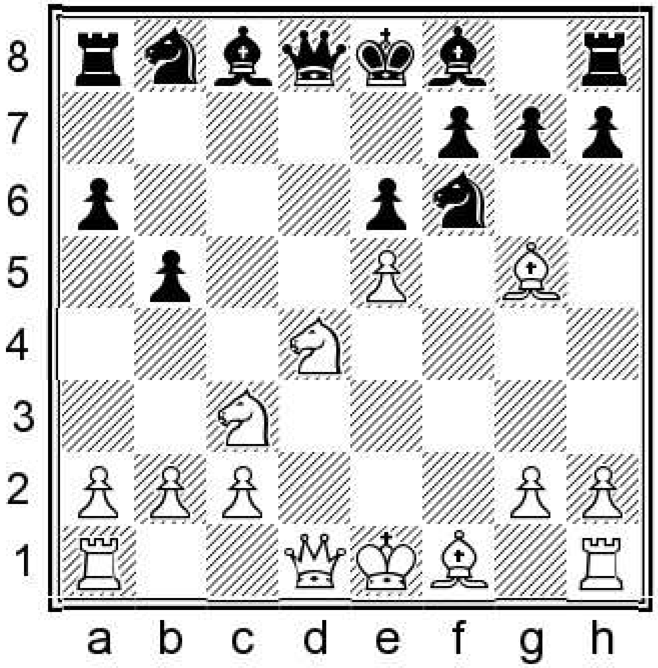
**7...b5!** I don't know if this was the first time that Polugaevsky essayed this variation, but he definitely started playing it around this time. Although the Bg5 is a dangerous line to face, it should also be pointed out that the aggressive approach by White gives Black plenty of chance of counter-attack, and raises his own chances of winning.

The fact that the bishop on g5 has effective abandoned control of the dark squares on the queenside, often becomes relevant later. We already saw in the Kasparov game how ...b5 is an important break for Black in the Najdorf, so Polugaevsky decides to dispense with formality and just get on with it.

**8.e5** The most testing. White is going for an aggressive approach shot, although that now brings the back bunker into play.

8.♕f3 plays for the middle of the green. 8...♗b7 9.a3 ♘bd7 and we can see the upside of the Polugaevsky variation - Black's queenside development is very quick. Already I would say that I would prefer to play Black here. 10.f5 e5 11.♘b3 ♗e7 12.O-O-O ♖c8 13.♗d3? O-O? (It's interesting to see how much chess knowledge has advanced. 13...♖xc3! is a move that players would make automatically now. It's a built-in shot, as radar from Sky Sports would say. Garry Kasparov once accused one of his opponent's of having a lack of chess culture for even allowing this sacrifice at all, so it's rather strange that his former trainer Nikitin allowed it. Then again Garry knows so much about chess, that he probably knew more than his own trainers. 14.bxc3 O-O 15.♔b1 ♕c7 16.♖he1 d5!-+ and it's more than likely that the white queenside will get torn apart.) 14.♗xf6 ♘xf6 15.♘d5 ♗xd5 16.exd5 ♕c7∓ With a fine game for Black, and later prospects of a queenside attack with moves like ...a5 and ...b4, in Nikitin,Aleksander S - Polugaevsky,Lev, USSR (ch) 1959

**8...dxe5 9.fxe5**

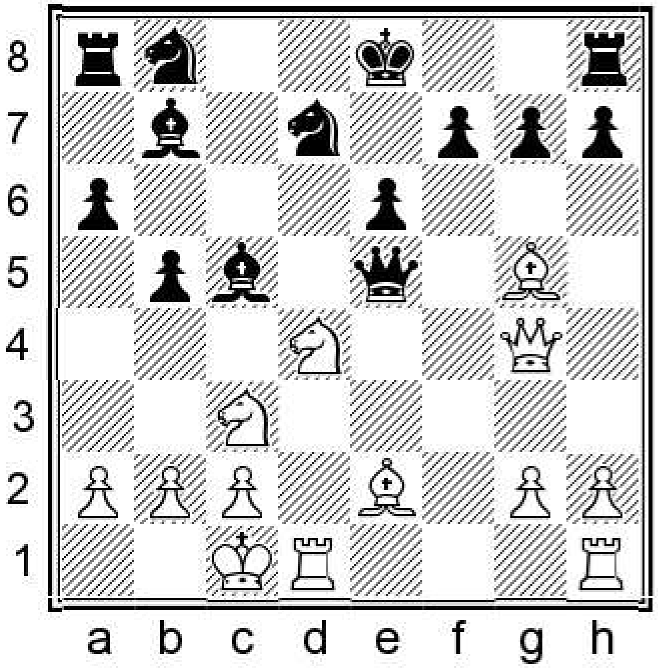


**9...♕c7!** This was the brilliant discovery by Polugaevsky that made his line playable. White's lack of control over the dark squares comes back to haunt him. It's also rather telling that *Stockfish 12* seems quite optimistic of Black's chances in this position, some 62 years after this game has been played. If the opening was dubious, I think it would already be saying so.

**10.exf6**

10.♕e2 ♘fd7 11.O-O-O ♗b7 (11...♘c6 is an alternative. 12.♘xc6 ♕xc6 13.♕d3 h6 14.♗h4 ♗b7

15.♗e2 ♕c7 universally played, although the engine frowns on this. (*Stockfish* proposes the novelty 15...g5! 16.♗f3 ♕c7 17.♗xb7 ♕xb7 18.♗f2 ♗g7 which all looks very logical, and gives Black fine chances.) 16.♖hf1! ♘xe5 17.♕g3+- when Black is under heavy pressure. This is one of the downsides of the Polugaevsky variation - Black is provoking a crisis in the centre, which is a risky strategy when somewhat behind in development. You have to play with great accuracy and skill.) 12.♗f4 (12.♘xe6 you have to face such sacrifices in the Bg5 line, and very often they are just strong, as well as being scary. 12...fxe6 13.♕g4 ♕xe5 14.♗d3 ♗e7□ ! The only move! 15.♗xe7 ♔xe7 16.♖he1 h5 17.♕b4+ ♕c5 18.♕f4!? with compensation for the piece. Personally I would feel uncomfortable playing such a position for Black, with my king wandering around in the centre. Perhaps that's why I was never tempted to play this Polugaevsky variation, my general laziness leading to a desire to keep my king safe.; 12.♕g4 ♕xe5 13.♗e2 ♗c5



And it's rather dispiriting that the engine gives a winning advantage to White already; presumably his lead in development is too impressive. 14.♖he1 ♗xd4 15.♖xd4 ♘c6 16.♖e4+-) 12...♘c6! 13.♘xc6 ♕xc6 14.♕d3 ♘c5 15.♕e3 ♗e7 Black is doing well. He will complete his development and is already well placed for queenside counterplay - Yudovich,Mikhail sr - Polugaevsky,Lev, USSR 1961. Looking at this variation this seems to be the general rule - if White plays timidly, then Black is doing fine, but if White goes for it, then this often places Black in a tenuous situation.

**10...♕e5+ 11.♗e2 ♕xg5** Although the engine still gives White an edge I would feel comfortable here as Black, because his control over the dark squares and two bishops will give him very good long-term prospects if he survives the opening and early middlegame.

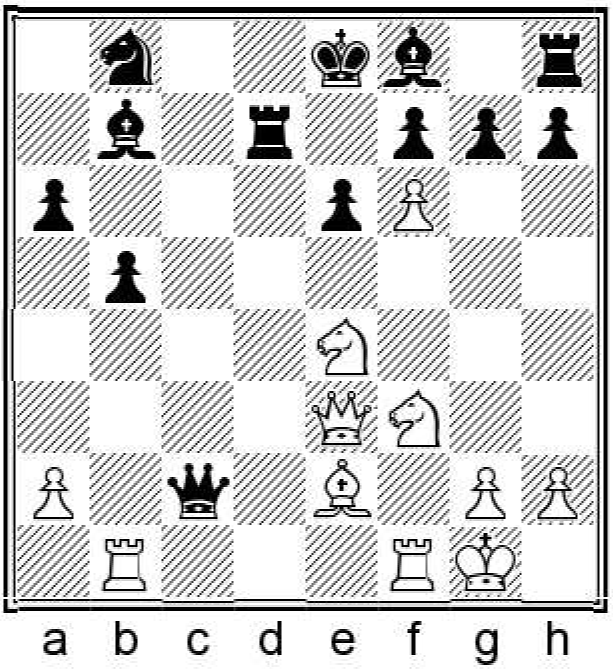
**12.O-O ♖a7!**

12...♕e5 used to be popular, but developments in theory put a question mark over this. 13.♔h1! ♖a7 14.♘f3 ♕xf6 (14...♕f4 15.♘d2 - the black queen is forced to lose too much time. 15...♕h4 16.a4 b4 17.♘ce4+-) 15.♘e4 ♕d8 16.♕e1! with the idea of Qg3→, when White will gain a strong attack.

**13.♕d3 ♖d7** The rook is brought over to help control the centre, and bolster the defences. Given enough time Black will complete ideal development with ...Bb7 etc (He also has an immediate threat of taking on d4) so White has to strike quickly.

**14.♘e4 ♕e5 15.c3** I'm quite impressed that Zagorovsky made his way so far down the main-line, and Lev too, without the kind of access to databases that we have available today.

15.♘f3! is White's most popular choice here. 15...♕c7 (15...♕xb2 is a poisoned pawn variation that is now considered too risky. 16.♕e3 ♗b7 17.♖ab1 ♕xc2



18.♘fg5!→ with a terrible attack according to the engine, and the stats back this up. White wins most games from this position.) 16.♕e3 and now perhaps the safest is 16...♕a7 with transition to the ending. 17.♕xa7 ♖xa7 18.♘fg5 g6±

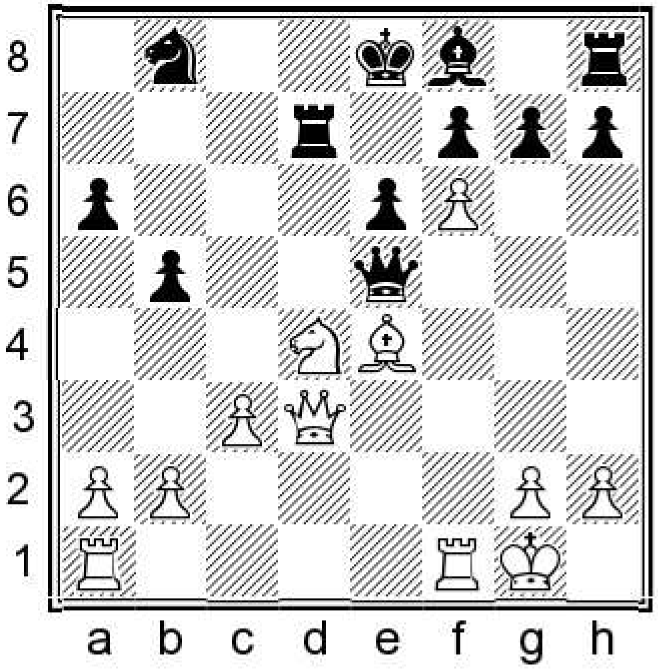
**15...♗b7** Already Black is slightly for preference.

**16.♗f3**

16.fxg7 ♗xg7 17.♗f3 ♘c6 18.♘xc6 ♗xc6 19.♕e2 O-O was also fine for Black.

**16...♗xe4!** When under pressure in the opening, exchanging pieces often removes some danger!

**17.♗xe4**



**17...♗d6?**

Concrete pawn-grabbing with 17...gxf6! was best here. I wonder if the old cynic Korchnoi would have gone for this? 18.♖ae1 ♗c5∓

**18.g3?**

It would have required great tactical imagination to see that 18.♕h3! gave equal chances. 18...gxf6 (18...♕xe4? 19.fxg7 ♖g8 20.♖ae1 ♕g6 21.♘xe6±) 19.♖ae1 ♗c5 20.♔h1 ♗xd4 21.cxd4 ♕xd4 22.♕h4 ♔e7 23.♖f4!=

**18...gxf6 19.♔h1 ♗c5 20.♖ad1 ♔f8!?**

Black could also gambit the h-pawn with 20...O-O 21.♗xh7+ ♔g7 when ...Rh8 is coming and it all looks quite scary for White.

I think modern engines would play 20...h5! as they love pushing their rook pawns!

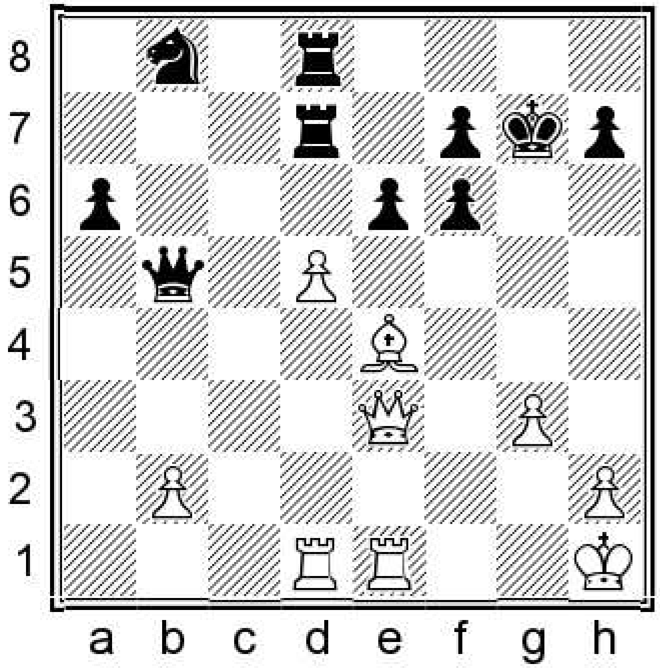
**21.♖fe1 ♕g5**

A nice variation was 21...♔g7! 22.♗c6 ♘xc6 23.♖xe5 ♘xe5 24.♕e2 ♖hd8 when Black's king is ultra-safe and he's much better.

**22.a4 ♔g7 23.axb5 ♗xd4 24.cxd4 ♕xb5 25.♕e3?**

25.♕f3 ♖hd8 26.d5 was much better, for reasons which become quite obvious during the game.

**25...♖hd8 26.d5**



**26...♘c6!-+** Doubtless this was overlooked by White earlier, and now there is no question of Black's advantage. Victory was eventually achieved long into the endgame.

**27.♖f1 exd5 28.♗d3 ♕xb2 29.♖f5 ♕d4 30.♕c1 ♘e5 31.♖h5 ♘xd3 32.♕h6+ ♔g8 33.♕xh7+ ♔f8 34.♖xd3 ♕e4+ 35.♔g1 ♕xh7 36.♖xh7 a5 37.♖h4 d4 38.♔f2 f5 39.♔e2 ♔e7 40.♔d2 ♔e6 41.♖a3 ♖d5 42.♔d3 ♔e5 43.♖a2 ♖a8 44.♖h6 ♖b5 45.♖e2+ ♔d5 46.♖f2 ♖b3+ 47.♔c2 ♖ab8 48.♖d2 a4 49.♖a6 a3 50.♖a7 ♖8b7 51.♖a8 ♖b2+ 52.♔d3 ♖7b3+ 53.♔e2 ♖e3+ 54.♔d1 ♖b1+ 55.♔c2 ♖b2+ 56.♔d1 d3 57.♖d8+ ♔e4 0-1**

## Scrambling/Resourceful players

Scrambling is a key requirement in golf, particularly on tough courses, as at some point you will be faced with a difficult shot out of a bad lie, or you will be stuck in the bunker with very little green to work with. The players who are most able to achieve a decent score when they are playing badly, or when conditions are tough, are described as "grinders." Jordan Spieth, in his prime, was an example of a golfer who was able to fashion a score out of an otherwise patchy round. Tiger Woods is the greatest grinder of all time in golf and it's no coincidence that such a quality is also associated with mental toughness.

In chess the ability to be resourceful is all-important and in truth, all the greatest players in history have been incredibly tough to beat. I could have filled the top three with world champions, but have decided to focus on those players where this skill is an outstanding quality of their game:

1. Viswanathan Anand
2. Emanuel Lasker
3. Hikaru Nakamura

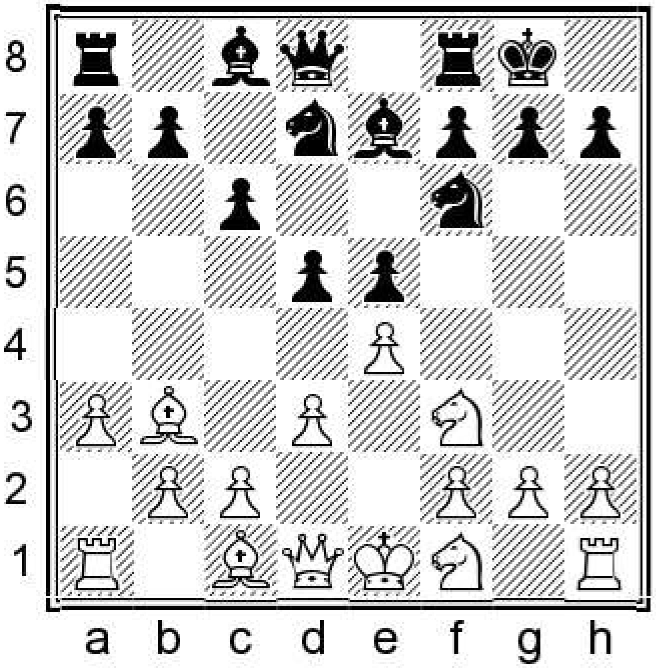
Anand clearly inspired a generation of players, because whenever you come up against any Indian player online they seem to pride themselves in being hard to beat and are indeed incredibly tough to pin down; to the extent where that tactical trickiness almost becomes infuriating and I gnash and scream at my inability to put away winning positions.

I had an old British chess magazine from the 1990s and it described a heavyweight confrontation between Kasparov and a leather jacketed Anand in Linares, where Kasparov had the upper hand but was unable to complete the job on his slippery opponent, thus provoking the ire of the champion. It appears that nothing ever changes. As time controls get ever faster the resourceful players are coming to the fore, and their poster boy is surely Hikaru Nakamura. Of late Naka has reinvented himself as a streamer and like Alexandra Botez, has "blown up" because of the pandemic and hype surrounding the TV series "Queens Gambit". I doubt it's an exaggeration to say that Naka makes at least several hundred thousand dollars a year from Twitch and other Internet income, and probably gets more from these sources than he does from being a player. Fair play, and you wonder if this trend will continue in the future with more elite players going down the Naka path, tempted by the riches of Twitch and Youtube. If it does then the danger is that it creates a comfort zone for the player where he or she makes so much more from external sources than they do from their original income, and because of that the playing side is neglected. Naka's internet and blitz game remain as strong as ever, but his classical results have suffered. It would be a pity if that side of his career dwindled away to nothing. What makes Naka such a lethal exponent of blitz is highly-attuned intuition combined with unerring calculation.

**C24**
**Nakamura, Hikaru (2736) - Martinez Alcantara, Jose Eduardo (2620)**
**chess.com (Internet-blitz), 2020**

**1.e4 e5 2.♗c4 ♘f6 3.d3 c6 4.♘f3 ♗e7 5.♗b3 O-O 6.♘bd2 d6 7.♘f1?!** Perhaps trying to be too inventive from a suspect lie.

**7...♘bd7 8.a3 d5**



**9.♘1d2** A chip out sideways. This looks ugly and needs explaining.

Nakamura would have understood that 9.♘g3?! was more natural but ran into a concrete problem 9...♘c5! 10.O-O ♘xb3 11.cxb3 and now Black has the option of going into a comfortable ending with 11...dxe4 (11...♗d6! is even stronger and gives Black a clear edge. 12.♖e1 ♖e8 13.♗g5 h6∓) 12.dxe4 ♕xd1 13.♖xd1 ♗e6 - doubtless this is what Naka was trying to avoid; an ending where his opponent has easy play. So instead he plays an ugly move that fulfills a concrete task - it keeps the queens on the board. Naka's style has been somewhat influenced by computers and we all know that they are happy to make ugly moves that accomplish a specific task.

9.exd5! cxd5 10.♘g3 gave up the centre somewhat, but at least was consistent with the original plan-putting the knight on g3.

**9...♘c5!** Anyway!

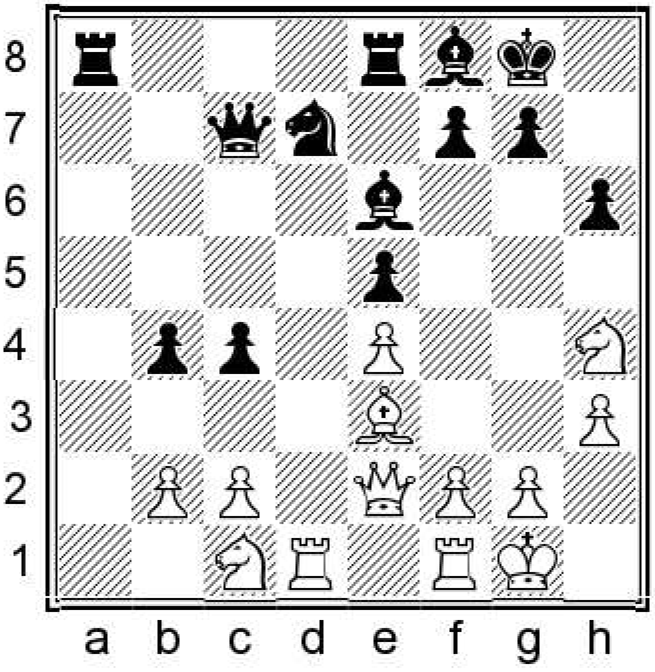
**10.♕e2**

10.♘xe5 ♘xb3 11.cxb3 dxe4 12.dxe4 ♘xe4!

**10...♘xb3 11.♘xb3 dxe4 12.dxe4 ♕c7 13.O-O h6 14.h3 ♗e6** Black definitely has the edge. Hikaru is stuck in the rough whereas the smooth-striking Martinez has his ball flush in the middle of the fairway.

**15.♗d2 a5 16.♗c3 ♘d7 17.♘c1 b5 18.♘d3 ♗d6 19.♘h4** White is struggling and after pulling his drive, has 220 to the front edge on a long par four, back into the breeze. So Nakamura lays up, eyeing up the f5 square and a potential f4 lever as a source of counterplay. Pretty much any counterplay is good at blitz - it doesn't matter if your position is lost, as long as you have play.

**19...♖fe8 20.♖ad1 c5! 21.♗d2 c4 22.♘c1 b4 23.axb4 axb4 24.♗e3 ♗f8**



**25.♕f3** I have no idea if Nakamura streamed this game or not (I guess he probably did) and I imagine if so, then he was making his thoughts clear on the webcam. Quite possibly some extreme head-shaking and muttering was taking place. That is part of what makes Nakamura's channel so attractive, the showmanship of it all. I'm fairly confident that Naka doesn't just stream to make money out of it, even if that is an important side. There's a large part of him that wants to impress the crowd, and I think most great players have that to a certain extent.

**25...♕c6 26.♖fe1 g6 27.♘e2 ♗e7 28.g3 ♘f6 29.♗xh6 ♗xh3** Black has completely outplayed his esteemed opponent and now begins to cash in.

**30.♕h1 ♗g4 31.f3 ♗e6** White's position is quite desperate, but Naka now does what all good resourceful players do; he refuses to panic and forces the opponent to win the game. Something that is easy to forget is how quick Naka is. I've played him at 1 minute online and you get your moves out as quickly as you can, you look at your clock and you have five seconds left and he's still sitting there with 40 seconds. It's quite unnerving. No doubt Black was faced with the same problem here - he was getting short of time, and in such a situation then it stops being about who is better or worse. It's who can get the moves out quickly enough.

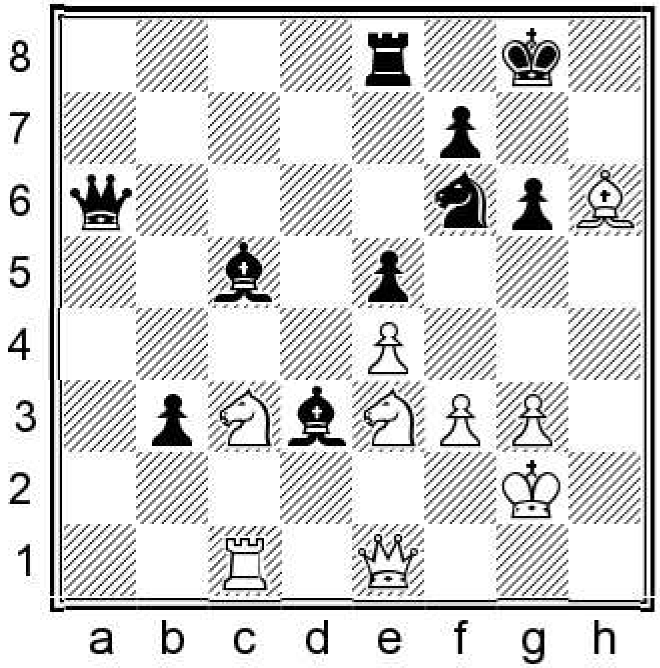
**32.♘c1 ♖a1 33.♘g2 ♖b1 34.b3 ♖b2 35.♖e2 cxb3 36.cxb3 ♖xe2 37.♘xe2 ♗xb3 38.♖c1 ♕b5 39.♔f2 ♗c4 40.♕e1 b3**

If Black wanted to play for a win with little risk, then 40...♗xe2 41.♕xe2 ♕xe2+ 42.♔xe2 ♖b8 wouldn't have been a bad practical choice, although according to the engine this gives away a large amount of the advantage. The trouble is when we are short of time, we can't always afford to be picky.

40...♖a8! - lining up ...Ra2 was terribly strong. Black might just regret missing this six-footer. 41.♖c2 b3 42.♖b2 ♖a2-+ I think even I'd win this.

**41.♘c3!** Just a glimmer of counterplay. There's a opening through the trees, right?

**41...♕a6 42.♘e3 ♗c5 43.♔g2 ♗d3**



**44.♖d1!** In this terrible position, Naka continues to make moves that test the opponent. That's an impressive quality and one that is easy to overlook. It would be easy to buckle here and just give up altogether.

**44...♗xe3?** Black wanted to prevent Nd5, but it wasn't wise to give away the dark squares like this.

**45.♕xe3 ♗c2 46.♖d2 ♕c4?** As so often in blitz the mistakes come thick and fast.

46...♖c8 47.♗g5 b2 was the way to go. 48.♖xc2 ♖xc3! (48...b1=Q 49.♘xb1 ♖xc2+-+ is also good enough.) 49.♕xc3 b1=Q-+

**47.♕b6!** A beautiful chip to set-up the birdie, Nakamura cashes in on the stubborness of his previous play.

**47...♘h5**

47...♕xc3 48.♕xf6+-

**48.♘d5 ♗xe4?**

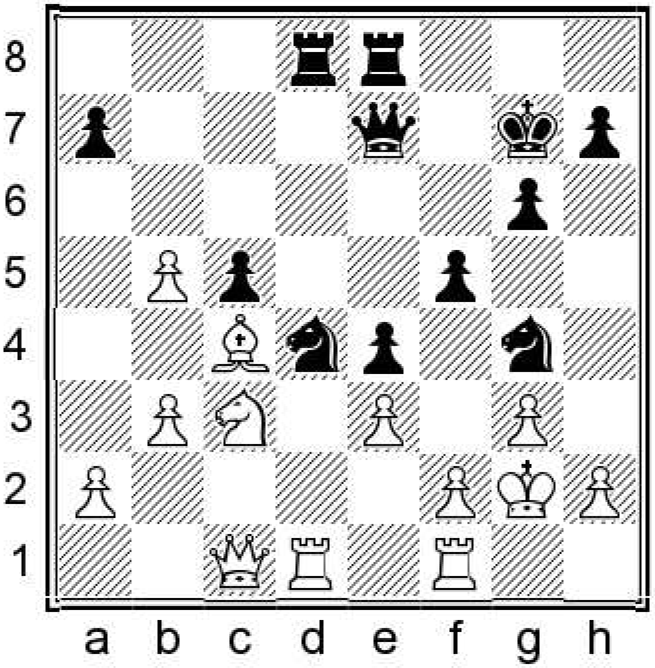
48...♖e6 was still good enough for equality, but it's almost impossible to be accurate in situations like this when your flag is hanging, and you've already blown a big advantage. No doubt Martínez was still thinking about that eagle try on the 17th that he three-putted.

**49.♘f6+ ♔h8 50.♘xe4 ♔h7 51.♗e3 ♖e6 52.♘g5+ 1-0**

## Scramblers/Resourceful players
## Honourable mention: Gawain Jones

British chess has had a long history of fighter types, perhaps reflecting the solitary journey that many of us take. Tony Miles stands out as someone who was an exemplary "swindler." What skills does such a player possess? The difference I've found when facing very strong opposition is that they don't stop calculating in time trouble. You can't bluff them in the same way that you can do against others. And when I play blitz or rapid, then I tend to switch off, preferring to play intuitively. And then I noticed that these same very strong players were still calculating, at least that's the impression I got when I spoke with them afterwards. And they don't buckle if the position turns bad. They keep calculating. I think this quality, combined with a superb temperament, has been a key reason for Gawain Jones success, because he surely wins many games based on his ability to keep calculating when others will start to panic. In the recent Caplin Hastings Online tournament, there was a curious incident during round one when snoring was heard in the background of the zoom call. I thought it was one of the arbiters, but it turned out to be Gawain Jones dog. It made me think, how many players would be relaxed enough to have their dog there when they are playing?

**Arkell, Keith C (2381) - Jones, Gawain C B (2670)**
**tornelo.com (Internet-rapid), 2021**



**29...♘f3!** White has a material advantage here, but the situation on the kingside is quite scary for him. The black knights are hovering around, threatening to take advantage of the lack of defenders.

**30.h3 ♘f6**

30...♘ge5 31.♖xd8 ♖xd8 32.♖d1 is also good for White.

**31.♖xd8 ♖xd8 32.♖d1!** Keith is a good positional player and he understands that exchanges are in his favour.

**32...h5 33.♘d5 ♘xd5 34.♖xd5 ♖xd5 35.♗xd5 h4** Black's best chance is to open up the kingside. This little prod has the idea of opening up White's second rank.

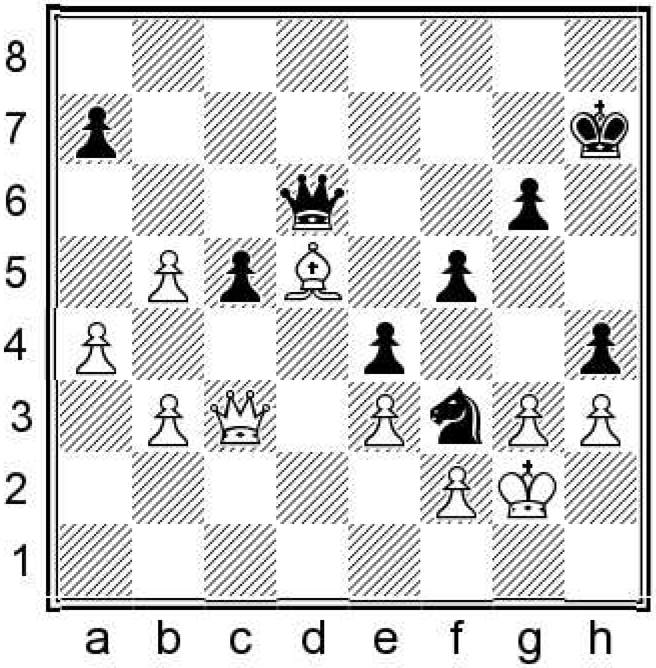
**36.♕c3+**

The safest way to clean up was 36.♗c4! with the idea of playing Be2 and removing Black's main source of counterplay, after which White's queenside pawns should decide.

**36...♔h7 37.a4?**

37.♗c4!

**37...♕d6**



**38.♗c4??** This is extremely careless.

It was already becoming quite difficult but 38.♕c4 hxg3 39.fxg3 ♔h6 40.♗xe4! fxe4 41.♕xe4 was enough to hold equality.

**38...hxg3 39.fxg3 ♕d1!** This is all the resilient player needs, one source of counterplay. The knight and queen combination was all Gawain needed to get back into the game.

**40.♗f1 ♘d2 41.♗c4 ♕f3+ 0-1**

## Strokes gained putting/Tactical and combinational players

Drive for show, putt for dough, is an oft quoted maxim in golf. The player who can combine both attributes well is bound to have a great deal of success, but it tends to be the case that those who are fantastic tee to green, often shrivel up when faced with the complexity of the greens. Quite why that is, remains a mystery. It may well be that they put too much emphasis on ball-striking and fail to put sufficient work into their putting; or just that the part of their brain which makes them good drivers, doesn't work so well in that other part of the game. The same works in reverse of course and good putters are often lousy off the tee. For longevity purposes, it seems to be better to be a good ball striker, because an excellent run of putting can be difficult to maintain.

All these truths can easily be applied to chess. Good strategic players often struggle with tactics. I recall once teaching a junior who was fantastic at positional chess and strategy but would make tactical oversights regularly. Eventually he drifted away from chess, whether this inability to overcome this weakness played a part, I'll never know. My top three tactics and combination players are as follows:

1. Garry Kasparov
2. Mihail Tal
3. Paul Morphy

You could easily fill several volumes with examples of Kasparov's pyrotechnics. It would not be an exaggeration to say that he arguably has a larger lead in this category then any player has in any other, save for perhaps Magnus in endgames.

Another player who was quite useful at tactics was Mihail Tal. In his prime he was a true chess "killer," so much so that his charisma and will to win provoked fear in the opposition. How else can you explain another player coming to the board in dark shades, to try and counteract the penetrating nature of Tal's stare? Reading through Douglas Griffin's Soviet chess blog gives an excellent overview of the great champion, particularly in his later years.

What shines through is how much wisdom Tal displays in his annotations. Clearly he learned the lessons from early in his career, was aware that such a high-energy approach was difficult to sustain, and modified his approach. But despite all of this the hungry bear was still there, lurking beneath the surface.

**B84**
**Tal, Mihail (2565) - Ftacnik, Lubomir (2545)**
**Naestved, 1985**

**1.e4 c5 2.♘f3 d6 3.d4 cxd4 4.♘xd4 ♘f6 5.♘c3 a6 6.♗e2 e6 7.O-O ♗e7 8.f4 O-O 9.♔h1 ♕c7 10.a4 b6** Slightly uncommon.

10...♘c6 is of course more usual.

**11.e5** This was a novelty when played at the time, and now there are many games. The world champions show the way for the rest of us!

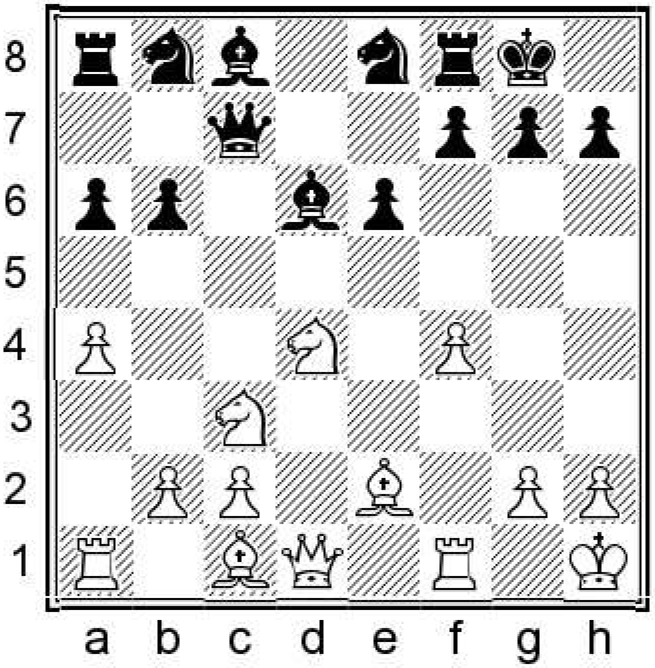
11.♗f3 ♗b7 12.e5 is still the mainline.

**11...♘e8** Ftacnik doesn't respond to the novelty very well, because now this could be considered slightly inferior.

11...dxe5! 12.fxe5 ♘fd7 13.♗f3 ♗b7 seems to be fine for Black.

**12.exd6 ♗xd6?**

12...♕xd6 was the only way to keep the game within manageable limits. 13.♗e3 ♗b7 14.♗f3 ♕c7±



**13.f5!+-** Tal gave this !? but perhaps this is his typical modesty, because we can now see with engine analysis that this is just winning for White.

**13...e5 14.♘d5 ♕d8 15.f6!** The old instincts do not desert him. This feels very natural, doesn't it? And yet many players would find it hard to commit to this, because a piece is a piece after all. If we lack the ability to sacrifice or speculate then that will always hold us back, at least to a degree.

**15...exd4**

15...♘xf6 16.♘xf6+ gxf6 17.♘f5 promised White "a brilliant attack" according to Tal.

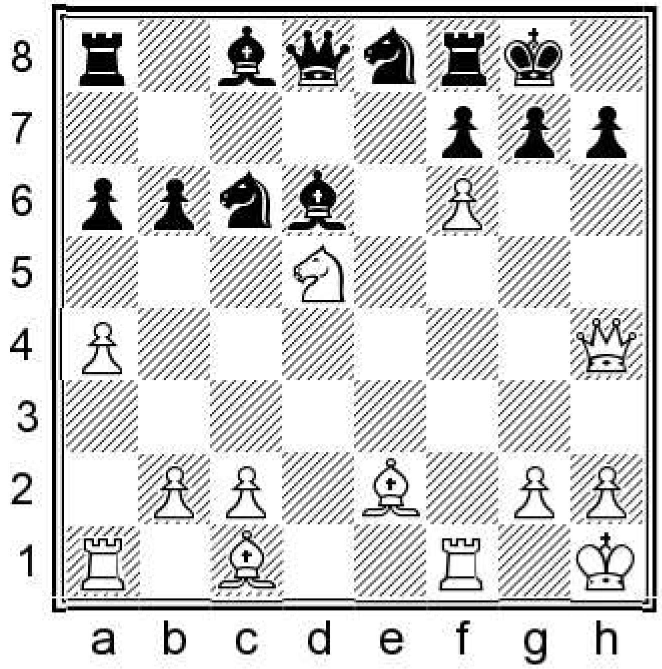
**16.♕xd4?**

16.fxg7 ♔xg7 17.♕xd4+ f6 18.♗d3 ♔h8 and Tal in his calculations felt that Black could then play ...Ra7 and repulse the attack, but the computer points out the very powerful 19.♗g5! when the attack remains overwhelming. 19...♘d7 (19...♖a7 20.♘xf6 ♘xf6 21.♗xf6++- is also decisive.; 19...♘c6 20.♕h4 ♖a7 21.♘xf6 ♘xf6 22.♖xf6+-) 20.♖ae1 ♗b7 21.♘xf6 ♘exf6 22.♕xd6+-

**16...♘c6**

In a position that was tough to defend, 16...♘d7! was Black's best shot. 17.♕h4 ♘dxf6 18.♗d3 g6 19.♖xf6 ♗e6 20.♗g5 ♕b8 21.♘c3 ♘xf6 22.♗xf6 ♗e5 23.♘e4 ♗xf6 24.♘xf6+ ♔g7 25.♖f1 ♖h8 26.♕d4 when the White initiative on the dark squares will be hard to dispell.

**17.♕h4**



**17...♗g3?!**

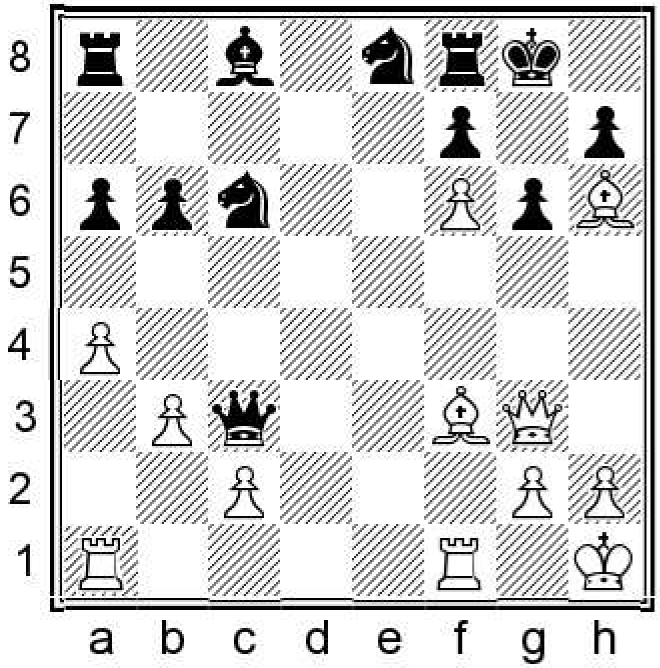
17...♗e6 18.♗g5 ♗xd5 19.fxg7 ♘xg7 20.♗xd8 ♖axd8 lead to a position that Tal could not easily assess, but the engine thinks that White is completely winning.

17...♘xf6 18.♘xf6+ (Tal felt that 18.♖xf6 was very strong, but *Stockfish* comes up with a remarkable resource: 18...♗e6! 19.♗d3 g6 20.♘c3±; 18.♗d3 ♘e4 19.♕xe4 f5 20.♕f3 is better for White, but not as convincing.) 18...gxf6 19.♖xf6 ♘e5 20.♗f4 White has too many threats, it would seem.

**18.♕xg3 ♕xd5 19.♗f3 ♕c4**

19...♕e6 20.♗g5 g6 21.♖fe1 ♕d7 22.♖e7!

**20.♗h6 g6 21.b3 ♕c3**



**22.♕h4** White has an overwhelming positional advantage, and Tal very rarely let his opponents escape in such a situation.

**22...♗b7 23.♗xf8 ♔xf8 24.♕xh7 ♘xf6 25.♕h8+ ♔e7 26.♖ae1+ ♔d6**

26...♘e5 27.♕h4! was a lovely variation that Tal saw during the game.

**27.♕g7 ♘d5 28.♕xf7 ♘d8 29.♕xg6+ ♔c5 30.♖e4 b5 31.♖d1 1-0**

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## Strokes gained putting/Tactical and combinational players Honourable mention: *Fritz*

It might seem strange to name a computer in my list of best ever players, but it would be miserly not to mention the impact that chess computers have had on our understanding of tactics and combinational play. Chess computers were initially there as a checking tool, to help us analyse our games and see if we missed anything big.

They've gradually become much more than that, opening up our understanding of the game, and creating a profound effect on opening preparation. So much so that many are predicting that chess engines will herald the death of chess. I recently took part in a video interview with a journalist who seemed very interested in this topic. I predicted that computers would eventually solve chess, although I said that it would take some time. Now, I'm not sure. I recently downloaded *Stockfish 12* and it's scary how deeply it looks into opening positions. I now think I had been too modest in my prediction, and believe chess computers might solve chess much sooner than we imagine. Maybe in the next ten to twenty years, in which case we will just be playing a more advanced version of noughts and crosses.

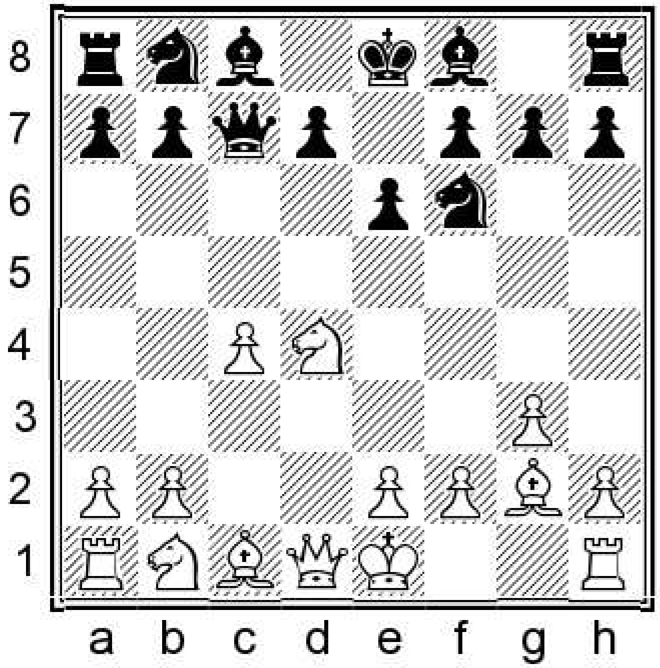
*Fritz*, developed by Chessbase, is one of the first engines to become universally popular with chess amateurs and professionals alike. A version of this program created a stir in a blitz tournament in Muenchen 1994 when it defeated some very famous names, including a future world champion. It's funny to think that this created a sensation at the time. Now, it would be a sensation if any human player was to even draw with a computer...

**A32**
**Kramnik, Vladimir (2710) - Fritz 3**
**Muenchen (blitz), 1994**

**1.d4 ♘f6 2.c4 c5 3.♘f3 e6 4.g3 cxd4 5.♘xd4 ♕c7 6.♗g2** A brave gambit to make, against a computer engine. But then nobody ever accused Kramnik of lacking in ambition. He's happy to try and take it over the trees on the dogleg par five, to set up an iron into the green.

6.♘c3 a6 (The immediate 6...♕xc4 can be considered risky. 7.e4! ♕c5 8.♗g2 a6 9.♗e3 when White has fantastic development.) 7.♗g2 ♕xc4 8.O-O ♘c6 9.♘b3=∞ with compensation, because a quick Bf4 and Rc1 is coming, is another way to sacrifice the pawn.

6.♘d2 ♘c6 7.♘b5 ♕b8 8.♗g2 a6 9.♘c3 is quite sensible if we don't want to go down the sacrificial route.



**6...♕xc4!** Of course. One of the strengths of the computer is that it's completely fearless. You can never imagine it choking away a four shot lead with six holes to play.

**7.O-O?!** This is White's most popular choice according to the database, but the computer says that Black is already clearly better after this move.

7.♘c3! Was a better way to play for compensation. 7...a6 (7...♗b4!? 8.O-O O-O 9.♘cb5! leads to interesting play.) 8.O-O ♘c6 9.♘b3 transposes to a variation given above.

**7...♘c6 8.♘b3 d5∓** A telling statistic is that Black has won every game from this position.

**9.♘c3 ♗b4 10.♗g5 ♗xc3 11.♖c1??** A typical blunder at blitz.

11.bxc3 ♘e4 12.♘d2 ♘xd2 13.♕xd2 is pretty dire, but there was little choice.

**11...♕g4!** The six footer is drained! A simple tactic, but perhaps a good illustration of why engines are so effective and why working with them can really help your chess. They are just really really good at tactics and make the game seem quite easy to our human minds. It's also a forlorn task taking on computers at speed chess (as it is at classical chess, in fairness.) Human players are particularly prone to making blunders at faster time controls, while computers never make obvious tactical oversights.

**12.♗e3 ♗e5 13.♗c5 ♗xb2 14.♖c2 ♗e5-+** Black is now a piece and two pawns to the good, and despite Kramnik's bold attempts to rustle up some play, was eventually able to convert some moves later.

## Games from a birthday blitz

The pandemic has turned into a sociable event for many chess players, albeit online. I recently got an invite to a birthday blitz tournament which was held to celebrate the 40th birthday of the Pert twins, and the 50th birthday of Ali Mortazavi. I had to miss it as I had a previous coaching commitment.

David Howell eventually dominated, winning the qualification tournament and the knockout as well. David has had an awful lot of success of late, and is one of the highest rated blitz players on lichess. He has a positional style which is infused with a sharp eye for tactics. In the next game he has the White pieces against the Georgian GM, Baadur Jobava.

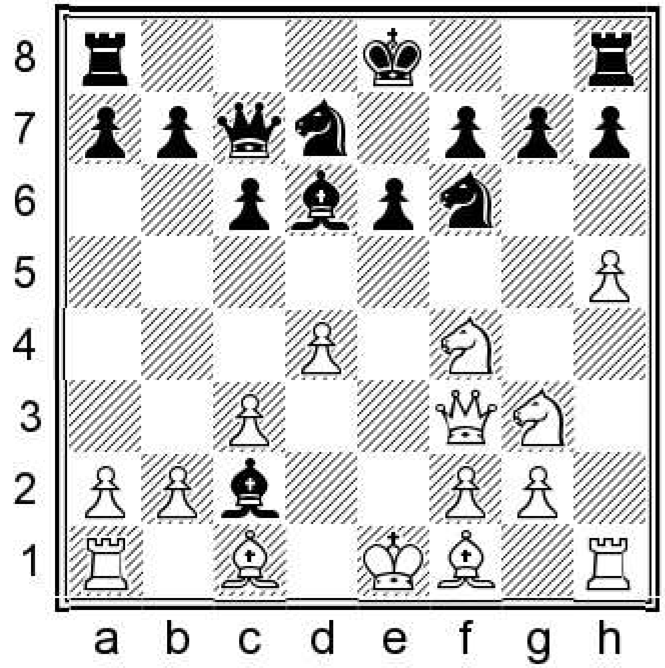
**B18**
**HansSchmidt (2658) - athena-pallada (2603)**
**lichess.org (Internet-blitz), 2021**

**1.e4 c6 2.d4 d5 3.♘d2 dxe4 4.♘xe4 ♗f5** I've always found this a very difficult line to face. It's just rock solid and perhaps a reason why 3.e5 has become increasingly popular. Then again David plays the Caro himself, so I doubt he had any serious worries.

**5.♘g3 ♗g6 6.♘h3 e6**

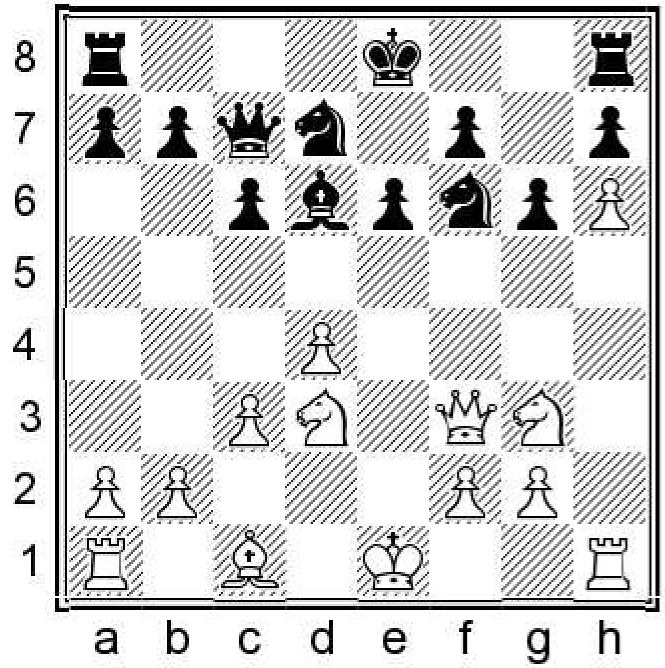
6...♘f6 7.♘f4 e5! seems a toughie to crack. 8.♘xg6 hxg6 9.dxe5 ♕a5+ 10.♗d2 ♕xe5+ 11.♕e2 ♘bd7 12.♕xe5+ ♘xe5 gives White the two bishops, but Black has quick and active development. This is exactly the sort of line that would require hard study, if you are to achieve a decent advantage as White. (Something I've rarely been capable of.)

**7.♘f4 ♕c7 8.c3 ♘f6 9.h4 ♗d6 10.♕f3 ♘bd7 11.h5 ♗c2**



**12.h6!** This is the move of a high-class positional player. I would be slightly concerned that there is no way through on the kingside after Black plays ...g6, but this also gives White long-term tactical possibilities, assuming that Black castles kingside. As we already discussed in the earlier Kasparov game, the h-pawn this far advanced not only gives White a chance for the attack, but will also be a powerful asset in the ending.

**12...g6 13.♗d3 ♗xd3 14.♘xd3**



**14...O-O?!** Perhaps too automatic. And of course moves played automatically are what blitz is all about.

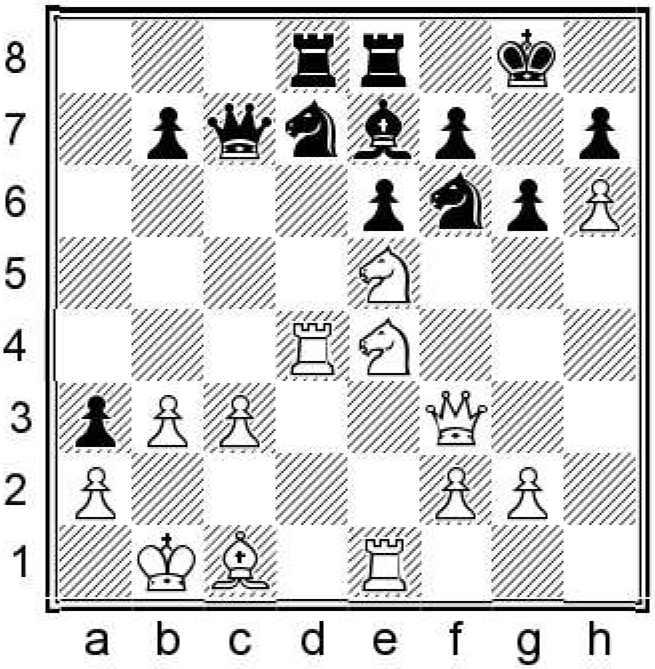
14...♕a5! 15.O-O ♕d5 16.♕e2 O-O-O was perhaps a safer way to play, even though White still holds a strategic edge. (16...g5!? with ideas of ...Rg8-g6, can also be considered.)

**15.♗g5!** Aiming at the weakened complex of dark-squares on the kingside.

**15...♗e7 16.O-O-O ♖fe8 17.♔b1 a5 18.♗f4 ♕b6 19.♘e5 ♖ad8 20.♖he1 a4 21.♗c1 a3 22.b3 c5** A desperate attempt at counterplay, but White is already strategically winning.

**23.♘e4 cxd4 24.♖xd4! ♕c7**

24...♘xe5 25.♘xf6+ ♗xf6 26.♕xf6 exploits the monster on h6.



**25.♘xf7?**

25.♖xd7! was already forced mate! 25...♕xe5 (25...♖xd7 26.♘xf6+ ♗xf6 27.♕xf6) 26.♖xe7!

**25...♔xf7 26.♘g5+ ♔g8 27.♘xe6 ♕c8 28.♘xd8 ♕xd8** Fortunately for White, his positional advantages are overwhelming.

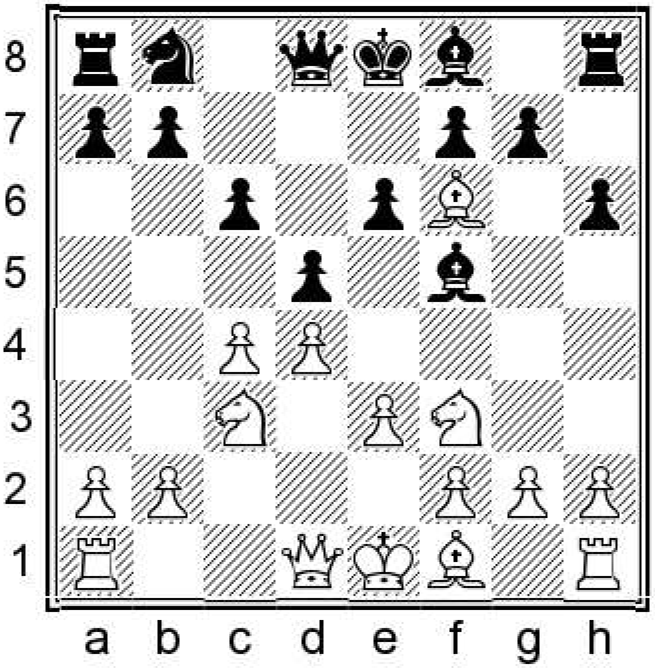
**29.♕d3 ♗f8 30.♕c4+ ♔h8 31.♖e6 b5 32.♕e2 ♖xe6 33.♕xe6 ♕c7 34.♗d2 ♗xh6 35.♗xh6 ♕xc3 36.♖d2 1-0**

One of those invited was Alexander Morozevich. He's a rare bird in supergrandmaster events these days, and seems to be semi-retired as a player. A Youtube account, where he broadcasts banter blitz sessions in Russian, seems to be a recent invention. Playing with the black pieces, he pulled off a steady comeback against Richard Pert.

**D06**
**CheckThis1 (2416) - Benefactorr (2659)**
**lichess.org (Internet-blitz), 2021**

**1.d4 d5 2.♘f3 ♗f5** This is typical of Morozevich's approach, where he tends to eschew main-lines in favour of tricky variations that take the opponent out of their comfort zone. Richard is heavily prepared so this probably isn't a bad idea.

**3.c4 e6 4.♘c3 ♘f6 5.♗g5 c6 6.e3 h6 7.♗xf6**



Richard plays the Trompowsky so often and likes to give up the bishop pair for the initiative, but there is a downside to this of course. You are giving up control of a complex of squares, in this case ones of the dark variety.

**7...♕xf6 8.♕b3 ♕e7 9.♗e2**

Perhaps 9.a3 to prevent the following manoeuvre, was possible. 9...♕c7 10.♖c1 ♕b6 looks fine for Black though, so in general he has few problems.

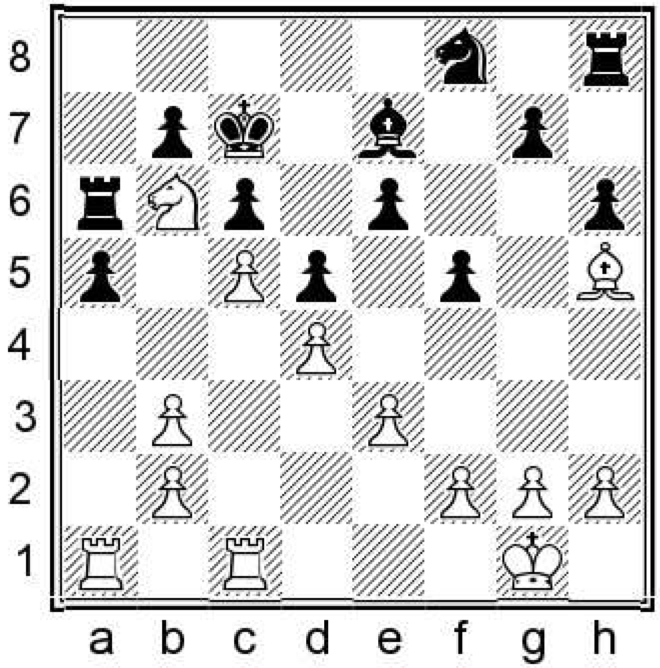
**9...♕b4!** Already we can see that Black has few problems from the opening, and can even play for the advantage.

**10.O-O ♘d7 11.c5 a5** I love the ambition.

11...♕xb3 12.axb3 a6 was also possible, but perhaps this is a bit passive, for an active player like Morozevich.

**12.♘a4 ♕xb3 13.axb3 ♗e7 14.♖fc1 f6!** Intending ...e5, fighting for control of the centre.

**15.♘h4 ♗h7 16.♗h5+ ♔d8 17.♘g6 ♗xg6 18.♗xg6 f5 19.♗f7 ♘f8 20.♘b6 ♖a6 21.♗h5 ♔c7**



**22.♗e2?** White misjudges the position after the exchange sacrifice. It turns out that Black can play for the win with little risk.

22.b4! axb4 23.♖xa6 bxa6 24.♖a1 was a much better way to solve the problems of the position, albeit it was difficult to turn down winning the exchange.

**22...♖xb6 23.cxb6+ ♔xb6** The white rooks are curiously powerless in this position.

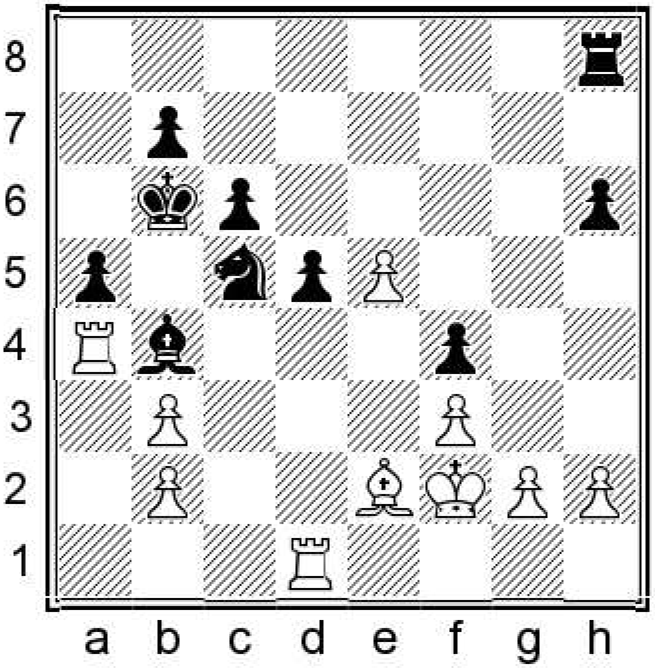
**24.♖a4?** This psuedo-activity makes a bad situation worse.

It was time to batten down the hatches with a more cautious approach like 24.g3 ♘d7 25.♖c2∓

**24...♘d7 25.♖ca1 ♗b4 26.f3 g5 27.♔f2 f4!** Making the pawn on d4 a target, and effectively it becomes dead as a dodo.

**28.exf4 gxf4 29.♖d1 e5 30.dxe5 ♘c5?** In blitz it's hard to keep control, and this hands White an unexpected tactical opportunity.

30...♖f8∓



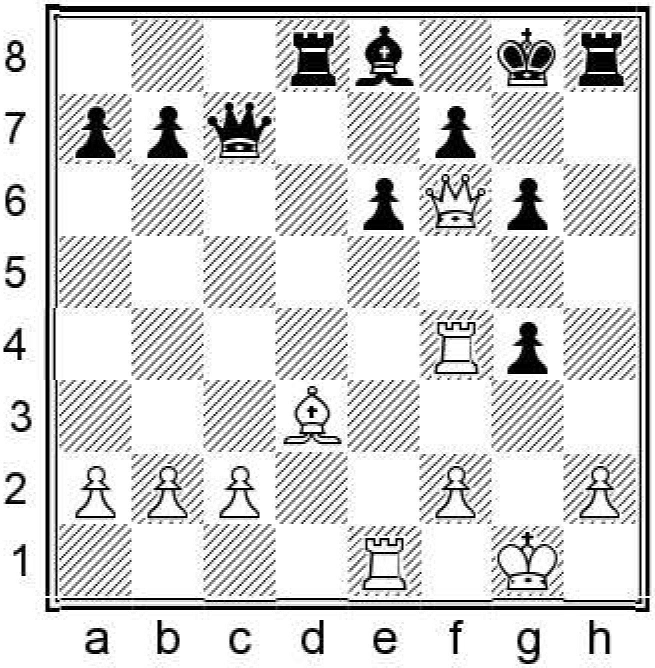
**31.♖aa1?** Too compliant.

31.♖xb4+! axb4 32.♖d4=

**31...♘xb3 32.♖ab1 ♖e8 33.♗d3 ♖xe5 34.♗c2 ♘d2 35.♖e1 ♖g5 36.♖e6 ♘xb1 37.♗xb1 ♗c5+ 38.♔f1 ♗d4 39.b4 axb4 0-1**

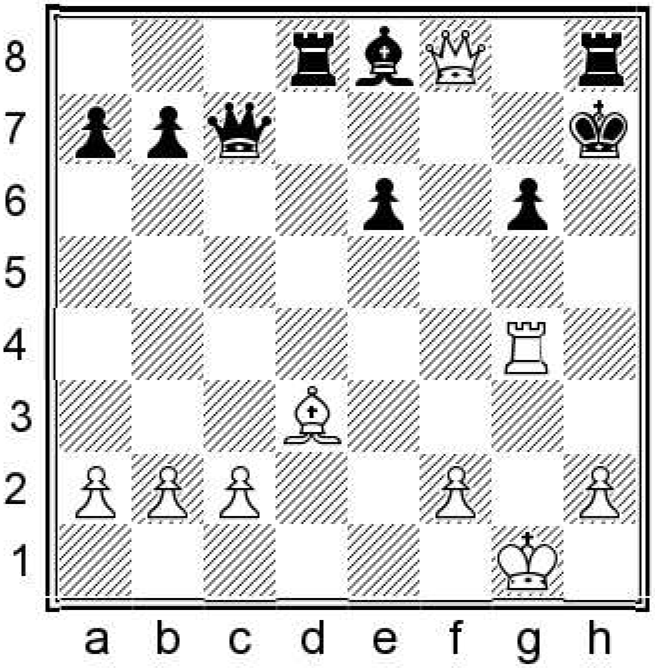
Some very strange things can happen at blitz, and the entertainment factor is high. Morozevich got some outrageous luck in his game against Keith Arkell.

**Benefactorr (2659) - Atomrod (2381)**
**lichess.org (Internet-blitz), 2021**



**26.♖xe6?** An incorrect sacrifice, clearly based on a miscalculation.

**26...fxe6 27.♕f8+ ♔h7 28.♖xg4** This is presumably what White had intended earlier, but there is a hole involved...



**28...♖d4??** Keith told me later that he spent 30 seconds trying to find an answer to Rh4 and couldn't find one. Hence this, played out of desperation.

28...♖xf8 would have ended the game at once. Keith described this as a blind-spot but I'm not so sure. It's quite intimidating playing these legends, and perhaps some psychology was involved. You don't expect to be handed such an easy win against someone like Morozevich.

**29.♕f3** Keith didn't understand at the time why Moro didn't take on d4, but of course he probably felt that he couldn't take that risk that Keith will see it a second time around.

**29...♖xg4+ 30.♕xg4 ♕e5 31.♕b4 ♗f7 32.♕xb7 ♔g7 33.♕g2 ♕f4 34.♗f1 e5 35.♕g3 ♕xg3+ 36.hxg3 ♗d5 37.f4 ♗f3 38.♔f2 e4 39.♗c4⊕** White won on time. **1-0**

# IVAN'S SHORT CUTS

By GM Ivan Ivanišević

## THE EARLY G-PAWN ADVANCE

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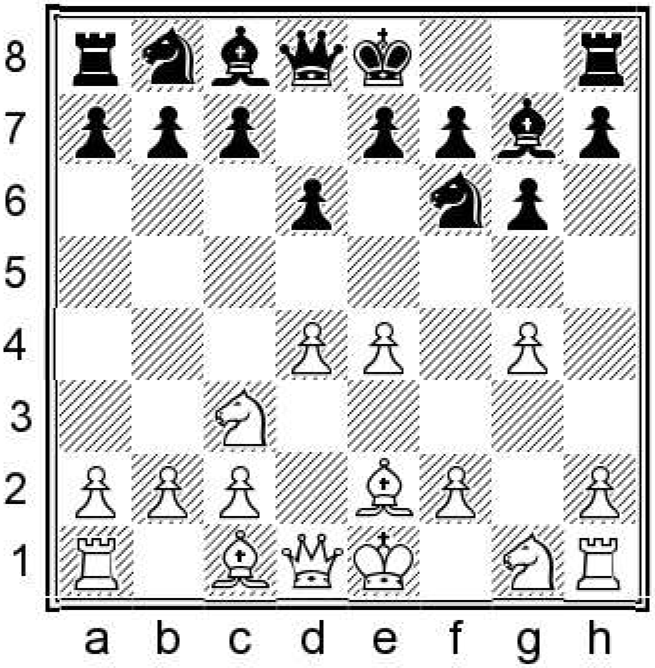
Some years ago while working on my chess I got the famous Michael Basman's book *The Killer Grob* which deals with the notorious 1.g4 opening move. Basman analysed 20 of his games (some against very strong grandmasters) showing great dedication to his favourite opening, and trying to create his own style of play in the opening. With the black pieces he essayed g5 in various situations:1.e4 g5?!, 1.c4 g5!?, 1.♘f3 h6 and then after any White move (except 2.h4) he replied with 2...g5. In actual fact, these are usually half-correct openings, but Basman inspired me to think about the possibility of early g4 (g5 for Black).

Tournament practice has a great number of examples where strong players fought for the initiative by means of early g-pawn moves. Basman was at his prime during Karpov's reign on the chess Olympus so his unorthodox approach seemed to be a way of avoiding classical, standard lines in the opening. In modern-day chess many of suspicious lines and gambits are being revived thanks to powerful engines and chess computers. Especially, creative players tend to seek new paths and extravagant moves in order to steer the play from most common lines.

In this article I will try to explore a few variations in various openings where g4, and g5 might be interesting and playable for Black.

### Pirc Defence
### B07

**1.e4 d6 2.d4 ♘f6 3.♘c3 g6 4.♗e2 ♗g7 5.g4!?**



A very interesting move. Even though the old chess rule states tht one should not engage any flank activity before clarifying the position in the centre. Quite recently I have read a book by Liu Wenze (*The Chinese School of Chess*, 2003), and the following beautiful game caught my attention. Curiously, it was the very first win by any Chinese player against a grandmaster! The game is entertaining and I bring you some of the sparkling commenary by the winner himself!

**5...h6!?** Donner spent half an hour thinking at this point, apparently being confronted with a novelty. Liu was extremely happy with the psychological effect of this move. Every unexpected move causes great effort for the opponent. Even though Donner was a very good defensive player, after the h6 move some doubts came to life since Liu did not consider such a straight forward defence (according to Liu Wenze).

5...c5 6.dxc5 (6.g5) 6...♕a5 7.♗d2 ♕xc5 8.g5↑;

5...O-O 6.g5 ♘e8 7.h4↑;

5...h5 6.g5 (6.gxh5 ♘xh5 7.♘f3∞) 6...♘fd7 7.f4↑;

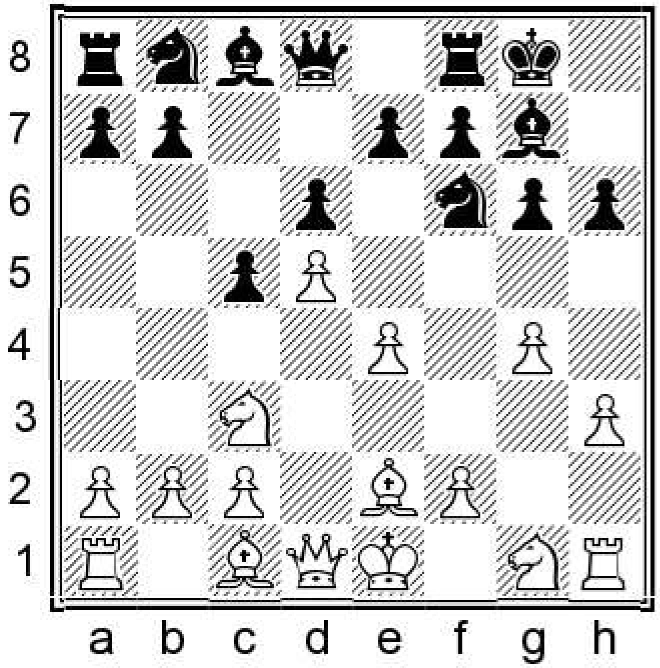
5...d5 is quite likely the best response. 6.e5 ♘e4 7.f4 (7.h4 c5∓) 7...c5 8.♘xe4 dxe4 9.d5∞

**6.h3!?**

6.h4 was on Liu's radar, but then both queen and bishop would have to defend the g4-pawn. On the other hand, h3 seemed to modest and probably a waste of time. (Liu Wenze)

The alternative is 6.♗e3

**6...c5 7.d5 O-O** Donner played the last two moves very quickly. White should fortify the centre in order to be able to launch a kingside attack. After castling short Black seemed to be reasonably happy with his prospects. Perhaps, Donner's assumed that g4 push was not on Liu's agenda anymore, so he commited a fatal psychological mistake! (according to Liu Wenze)



**8.h4!** There must be no hesitation. Black castled too soon giving White target for attack!

**8...e6**

8...♘e8 9.h5 g5 10.f4→;

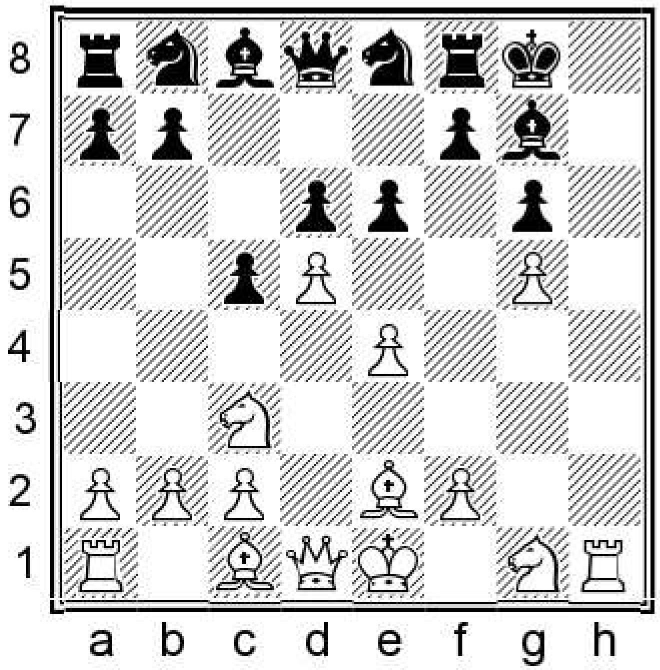
8...b5 9.g5 hxg5 10.hxg5 ♘fd7 11.♕d3 transfering the queen to the h-file.

**9.g5 hxg5**

More stuborn is 9...♘h7 10.gxh6 ♗xc3+ (10...♗h8 11.h5 g5 12.♕d3+- ∆ Qg3) 11.bxc3 exd5 12.♕xd5 (12.exd5±) 12...♘c6 (12...♘f6 13.♕d3 ♘c6 (13...d5 14.♗g5 ♕b6 15.h5± (15.♕g3±; 15.O-O-O±)) 14.♗g5+-) 13.h5±

**10.hxg5→ ♘e8**

10...♘h7 11.♕d3 ♖e8 12.♕h3 ♘f8 13.♕h4±



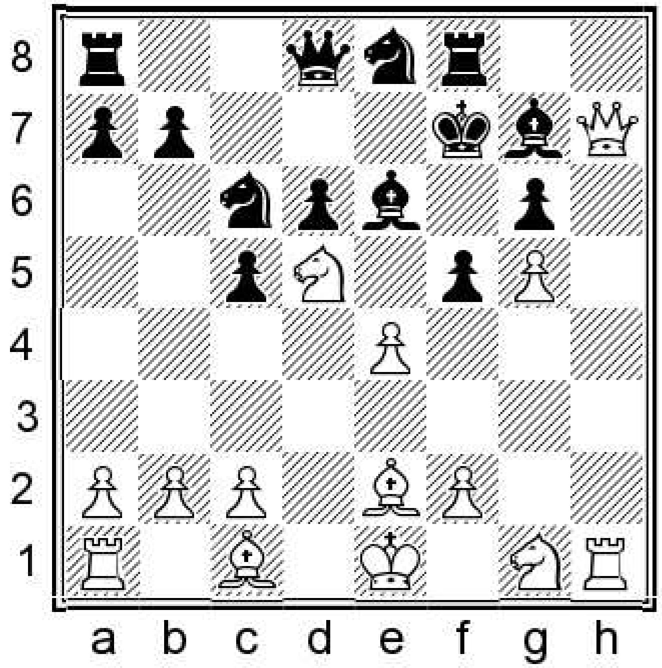
**11.♕d3!** Things are looking brighter for White here. Obviously, White played with great confidence, and self-esteem, being optimistic about the attack on the enemy king. Nevertheless, checkmating Donner in a few more moves was highly surprising! (Liu Wenze)

**11...exd5 12.♘xd5**

12.♕g3!? f5 (12...dxe4 13.♕h4 f6 (13...f5 14.♕h7+ ♔f7 15.♕xg6+!? ♔xg6 16.♗h5+ ♔h7 17.♗f7+ ♗h6 18.g6+ ♔g7 19.♗xh6+ ♔f6 20.♘d5+ ♔e5 21.♗f4+ ♔d4 22.O-O-O+ ♔c4 23.a4+-) 14.♗c4+ ♖f7 15.♕h7+ ♔f8 16.♕xg6 ♕d7 17.♖h7 ♘c6 18.♕h5+-) 13.gxf6 ♘xf6 14.♕xg6 (14.♗h6) 14...♕e8 15.♕g2! ♘c6 16.♗h6 ♖f7 17.O-O-O+- (17.♘f3+-)

**12...♘c6 13.♕g3 ♗e6** On 14.Qh4 Black is forced to play f5, so Bc4 seemed like a possible threat as well. White figured out that queen sacrifice made sense with the bishop on e2. Of course, such a brave move required deep and precise calculation. Liu's bravado was rewarded!

**14.♕h4 f5 15.♕h7+ ♔f7**



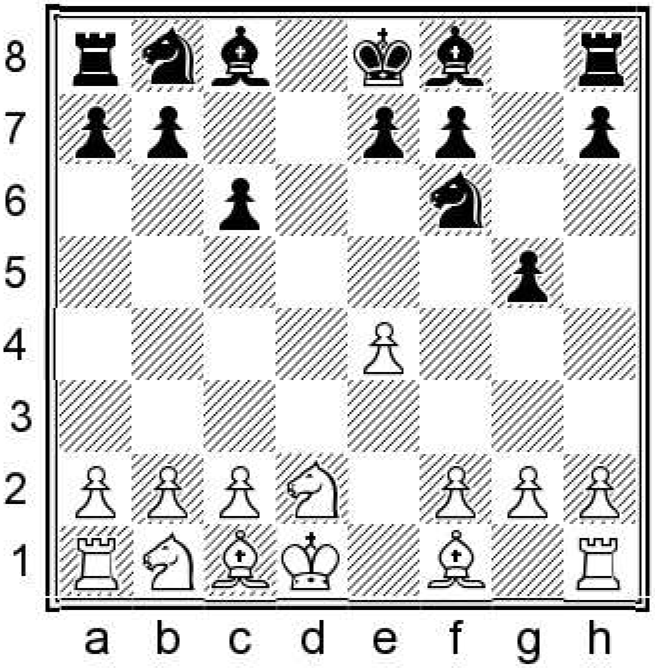
**16.♕xg6+! ♔xg6 17.♗h5+ ♔h7 18.♗f7+ ♗h6 19.g6+ ♔g7 20.♗xh6+** 1 : 0 Liu, Wenze 2200 - Donner,Jan Hein 2490, Buenos Aires (ol) 1978; RR This game was published in Chess Informant 26/169

## Caro-Kann Defence
## B11

**1.e4 c6 2.♘f3 d5 3.d3** Modern way of treating the Caro-Kann. White is going for the King's Indian setup, stopping the e5-lines for Black. However, the queen trade is on the cards, usually leading to equality.

**3...dxe4 4.dxe4 ♕xd1+ 5.♔xd1 ♘f6 6.♘fd2!?** Protecting the e4-pawn by pushing f3, and then the knight will go from d2 to b3 or c4.

**6...g5!?**



Fighting for space. White intends to play f3, so Black prepares g4 push.

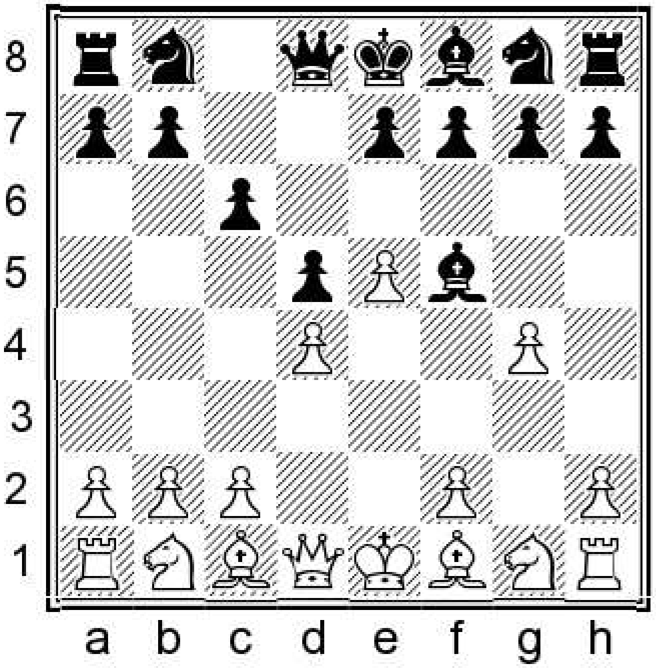
**7.a4**

7.f3 g4 8.♘c4 ♗e6 9.♗e3 gxf3 10.gxf3 ♗xc4 11.♗xc4 ♖g8 12.♘d2 ♘bd7=

**7...♖g8 8.a5 g4 9.♗d3 ♘bd7 10.♘c4 ♘c5 11.♘c3 ♗e6∞** Duda,Jan Krzysztof 2743 - Firouzja, Alireza 2749, chess24.com (Internet-rapid) 2020

## Caro-Kann Defence
## B12

**1.e4 c6 2.d4 d5 3.e5 ♗f5 4.g4!?**

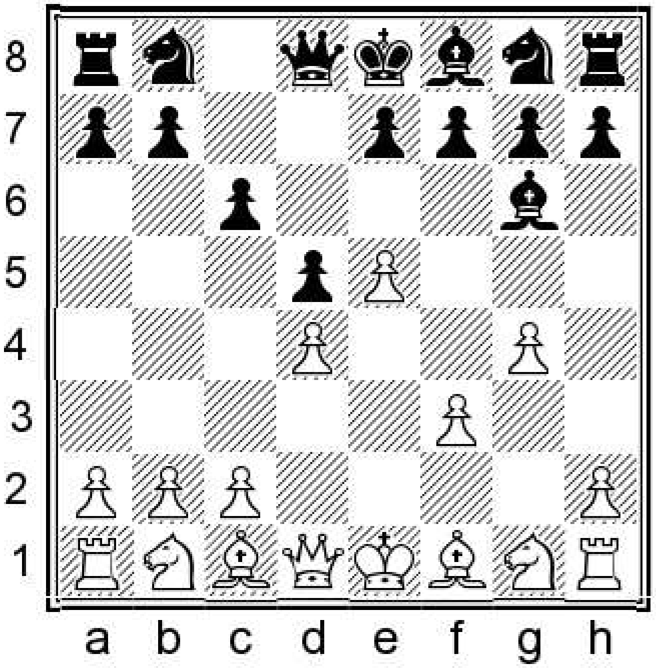


The old variation that is being revived in recent times. White is expanding and gaining space on the kingside, very often sacrificing a pawn in order to slow down Black's development. White is obliged to play with greater risk, as otherwise he will end up with many weaknesses...

On the other hand, Black is well-advised to maintain a solid, passive setup.

**4...♗d7**

4...♗e4 5.f3 ♗g6



6.e6!? Nepomniachtchi launches a novel idea, revitalising the whole variation. (Very sharp positions ensue after 6.h4 h5 7.e6 ♕d6! with good practical chances for Black.) 6...fxe6 7.h4 h5 (7...h6 8.♗d3

♗xd3 9.♕xd3 e5 10.dxe5 e6 11.♘e2 ♘e7 12.♘f4 ♕d7 13.♗e3± Mamedyarov,Shakhriyar 2764 - Jobava,Baadur 2603, chess.com (Internet-blitz) 2020; 7...♘d7 8.h5 ♗f7 9.f4 e5 10.fxe5 e6 11.♘f3 c5 12.c3 ♘e7 13.♗d3 ♘c6 14.O-O ♕b6 15.♔g2± Nepomniachtchi,Ian 2732 - Shankland,Samuel 2676, Khanty-Mansiysk 2017) 8.♗d3 ♗xd3 9.♕xd3=∞

**5.♘c3**

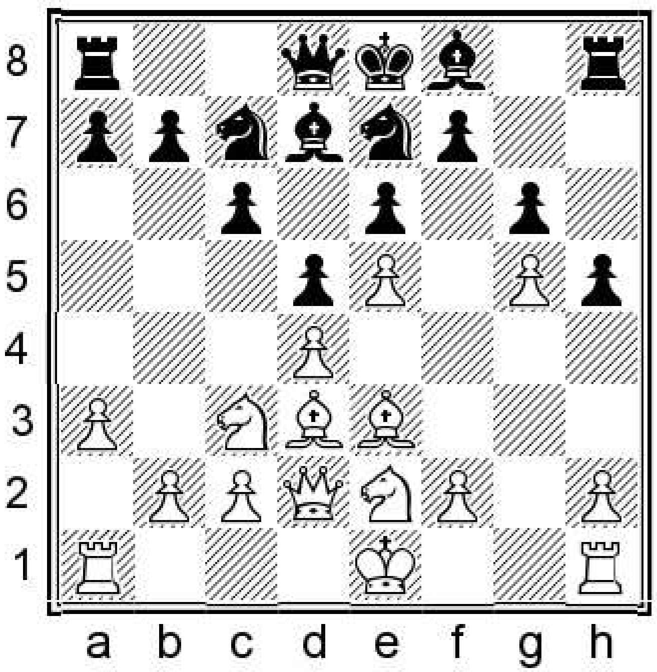
5.c4 e6 6.♘c3 c5!? (6...♘e7 7.♘f3 ♘a6 8.c5 h5 9.g5 ♘c7 10.♖b1± Ponkratov,Pavel 2632 - Mamedyarov,Shakhriyar 2772, Moscow (rapid) 2019) 7.cxd5 (7.♘f3!?) 7...exd5 8.dxc5?! ♗xc5 9.♗g2 ♘e7∓ Shirov,Alexei 2709 - Anand,Viswanathan 2817, Leon (m/3-rapid) 2011 - 112/ (73)

**5...e6 6.♗e3** We reached a French like position with the g4 on the board. That pawn push may prove to be good for White, but that is not certain. In actual fact, White seizes space, but allows Black counterplay by means of c5, or h5 pawn pushes. If White does not play with extreme caution he may end up with worse position.

**6...♘e7 7.♕d2 h5 8.g5 g6**

Black pre-empts the following motif: 8...♘f5 9.g6!? fxg6 10.♘f3=∞

**9.♗d3 ♘a6 10.a3 ♘c7 11.♘ge2∞**



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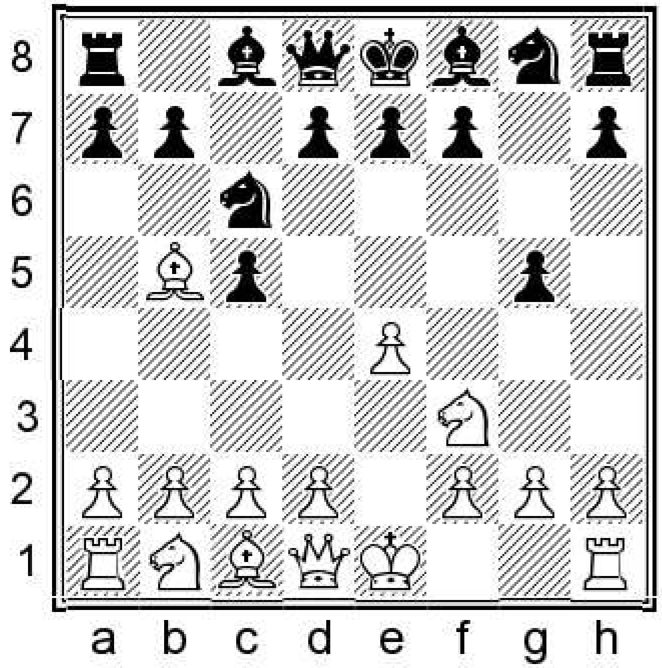
## Sicilian Defence
## B31

**1.e4 c5 2.♘f3 ♘c6 3.♗b5**

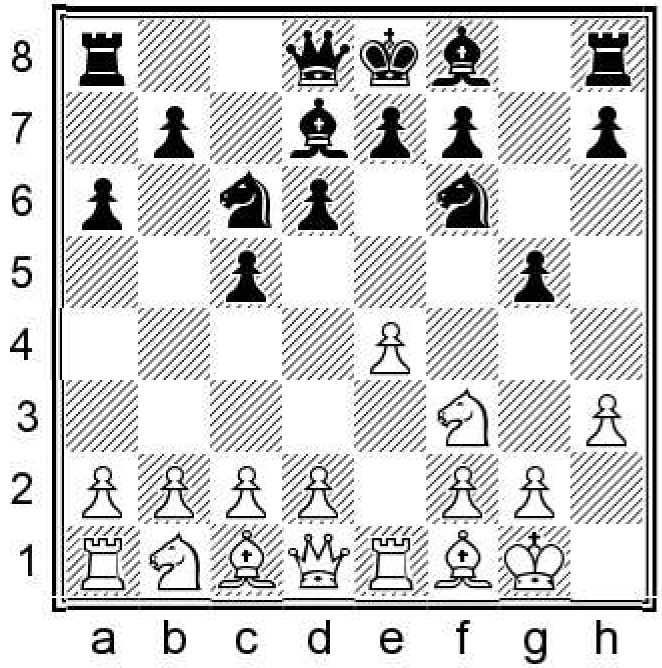
3.d4 cxd4 4.♘xd4 Curiously, in the various Open Sicilians there are no significant g4, or g5 pawn pushes. Of course, White often plays g4 but as a part of well-established concept and opening theory.

**3...g5**



The so called "Kazakh Gambit"! The idea is rather fresh and leads to very sharp positions. Engines are not too happy about it, though! On the other hand, the Rossolimo players are usually amining for long, positional battle, so here they must be ready for some bizarre theory as early as move 4. In order to obtain opening advantage White must accept the gambit. The whole idea seems to be playable in rapid and blitz chess.

3...d6 4.O-O ♗d7 5.♖e1 ♘f6 6.h3 a6 7.♗f1 g5



8.d4! The principled central action. 8...g4 9.d5 ♘d4!? (9...gxf3 10.dxc6 ♗xc6 11.♕xf3 ♘d7 12.♘c3 e6 13.♕g3± Carlsen,Magnus 2863 - Caruana,Fabiano 2835, chess24.com (Internet-m1/3-rapid) 2020)

**4.♘xg5**

4.♗xc6 dxc6 5.♘xg5 ♘f6 6.e5 ♖g8!? 7.d3 h6 8.exf6 (8.♘f3 ♘d5⯹) 8...hxg5 9.♕e2 ♗e6 10.fxe7 ♕xe7 11.♘c3 O-O-O⯹ Ozen,Deniz 2412 (Satranc-Youtube) - Carlsen,Magnus 2863, lichess.org (Internet-blitz) 2020

4.h3 h6 After only 5 moves there is an unexplored position on the board. That should favour Black, especially since he managed to seize some space and achieve good piece activity!

**4...♘f6**

4...♘d4 5.♕h5 ♘h6□ 6.♘a3±

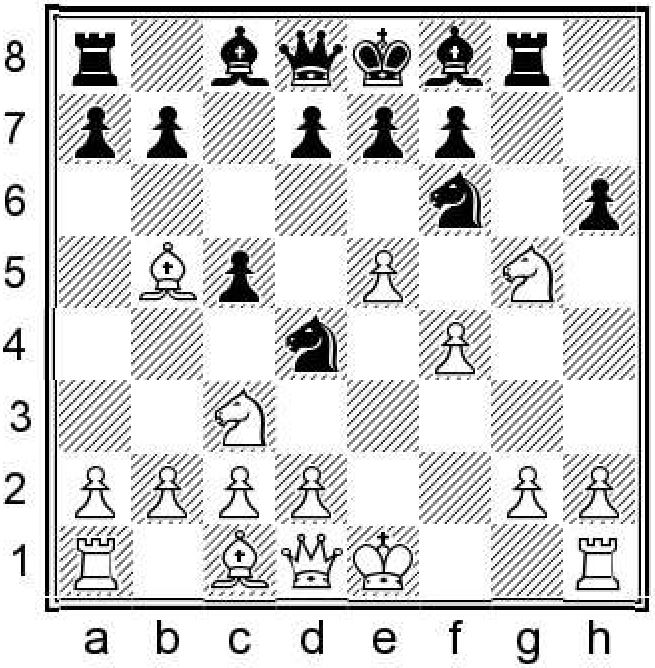
**5.♘c3!?**

5.d3 ♘d4 6.♗c4 (6.♗a4) 6...d5 7.exd5 (7.♗xd5 ♘xd5 8.exd5 ♕xd5 9.O-O ♖g8 10.♘c3 ♕c6⯹) 7...b5 8.♗b3 ♖g8⯹;

5.♗xc6 dxc6 6.d3 (6.e5 with transposition to Carlsen's game.) 6...♖g8 7.O-O I am not sure how can Black obtain compensation here, even though he has the bishop pair and half-open g-file. For example: 7...c4!? (7...h6 8.♘f3 ♗h3 9.♘e1± - of course not 9...♘xe4? 10.♕f3+- and one of Black's pieces is lost.; 7...e5) 8.♔h1 e5⯹ with some compensation at least!

**5...♖g8**

5...♘d4 6.e5 ♖g8 7.f4! h6



8.♘xf7! ♔xf7 9.exf6±

**6.d3 h6**

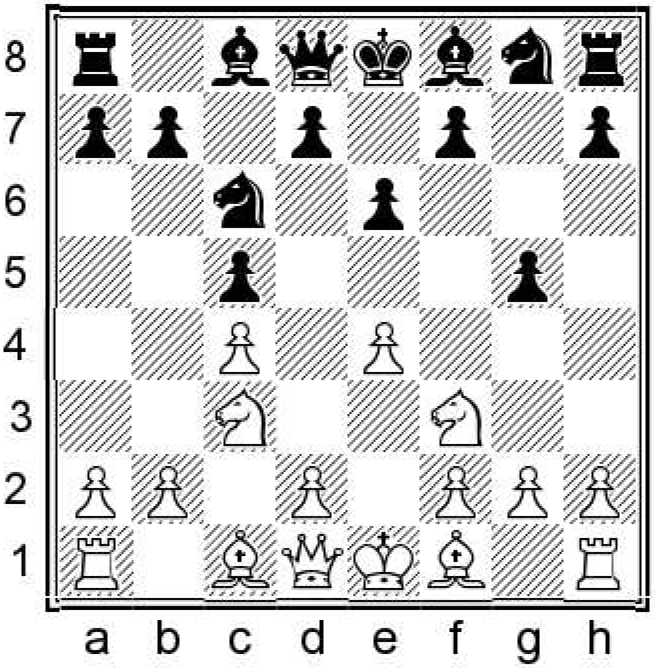
6...♘d4 7.♗c4 e6 (7...d5 8.♘xd5 ♘xd5 9.c3!+-) 8.O-O± (8.e5 d5=∞)

**7.♘f3 ♖xg2 8.e5**↑ With clear initiative for White!

## Sicilian Defence
## B40

**1.e4 c5 2.♘f3 e6 3.c4 ♘c6 4.♘c3** White may still play d4.

**4...g5!?**



This pawn advance is fully justified. Black is fighting for the centre and gaining space on the kingside.

**5.d4**

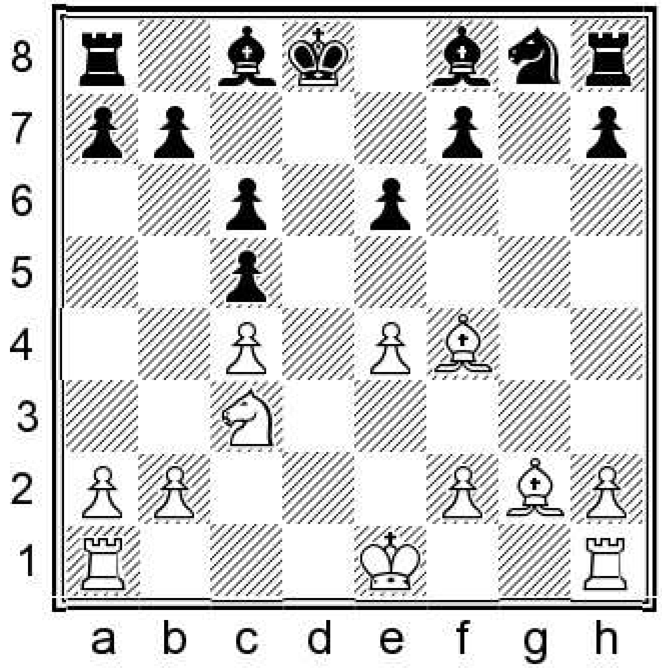
5.h3 ♗g7 6.d3 (6.d4 cxd4 7.♘b5 h6 8.♘fxd4 (8.♘d6+ ♔e7 9.♘b5 ♘f6 10.e5 ♘e4 11.♗d3 a6∓) 8...♘xd4 9.♘xd4 ♘f6 10.♗d3 d5=) 6...h6 7.♗e3 ♘d4∞ Pavlovic,Milos 2545 - Mastrovasilis,Dimitrios 2533, Topola 2004

5.d3 g4 (5...h6 6.♗e3) 6.♘g1 (6.♘d2 ♘f6 7.♗e2 h5∞) 6...♘f6 7.h3 gxh3 (7...g3!? 8.fxg3 d5=∞) 8.♘xh3 (8.g3 h2!? 9.♖xh2 (9.♘f3 d6 10.♘xh2 ♗d7∞) 9...d6∞) 8...d6∞

**5...g4 6.d5 gxf3 7.dxc6 fxg2 8.♗xg2!?**

8.cxd7+ ♗xd7 9.♗xg2 ♘e7=

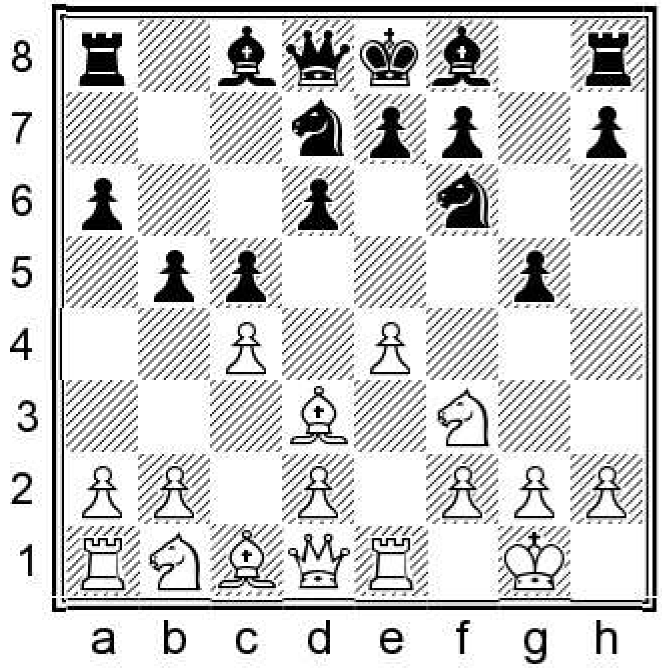
**8...dxc6 9.♕xd8+ ♔xd8 10.♗f4=∞**



White's development is much quicker, so he obtains full compensation for the sacrificed pawn.

## Sicilian Defence
## B51

**1.e4 c5 2.♘f3 d6 3.♗b5+ ♘d7 4.O-O ♘f6 5.♖e1 a6 6.♗d3 b5 7.c4 g5!?**



Black uses this moment to push the g-pawn, while the white knight on b1 and bishop on c1 are still sleeping. Obviously, Black is fighting for the e5-point trying to secure that outpost for his knight.

**8.♘xg5**

8.cxb5 g4 9.♘h4 e6 10.♘c3 ♘e5 11.♗e2 (11.♗f1 ♗g7↑) 11...♗g7⩱ Black is playing a version of the

Benko Gambit, making full use of the fact that the white knight is stranded on h4.

**8...♘e5 9.♗e2 bxc4 10.♘a3**

10.♘f3 ♘d3 11.♗xd3 cxd3∞;

10.d3!? cxd3 11.♗xd3 ♗g7∞

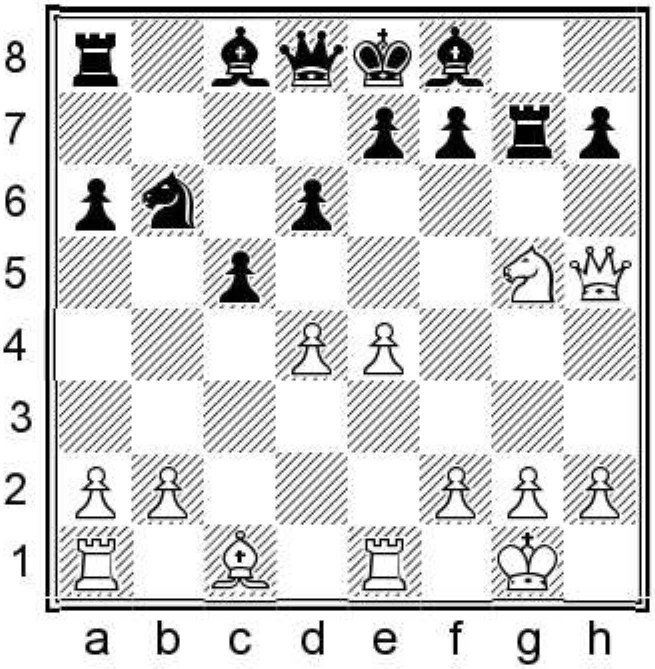
**10...♖g8 11.♘xc4**

11.f4 ♘d3 12.♖f1 (12.♗xd3 cxd3 13.♕f3 h6 14.e5 ♗g4 15.♕xd3 dxe5 16.♕xd8+ ♖xd8 17.fxe5 ♘d7∓) 12...h6 13.♘xf7!? ♔xf7 14.♘xc4 ♘xc1 15.♖xc1 ♘xe4 16.♗f3 ♗f5! (16...d5 17.♘e5+ ♔g7 18.♔h1!⯹) 17.♕c2 d5 18.♘e5+ ♔g7∓

**11...♘xc4 12.d4 ♘b6 13.♗h5 ♘xh5 14.♕xh5 ♖g7⩱**

Even stronger is 14...♖g6!∓ Harikrishna,Penteala;

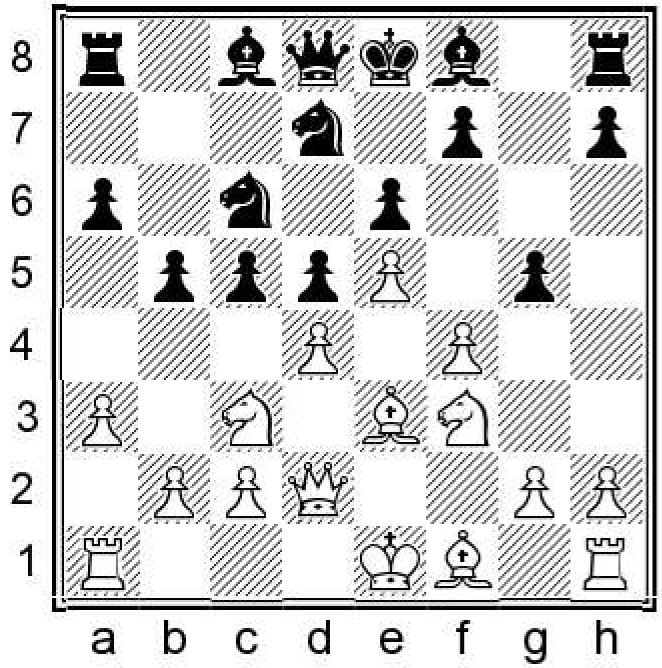
Carlsen suffered one of the most painful defeats in this game. He lost his compass early on in the middlegame, right after the opening phase of the game was concluded.



Carlsen,Magnus 2853 - Topalov,Veselin 2816, Saint Louis 2015 - 125/52

## French Defence
## C11

**1.e4 e6 2.d4 d5 3.♘c3 ♘f6 4.e5 ♘fd7 5.f4 c5 6.♘f3 ♘c6 7.♗e3 a6 8.♕d2 b5 9.a3 g5!?**



Morozevich applied this idea for the first time against Anand in 2005. The idea is to undermine White's pawn chain.

**10.fxg5**

White cannot fortify the chain with 10.g3? because Black will attack d4 point. 10...g4! 11.♘h4 cxd4 12.♗xd4 ♘xd4 13.♕xd4 ♗c5↑;

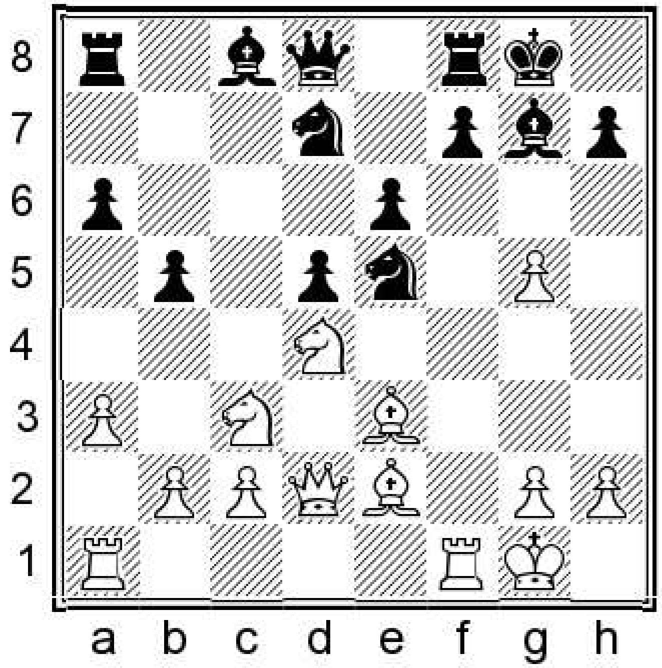
10.♘e2 g4! 11.♘fg1 f6⇄;

10.♘xg5 cxd4 11.♗xd4 ♘xd4 12.♕xd4 ♗c5 13.♕d2 ♕b6 14.♘d1 f6=∞

**10...cxd4 11.♘xd4**

11.♗xd4 ♕a5=∞ (White retains an extra pawn without any obvious compensation after 11...♗g7 12.O-O-O O-O 13.♕f4± (In the stem blindfold game Anand did not find the correct path: 13.♘a2? ♘xd4 14.♘xd4 ♘xe5 15.h4 ♘c4 16.♗xc4 bxc4 17.♔b1 ♖b8∓ Anand,Viswanathan 2786 - Morozevich,Alexander 2741, Monaco (blindfold) 2005 - 95/(206)))

**11...♘cxe5 12.♗e2 ♗g7 13.O-O O-O∞**



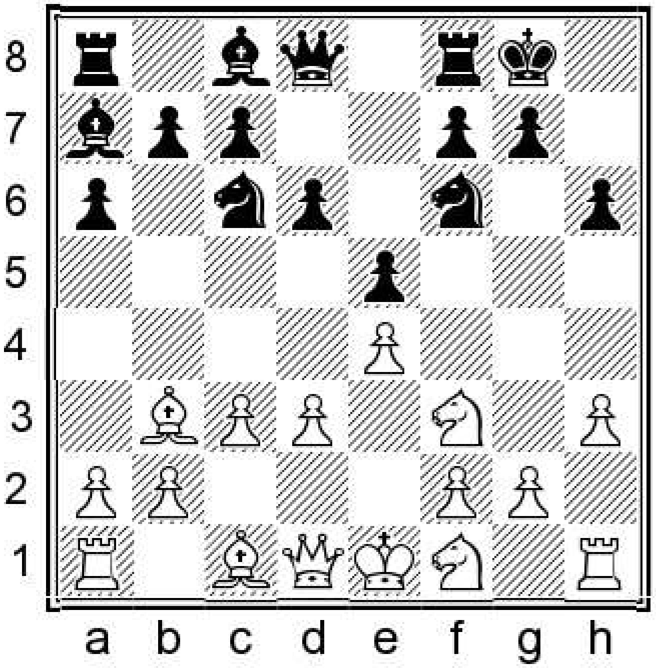
With a really double-edged position that occurred in Hou,Yifan 2658 - Morozevich,Alexander 2659, lichess.org (Internet-blitz) 2020

## Italian game
## C54

**1.e4 e5 2.♘f3 ♘c6 3.♗c4 ♗c5 4.c3 ♘f6 5.d3 a6** In recent times the Italian game became the most popular of all the 1.e4 e5 openings. The struggle has a profound strategic character, with deep and long manoeuvres, so a stronger player usually prevails.

Here we will explore the situations where White can essay g4 (or g5 for Black). These pawn pushes are possible under certain circumstances...

5...d6 6.♗b3 O-O 7.h3 a6 8.♘bd2 In this position the g4 idea might work if White provokes h6. Therefore, White plays all the useful moves. For example: 8...♗e6 (8...♗a7 9.♘f1 h6



10.g4! d5 11.♕e2 dxe4 12.dxe4 ♗e6 13.g5 hxg5 14.♗xg5↑ Fedorov,Alexei 2562 - Patil,Pratik 2167, Mumbai 2019/20) 9.♗c2 d5 10.♕e2 h6 11.g4! ♘h7 12.♖g1 d4 13.♘b3 ♗e7 14.♘xe5!? ♘xe5 15.♘xd4 c5 16.♘f5⩱∞ Duda,Jan Krzysztof 2706 - Eljanov,Pavel 2720, Deutschland 2017

**6.O-O**

6.♗b3

**6...d6**

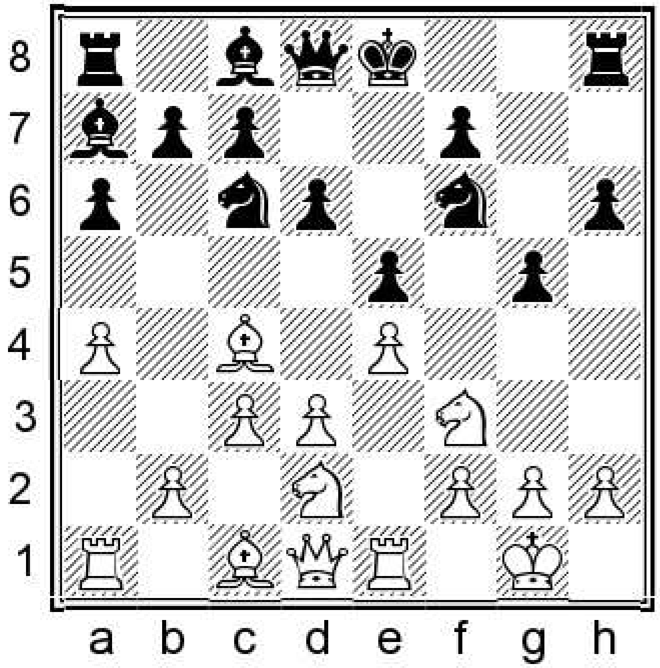
6...♗a7 7.a4 h6 8.♘a3 d6 9.♘c2 White is intending to trade the light-squared bishops with 10.Be3, making it less appealing for Black to go for g5 advance. But, Black obtained a very solid position by playing with great precision. 9...♘e7 10.♗e3 ♘g6 11.♗xa7 ♖xa7 12.d4 ♗d7= Atlas,Valeri 2435 - Banusz,Tamas 2612, Oesterreich 2017

**7.a4** Over the last year this has been the most popular plan for White. He is not intending to move the b1-knight too soon (delaying the usual d2-f1-g3 or e3 route). Instead, White is expanding on the queenside, and preparing the b4 push while waiting for Black to castle when Bg5 may prove to be a really tricky pin to deal with. The b1-knight may go to a3 and then to c3 or c4.

7.♗b3 ♗a7 8.♘bd2 h6!?

**7...♗a7 8.♖e1 h6!?** You can guess the course of action...

**9.♘bd2 g5**

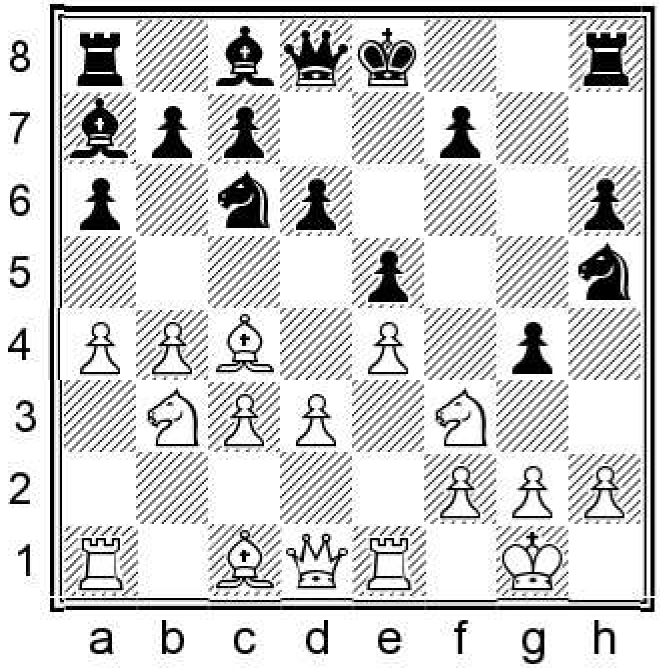


If Black played the useful 8...h6 move White should try to avoid playing h3, because that severely weakens the white king.

**10.b4**

The game itself is not too theoretically important because White played pretty meekly, but Black's attack deserves praise nevertheless. 10.♕b3 ♖h7 11.a5 ♘h5 12.♘f1 g4 13.♘3d2 ♘f4 14.♘e3 h5 15.♘df1 h4 16.♘f5 g3 17.hxg3 hxg3 18.♘1xg3 ♕g5 19.d4 ♔f8 20.♗xf4 exf4 21.♘e2 ♘e5! 22.♔f1 ♖h1+ 23.♘g1 ♖xg1+ 24.♔xg1 ♘f3+ 0 : 1 Carlo,Emanuele 2288 - Moroni,Luca jr 2562, Villorba 2020

**10...♘h5 11.♘b3 g4**



**12.b5!**

12.♘fd2 ♕f6 13.d4 O-O!⇄

**12...gxf3**

12...axb5!? 13.axb5 ♗xf2+ 14.♔xf2 ♖xa1 15.♘xa1 gxf3 16.g3 ♘a5∞

**13.♕xf3 ♕f6 14.♕xf6 ♘xf6 15.bxc6 bxc6 16.d4 ♗e6! 17.♗xe6 fxe6∞** Karjakin,Sergey 2760 - Carlsen,Magnus 2837, London 2017

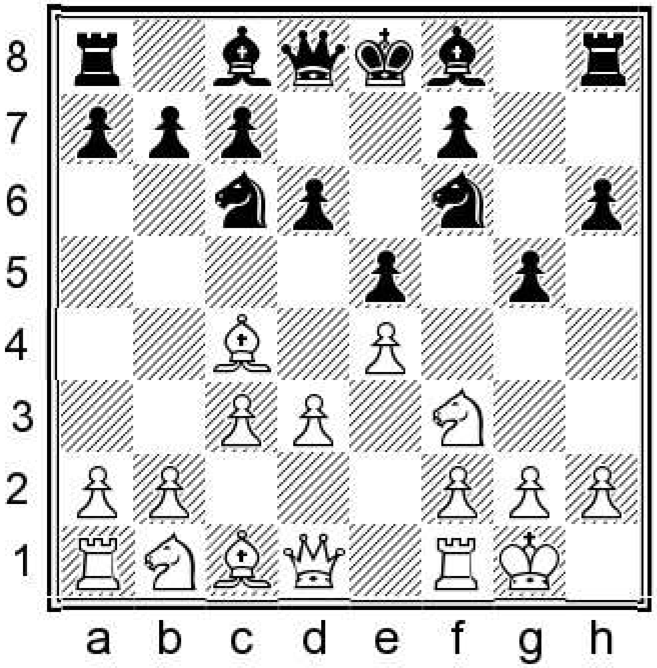
## Two Knights Defence
## C55

**1.e4 e5 2.♘f3 ♘c6 3.♗c4 ♘f6 4.d3 h6 5.O-O**

5.c3!? d6 (Also possible is 5...g5)

**5...d6** In old times this move was indicating the intention of g6 and fianchetto.

**6.c3** However, the engines find that **6...g5!?** is stronger.



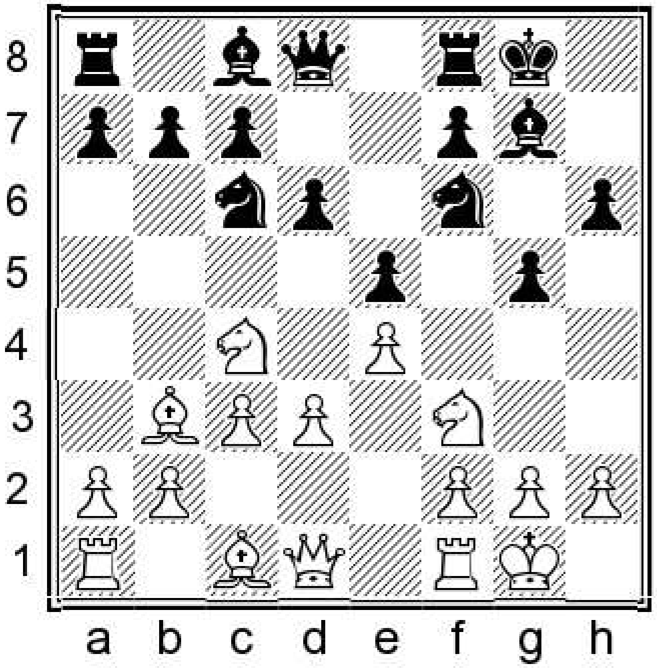
With the black fianchetto on the kingside the most reasonable plan for White is quick d4 expansion and play on the queenside. Very rarely Black goes for g4, h5 and h4, but instead he develops the bishop on g7 aiming to obtain an active position and fight against White's idea of d4 central push. Also, Black has g4 or Bg4 at his disposal. On the other hand, if White plays h3 with the idea of d4, timely g4 push would put the white king in danger if the position opens up. So, in my opinion, White should manoeuvre with great caution and try to use the weak f5 square.

**7.♘bd2**

7.d4 g4! 8.♘fd2 exd4 9.cxd4 ♘xd4 10.♖e1 ♗g7 11.♘f1 ♘c6 12.♘c3 ♘e5 13.♗b3 h5!?∓ (13...O-O

14.♘g3∞ Karjakin,Sergey 2782 - Mamedyarov,Shakhriyar 2808, Leuven (blitz) 2018)

**7...♗g7 8.♗b3 O-O 9.♘c4**



**9...♗e6**

9...♘e7 10.h4! gxh4 11.♘xh4 ♗g4 12.♕e1 ♗e6 13.f4→ Leko,Peter 2674 - Morozevich,Alexander 2659, Abu Dhabi (m/2-rapid) 2019

**10.♖e1** A very useful move aimed against the d5 break.

**10...♖e8 11.a4**

11.h4!?

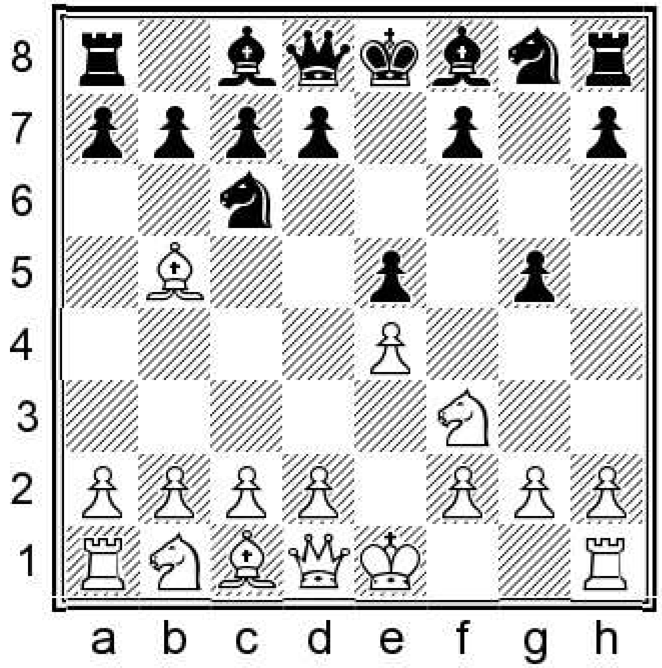
**11...d5 12.exd5**

12.♘cxe5?! ♘xe5 13.♘xe5 dxe4 14.d4 c5!∓ Ganguly,Surya Shekhar 2615 - Mamedyarov, Shakhriyar 2817, Kolkata (blitz) 2018

**12...♘xd5 13.♘cxe5 ♘xe5 14.♘xe5 ♗xe5! 15.♖xe5 ♘xc3 16.bxc3 ♗xb3=**

## Ruy Lopez
## C60

**1.e4 e5 2.♘f3 ♘c6 3.♗b5 g5?!**



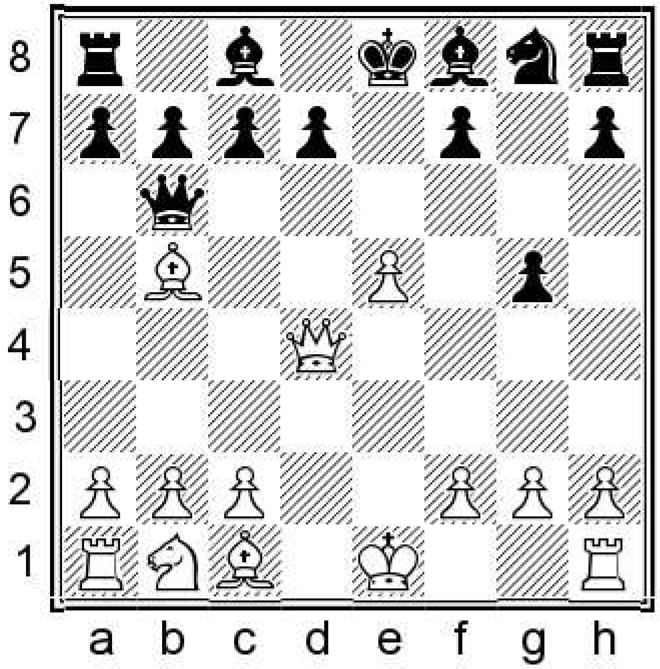
I was not even aware of this possibility until I saw Magnus Carlsen with the black pieces winning an online game against a very strong grandmaster! Later I discovered a few more Carlsen's online games with pretty good score versus strong opposition. Obviously, he prepared this line for blitz games.

However, while researching for this article I discovered that the line with 3...g5 had been played in the beginning of the XX century by a very strong player.

So, let's see how should White react to the early g-pawn push: **4.d4 ♘xd4 5.♘xd4 exd4 6.♕xd4 ♕f6 7.e5**

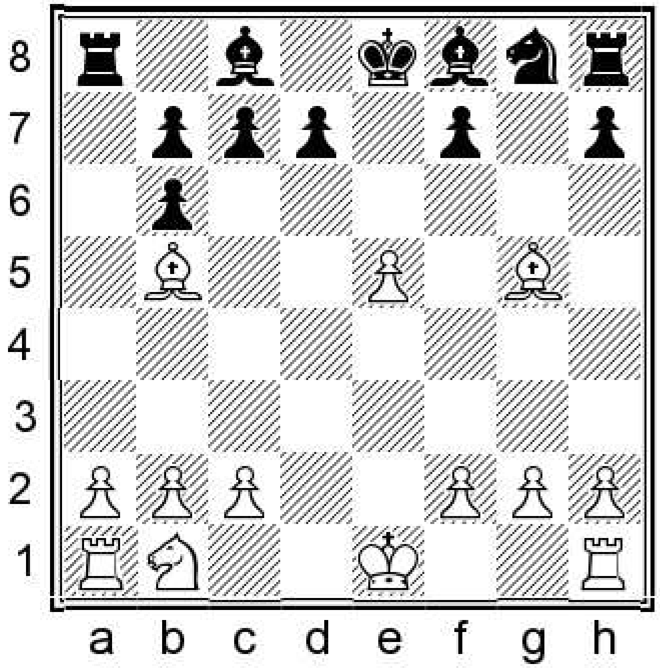
7.♗e3 ♗g7 8.c3 ♘e7 (8...♕xd4!? 9.cxd4 c6 10.♗e2 ♘e7 11.♘c3±) 9.♘a3 (9.♕c5!?) 9...♕xd4 10.cxd4 f5∞ Teichmann,Richard - Schlechter,Carl, Wien (m/2) 1904

**7...♕b6**



**8.♕d3!**

8.♕xb6 axb6 9.♗xg5



(9.♘c3!? c6 10.♗d3 ♗g7 11.f4±) 9...♖a5! Magnus played instantly! In the live commentary he was content when White accepted the endgame, because Black's position was pretty decent! 10.♘c3 c6 11.♗e2 ♖xe5 12.♗f4 ♖e6∞

Also interesting is 8.♕a4!?

**8...a6**

8...c6 9.♗c4 ♕a5+ 10.♔d1!± White does not want to sacrifice the central pawn believing that the black king is much weaker than his own. (10.♘c3 ♕xe5+ 11.♗e3 d5 12.O-O-O ♗e7 13.♕d2⩱)

**9.♗c4 ♕g6**

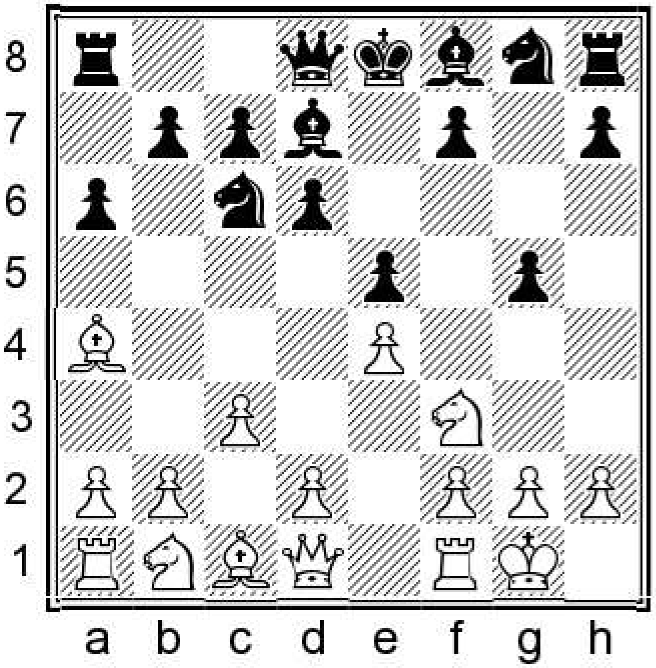
White obtains a much better piece placement after 9...♕a5+ 10.♘c3 ♕xe5+ 11.♗e3→ ♘e7 (11...♗c5 12.O-O! d6 13.♖ae1 ♔f8 14.♘d5 ♗f5 15.♕b3+- Black cannot complete development.) 12.O-O-O ♗g7 13.♖he1 O-O 14.♕d2 ♘g6 (14...h6 15.f4 ♕a5 16.fxg5±) 15.♗xg5 ♕c5 16.♗b3±

**10.♕e2 ♘e7 11.♘c3 ♗g7 12.O-O±**

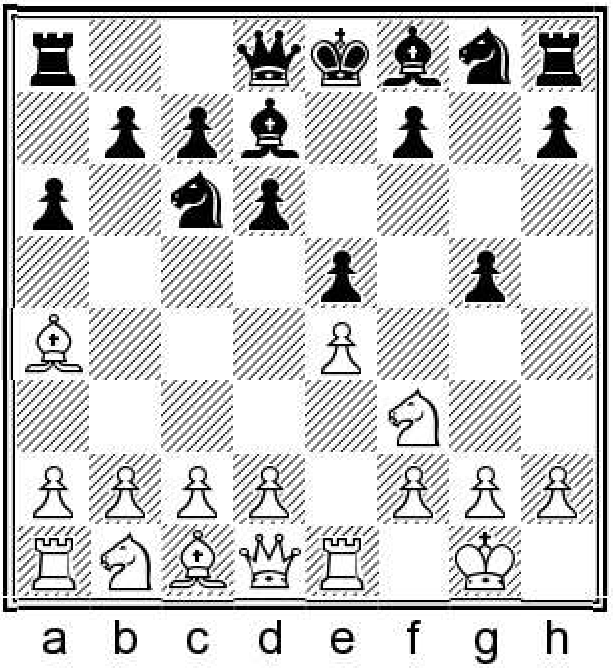
## Ruy Lopez
## Chigorin Defence
## C97

**1.e4 e5 2.♘f3 ♘c6 3.♗b5 a6 4.♗a4 ♘f6**

4...d6 5.O-O ♗d7 6.♖e1 (6.c3 g5!?



This thrust is less powerful here than in the main line, but still interesting to play. 7.d4 g4 8.♘e1 h5 9.f4 exd4 10.cxd4 ♗g7 11.d5 (11.♗e3 d5!∞) 11...♘ce7 12.♗xd7+ ♕xd7 13.♘c3 (13.f5 c6 14.dxc6 ♘xc6∞ (14...♕xc6!?∞)) 13...f5 14.e5! dxe5 15.♘d3 O-O-O 16.♘xe5 ♗xe5 17.fxe5 ♘xd5 18.♗g5 ♘xc3 19.♕xd7+ (19.bxc3 ♘e7) 19...♖xd7 20.bxc3⩱) 6...g5!?



After g4 the white knight will have no squares, so White is forced to look for advantage by going for some concrete lines. 7.♗xc6 (7.d4 g4 8.d5 ♘ce7 9.♗xd7+ ♕xd7 10.♘fd2 f5! 11.exf5 ♘xd5 12.♕xg4 O-O-O∞ Ivanchuk,Vassily 2678 - Firouzja,Alireza 2749, Europe-Echecs (Internet-m/5-blitz) 2020, C 72) 7...bxc6 8.d4 g4 9.♘fd2 exd4 10.♘b3 ♘e7 11.♘xd4 ♗g7 12.♘c3 O-O∞ Grischuk,Alexander 2785 - Mamedyarov,Shakhriyar 2791, Hersonissos 2017 - 134/115, C 72

**5.O-O ♗e7 6.♖e1 b5 7.♗b3 d6 8.c3 ♘a5** While preparing for the game against Peter Leko I came to idea of going for the Chigorin variation without castling first. You will soon understand my intentions...

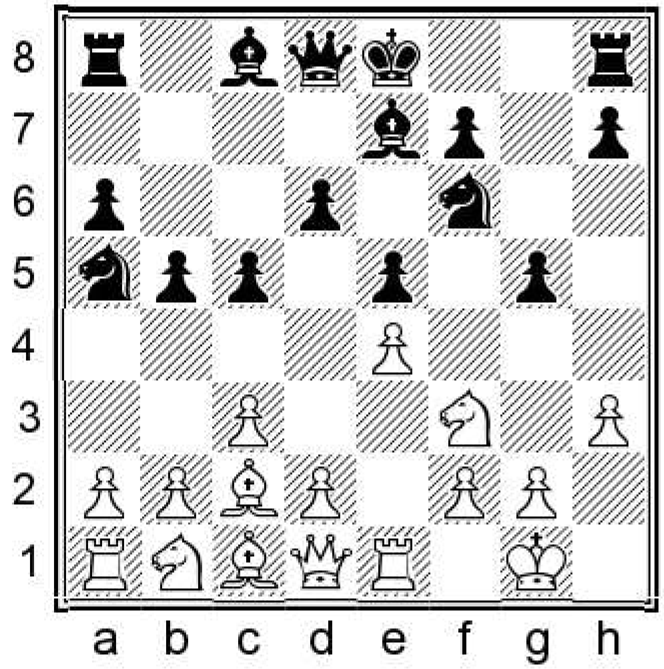
8...O-O 9.d4 ♗g4 10.♗e3 exd4 11.cxd4 ♘a5 12.♗c2 c5∞

**9.♗c2 c5 10.h3** Peter is a great Ruy Lopez expert, so he invested a lot of time trying to figure out if there were any subtle move order differences, with no castle on the board.

10.d4 exd4 (10...cxd4 11.cxd4 ♗g4 12.♘bd2 ♘c6 13.h3 ♗h5 14.g4 ♘xg4!? 15.hxg4 ♗xg4 16.♘b3 O-O⩱ Navara,David 2734 - Predke, Alexandr 2632, Riga (rapid) 2019) 11.cxd4 ♗g4∞ The position on the board is very fresh and unexplored. Still, it can lead to the c3, d4 line without h3.

**10...g5!?**

Transposition into the standard Chigorin ensues after 10...O-O 11.d4 ♕c7



**11.d4!** Now the difference becomes obvious!

11.♘xg5 ♖g8 12.d4 h6 13.dxe5 dxe5 14.♕xd8+ ♗xd8 15.♘f3 ♗xh3 16.g3 ♘g4↑

**11...g4! 12.dxe5**

12.hxg4 ♘xg4 13.a4 b4 14.cxb4 cxb4∞

**12...dxe5 13.♕xd8+ ♗xd8 14.♘xe5**

14.hxg4 ♘xg4 15.♘bd2 ♗e6 16.♘f1 ♖g8∞

**14...gxh3 15.g3 h5!?⇄** With counterplay for Black, Leko,Peter 2693 - Ivanisevic, Ivan 2645, Novi Sad 2016

# DEVELOPMENTS

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## THE KING’S INDIAN [E63]

### Fianchetto Variation

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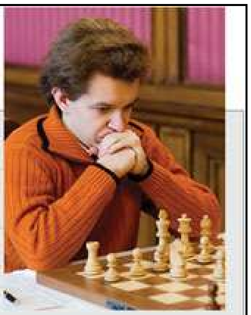

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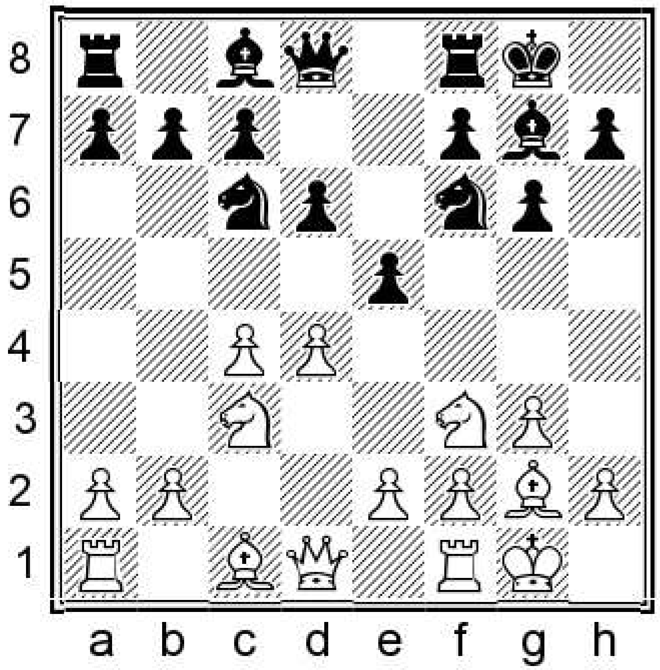
Dear readers, for my debut in the Informant I chose to present my examination of the topical King's Indian variation.

The development of ...♘c6, ...e5 has been reawakened, as imperious amounts of players have readapted to utilizing it. This, however, is not surprising due to Black's immediate active counter-stance in the centre. The 8.de5 continuation may grant the open d-file, but neither of the participants wishes to exchange their queen's. Black's plan resides in tucking his queen away on b8, excluding the casual ...♕c8 move entirely from his plans. Naturally, even such a seemingly strange move has its perks, especially to escape the enemy bishop's pin, the d-file confrontation, and to prepare for the regrouping ...♘d7-b6. Also, after the textbook move such as ♘d5, Black will always fail to threaten White with a check on ♘e7. Since the 8.d5 line is the closed system, the black knight goes to b8, and then he goes for ...a5, ...♘a6, ...♘d7-c5 followed by the typical King's Indian idea ...f5.

**1.d4 ♘f6 2.c4 g6 3.g3 ♗g7 4.♗g2 O-O 5.♘c3 d6 6.♘f3 ♘c6 7.O-O e5**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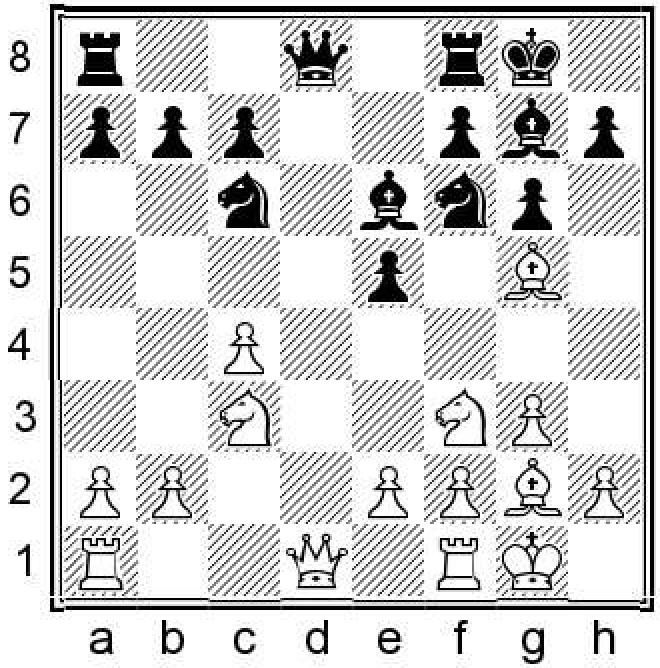
I hope that you will find my analysis to be both detailed and instructive enough for your opening preparation.

**8.dxe5 dxe5 9.♗g5 ♗e6**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## CHAPTER 1
## 10.♘d5

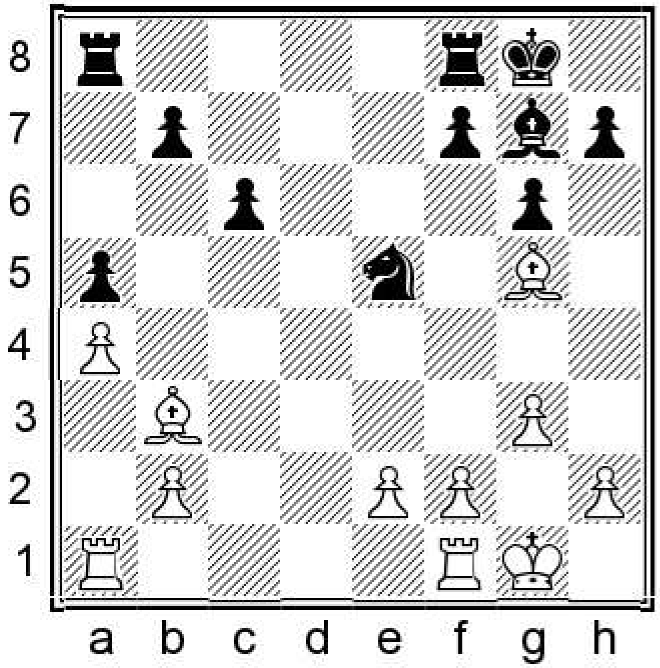
**10.♘d5**

10.♕xd8?! ♖axd8∞;

10.b3?! h6 11.♗e3 (11.♗xf6 ♕xf6 12.♘d2 (Arslanov,Shamil 2391 - Onischuk,Vladimir 2584, Kazan 2013) (12.♘e4?! ♕e7 Black has a very promising position, as he is ready initialise completing of his plans with ...f5 followed by ...e4. 13.♖c1 ♖ad8 14.♕c2 f5 15.♘c3 e4 16.♘h4 ♕f7∓ Musaev,Eldar - Mamedyarov,Shakhriyar 2479, Azerbaijan 2001) 12...♖ad8 13.♘d5 ♗xd5 14.cxd5 ♘e7 15.e4 c6↑) 11...♕e7 12.♕c1 ♔h7 13.h3 ♖fd8 14.♘d2 ♘e8∞ Beydullayeva,Govhar 2274 - Gholami Orimi,Mahdi 2441, Baku 2019

**10...♗xd5 11.♗xf6**

11.cxd5 ♕xd5 12.♕xd5 ♘xd5 13.♘xe5 ♘xe5 14.♗xd5 c6 15.♗b3 a5 16.a4



(16.♖ad1 a4 17.♗c2 ♖fe8 18.b3 axb3 19.♗xb3 b5=) 16...♘d7! 17.♖ab1 ♘c5 18.♗c2 ♘e6 19.♗e3 ♗d4= Arkell,Keith 2454 - Paehtz,Elisabeth 2472, Bunratty 2020 - 144/(190)

**11...♗xf6**

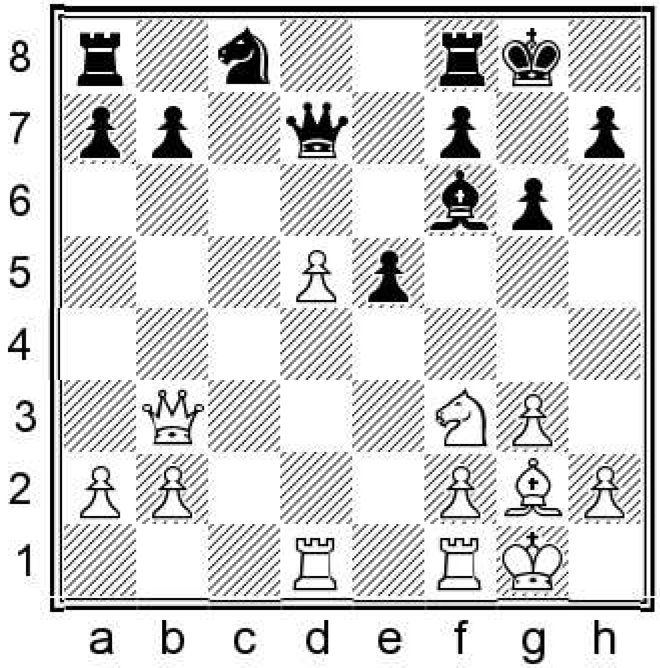
11...♕xf6!? is the alternative choice.

**12.cxd5 ♘e7 13.e4 ♕d7 14.♕b3 c6 15.♖ad1**

15.dxc6 - this obviously leads to a rather drawish position. 15...♘xc6 (1/2 : 1/2 Berkes,Ferenc 2648 - Naiditsch, Arkadij 2689, Magyarorszag 2016) 16.♖fd1 ♕e7 17.♖d5 ♖fd8 18.♖ad1 ♖xd5 19.♖xd5 ♖d8 20.♖xd8+ ♘xd8= Saric,Ante 2530 - Jovanovic,Zoran 2511, Hrvatska (ch) 2019

15.♖fd1 cxd5 16.exd5 ♘f5 17.d6 ♘xd6 18.♕d5 ♖ad8 19.♘xe5 ♕f5 20.♘d3 ♕xd5 21.♗xd5 ♖fe8= Saduakassova, Dinara 2461 - Jones,Gawain 2698, Reykjavik 2019

**15...cxd5 16.exd5 ♘c8**

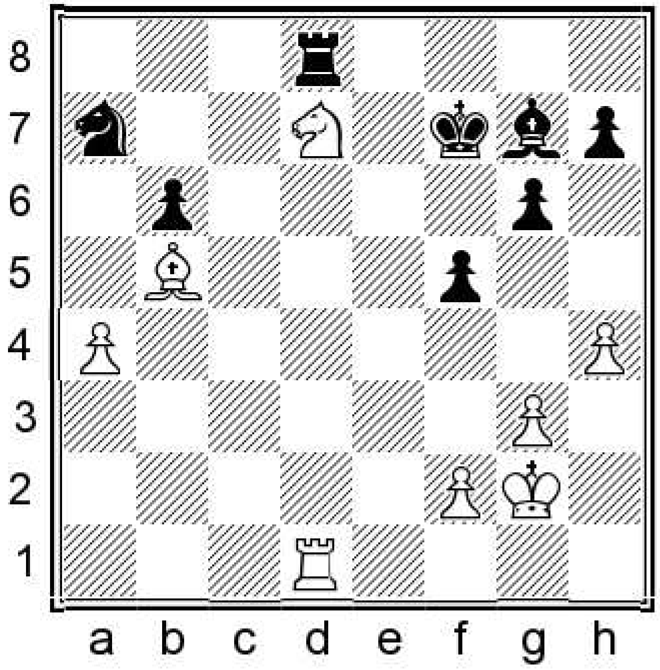


**17.d6!?**

17.♖fe1 ♖e8 18.♖d2 ♘b6 and Black needs to be extremely careful, but should hold this position.

**17...♘xd6 18.♕d5 ♖ad8 19.♘xe5 ♕a4 20.♘d3 b6 21.b3 ♕b5 22.♘f4 ♗g7 23.♖fe1 ♖fe8 24.♖xe8+ ♕xe8 25.♕d3 ♕e5 26.h4 ♗f6=**

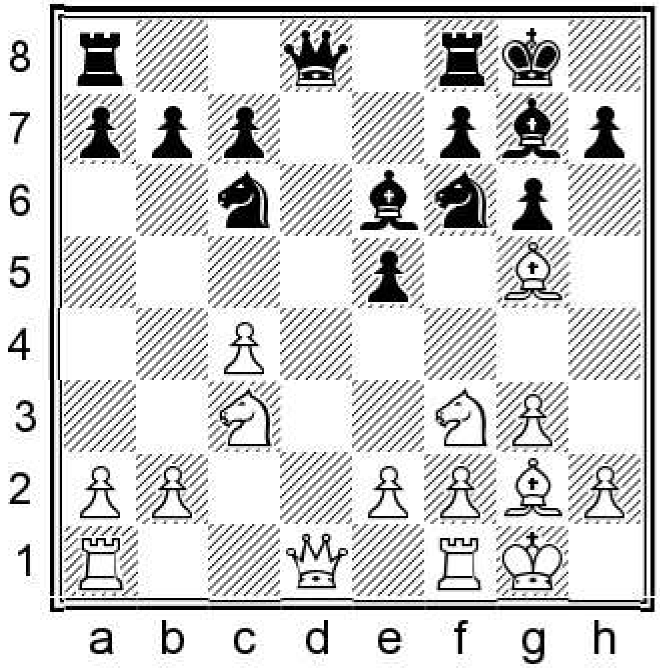
26...♕c3?! 27.♕xc3 ♗xc3 28.♘d5 ♗g7 29.♘e7+ ♔f8 30.♘c6 ♖d7 31.a4 a5 32.b4 axb4 33.♘xb4 f5 34.♗f3 ♖d8 35.♘c6 ♖d7 36.♔g2 ♔e8 37.♘b8 ♖d8 38.♗c6+ ♔f7 39.♘d7 ♘c8 40.♗b5 ♘a7



41.♗e2!± (41.♘e5+ ♔e7 42.♖xd8 ♔xd8 43.♘c6+ 1/2 : 1/2 Kazhgaleyev,Murtas 2587 - Wei,Yi 2733, Astana 2019)

# CHAPTER 2
# 10.♕c1

**1.d4 ♘f6 2.c4 g6 3.g3 ♗g7 4.♗g2 O-O 5.♘c3 d6 6.♘f3 ♘c6 7.O-O e5 8.dxe5 dxe5 9.♗g5 ♗e6**



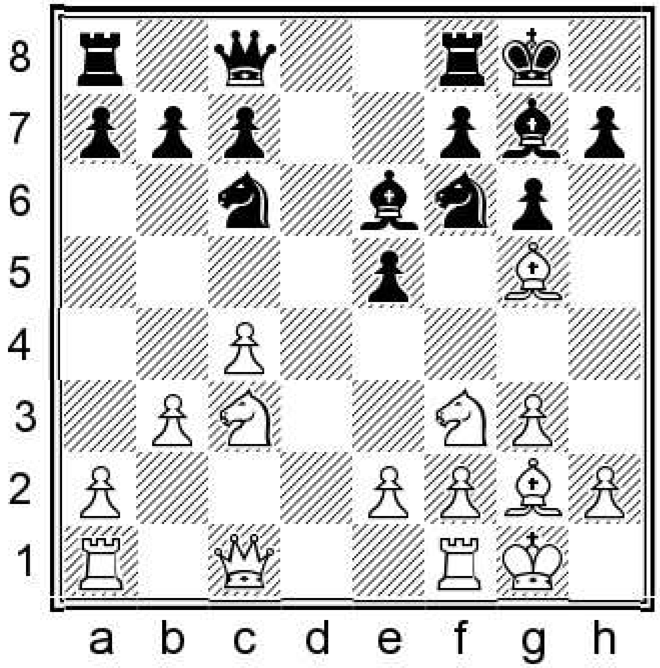
**10.♕c1** Amongst the most ambitious moves. White swiftly avoids the exchange of queens. However, such a move has many features. Excluding the previously mentioned, White plans to reposition his rook on d1, leaving Black's plan of ...h6 devoid of meaning, which allows him to consider exchangeing the dark-squared bishops with Bh6.

**10...♕c8** Black's plan is similar to White's, to remove the queen from the d-file, to form a battery on the c8-h3 diagonal, and occasionally threaten with ...Bh3, exchanging the light-squared bishops. Also, Black may, if he pleases, reposition his rook to d8.

The greedy 10...♗xc4?! could have been met by 11.♘d2 ♗e6 12.♘de4↑ and White exercises grievous amounts of pressure for the pawn - Ledger, Andrew 2349 - Kalavannan,Koby 2339, Great Britain 2019

**11.♖d1**

11.b3

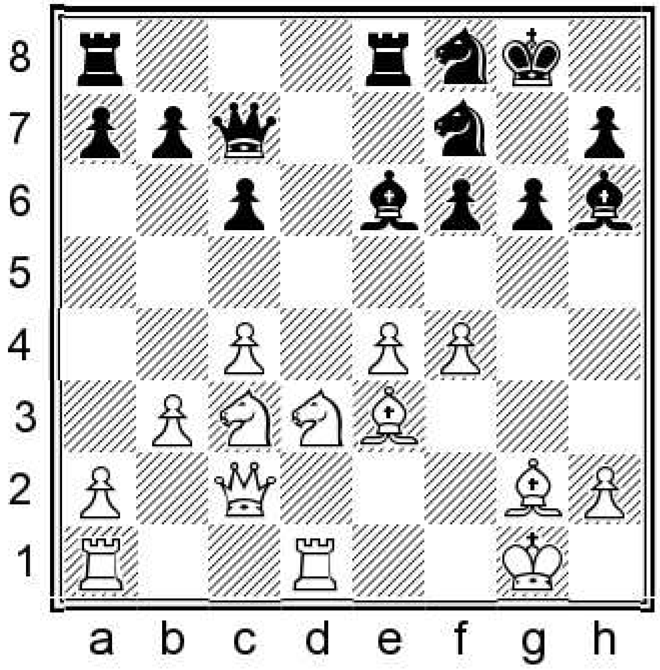


11...♗h3! It is logical and benificial to exchange the light-squared bishops, as the white one stands very strong on g2, overseeing the long diagonal. 12.♖d1 ♗xg2 13.♔xg2 e4 14.♘d2 ♕e6⇄

**11...♖d8** This was not the only move in execution, but nonetheless it was quite correct.

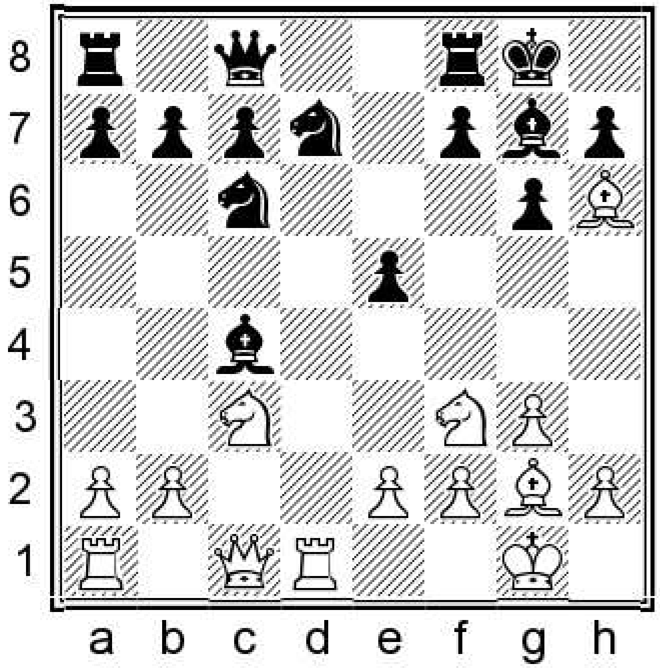
11...♗xc4? has become even worse over time, because of 12.♗xf6 ♗xf6 13.♘e4+- and White wins a piece, as in Haldorsen,Benjamin 2448 - Maloberti, David 2113, Skopje 2019

RR11...♘d7 12.♗h6 (12.b3 f6 13.♗h6 ♖e8 14.♘e1 ♘d8 15.e4 ♘f7 16.♗e3 c6 17.♘d3 ♕c7 18.f3 ♘f8 19.♕c2 ♗h6 20.♗xh6 (20.f4?! exf4 21.♘xf4∞ (21.gxf4



21...♘e5! 22.♖f1 (Deac, Bogdan-Daniel 2578 - Popov,Mikhail 2403, Budapest 2018 - 136/190)

22...♖ad8! 23.♘f2 (23.♖ad1 ♗g4 24.♖d2 ♗h5↑) 23...♗g4!↑)) 20...♘xh6 21.♕f2 ♕a5=) 12...f6 (12...♗xc4



13.♗h3! (13.♗xg7 ♔xg7 14.♗h3 f5 15.e4 ♗e6 16.♘g5 ♘b6 (16...♘f6!?) 17.♘d5 ♗g8∞ Erdos,Viktor 2609 - Bekker-Jensen,Simon 2482, Batumi (ol) 2018 - 138/199) 13...f5 (13...♗e6 14.♗xe6 fxe6 15.♘e4±) 14.e4 ♗e6 15.♘h4 (15.b4!? a6 16.♘h4↑) 15...♕e8 (15...♘b6 16.exf5 ♗xf5 17.♘xf5 (17.♗xf5 gxf5 18.♕g5 ♖f7 19.♗xg7 ♖xg7 20.♕xf5±) 17...gxf5 18.♕g5 ♖f7 19.♗xg7 ♖xg7 20.♕xf5 ♕xf5 21.♗xf5 ♘d4 22.♗e4 c6 23.♖e1±) 16.exf5 gxf5 17.♘d5 ♗xd5 18.♖xd5 ♘b6 19.♗xg7 ♔xg7 20.♕g5+ ♔h8 21.♖c5 f4 22.♗g2±) 13.♗xg7 ♔xg7 14.b3 ♘d8 15.♕a3 ♘f7 16.♖d2 a5 17.♖ad1 ♖d8∞

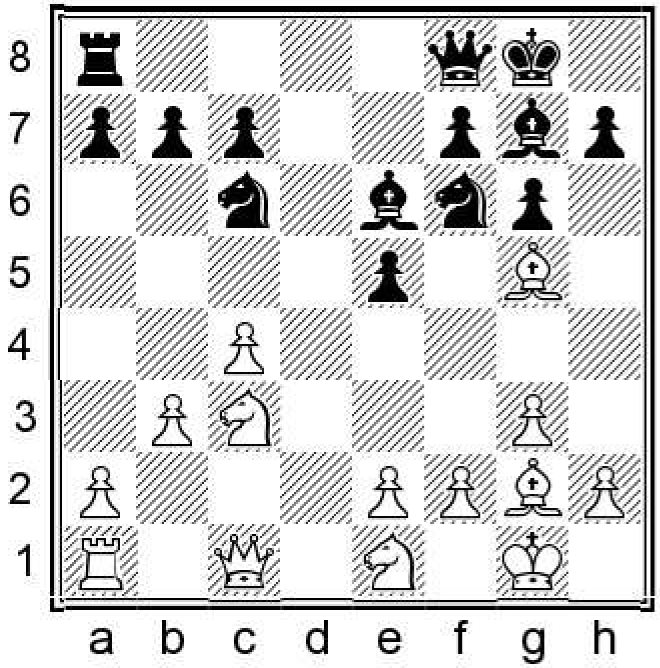
**12.♖xd8+**

12.♘d2 h6 13.♗xf6 ♗xf6 14.♘de4 ♗g7 15.♖xd8+ (15.♘d5 (Hakobyan,Aram 2465 - Aryan Chopra 2536, Ahmedabad 2017) 15...♗f5⇄) 15...♘xd8 16.♘d5 ♘c6∞

**12...♕xd8 13.♘e4** Similarly to the previously discussed 10.Nd5, White is trying to simplify the position.

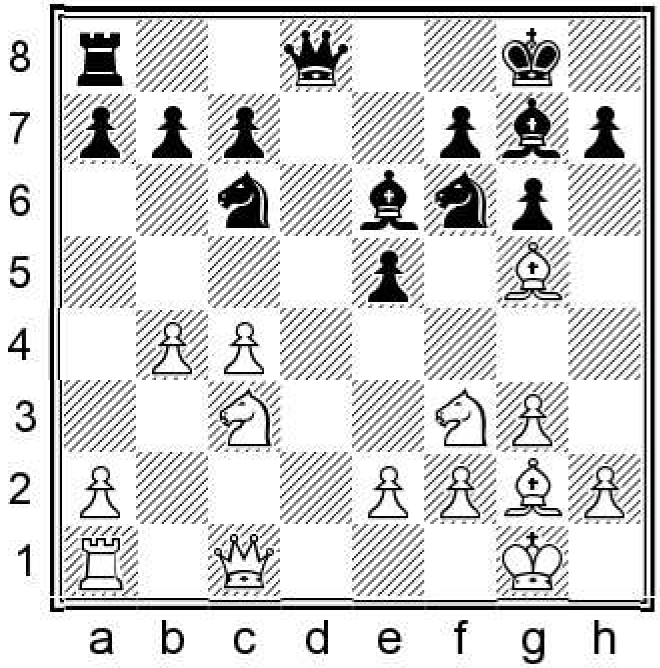
13.♘d2 ♕f8 14.♗xf6 ♗xf6 15.♘d5 ♗d8∞;

13.b3 ♕f8 14.♘e1



(Christiansen, Johan-Sebastian 2457 - Pichot,Alan 2565, Douglas 2017) (14.♗xf6 ♗xf6 15.♘g5 ♗f5 16.♗d5 ♘d8 17.♕e3 1/2 : 1/2 Draskovic,Luka 2472 - Arsovic,Goran 2392, Srbija 2020) 14...♘e8! Δ f5

13.b4!?

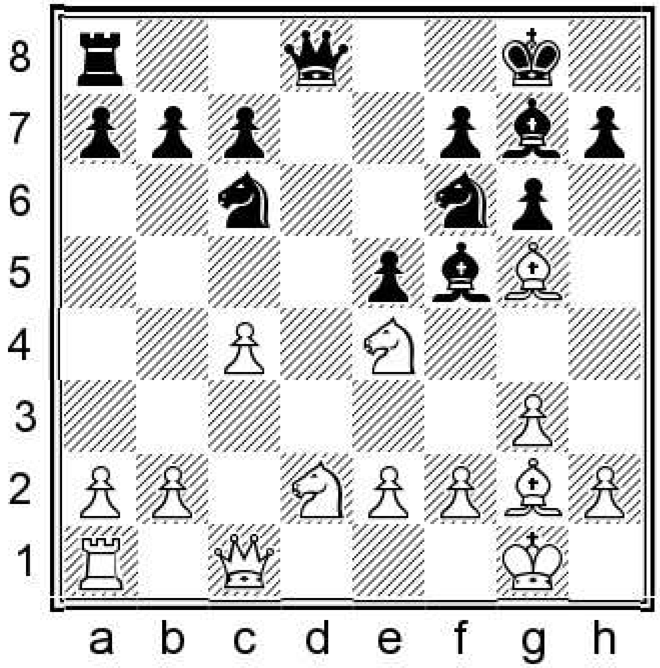


13...♘xb4 14.♖b1 c5 15.♘xe5 (15.a3 ♘c6 16.♖xb7 ♘a5 17.♖b5 ♘xc4 18.♖xc5 ♖c8=) 15...♕d4 16.♗xb7 ♖b8 17.♘c6 ♘xc6 18.♗xc6 ♖xb1 19.♕xb1 h5♾

**13...♗f5** Black wishes to force the shackling pin out of existence.

**14.♘xf6+**

14.♘fd2!?



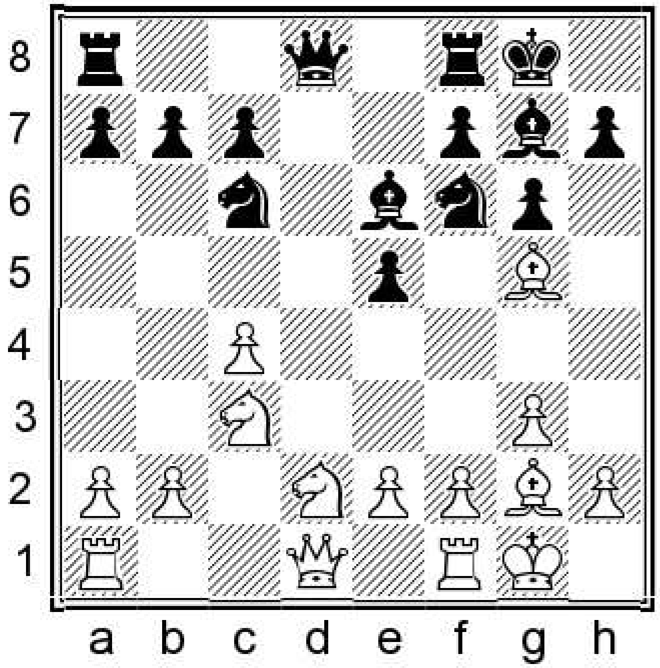
14...♘d4 15.♕d1 ♗g4 16.f3 (Mchedlishvili,Mikheil 2600 - Akhvlediani, Irakli 2318, Batumi 2018) 16...♗e6 17.e3 ♘f5 18.♕b3 ♘d6 19.♖d1 h6 20.♘xf6+ ♗xf6 21.♗xf6 (21.♗xh6? ♔h7-+) 21...♕xf6=

**14...♗xf6 15.♗xf6 ♕xf6 16.♕g5 ♔g7 17.♕xf6+ ♔xf6 18.♖d1 ♗g4** 1/2 : 1/2 Swinkels,Robin 2499 - Van Foreest, Lucas 2528, Eindhoven 2019

18...♖d8=

## CHAPTER 3
## 10.♘d2

**1.d4 ♘f6 2.c4 g6 3.g3 ♗g7 4.♗g2 O-O 5.♘c3 d6 6.♘f3 ♘c6 7.O-O e5 8.dxe5 dxe5 9.♗g5 ♗e6 10.♘d2**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**10...♕b8!?**

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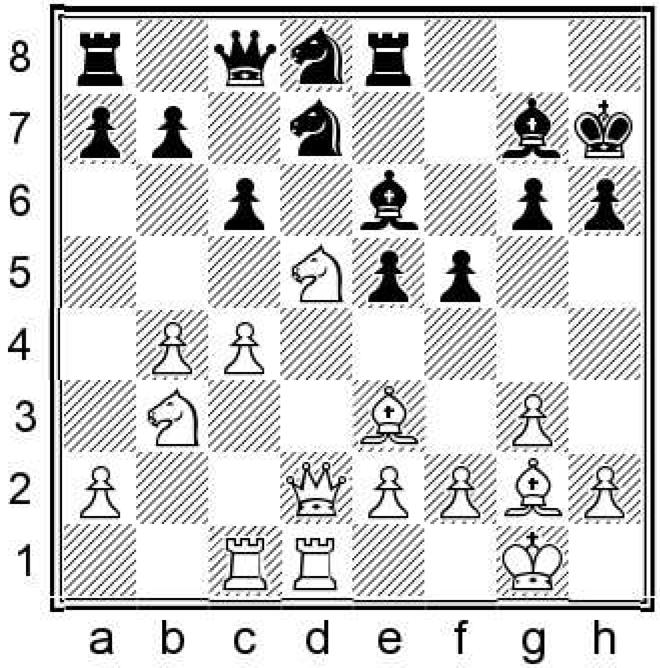
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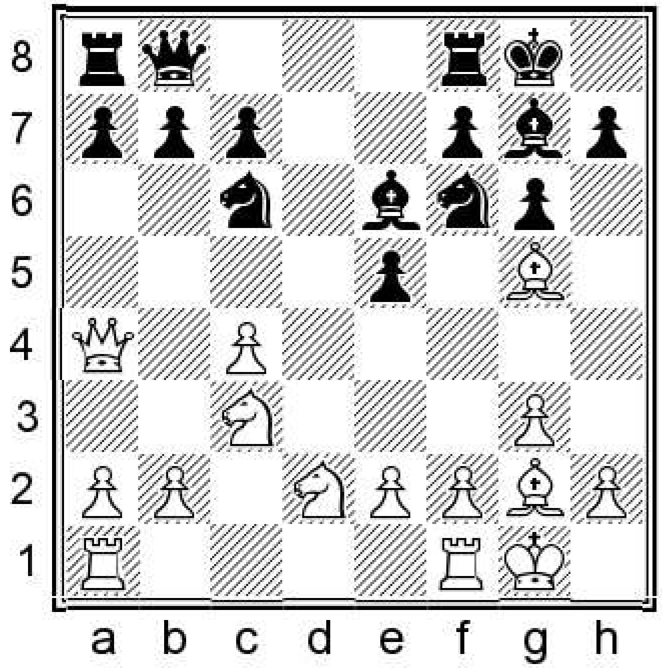
**11.♕a4**

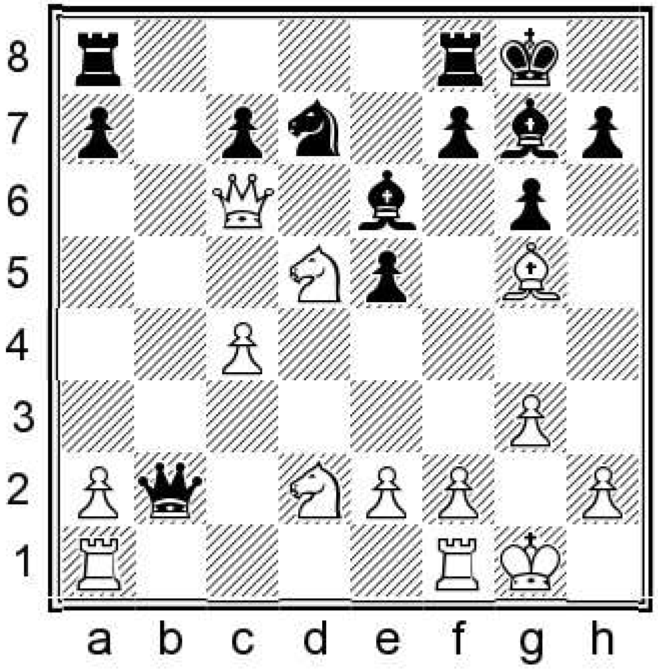


11.♗xf6 ♗xf6 12.♘de4 ♗e7 13.♘d5 ♕d8! 14.♕a4 (14.♘ec3 ♗g5 15.h4 ♗h6∞; 14.e3 f5 15.♘ec3 ♗g5∞; 14.h4!?) 14...f5 (14...♗xd5?! 15.cxd5 ♘d4 16.e3 ♘f5 17.♖ac1± Moroni jr, Luca 2564 - Arsovic,Goran 2380, Skopje 2019 - 140/192) 15.♘ec3 (15.♘xe7+ ♕xe7 16.♘c3 e4⇄) 15...♗g5 16.♖ad1 ♕b8 17.b4 (17.c5 ♔h8∞) 17...e4 18.b5 ♘d8 19.c5 ♖f7∞

**11...♘d7! 12.♗xc6**

Many players tried 12.♕a3?! here, but that did not prove to be benificial for White. White moves out of the Nb6 tempo, but the issue is that White's queen on a3 will be out of play. 12...♖e8 13.b3 ♘d4 14.♖ac1 h6 15.♗e3 ♘f5 16.♘d1 ♘xe3 17.♘xe3 f5↑ Kalaiyalahan,Akshaya 2136 - Britton,Richard 2255, Newcastle 2018

**12...bxc6 13.♕xc6 ♕xb2 14.♘d5**



**14...e4!?**

14...h6!? is also playable, and is also suggested by the engine.

**15.♖ab1**

15.♘xc7?! ♖ac8∓;

15.a4!? is one of the stranger moves, suggested by the engine. White merely removes his pawn from danger, and gets ready for Rab1. 15...h6 16.♖ab1 ♕c2 17.♗f4 g5 18.♖fc1 ♕a2 19.♗e3 ♘e5 20.♕xc7 ♘g4 21.♘xe4 ♕xe2 22.♖e1 ♕c2 23.♗c5 ♖fd8⯹;

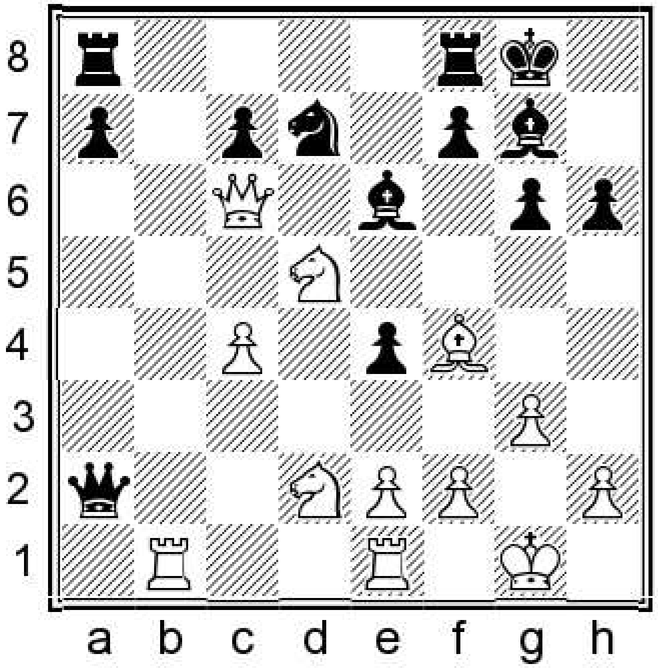
15.♖fd1 ♘b6 16.♘e7+ (16.♖ac1 ♖ae8∞) 16...♔h8 17.♕xe4 ♖fe8 18.♖ab1 ♕xa2∞;

15.♖ac1 ♕xa2 16.♖fd1 ♖ae8 17.♗e3 (17.♕xc7 ♗xd5 18.cxd5 ♕xd5=; 17.♘e7+ ♔h8 18.♕xe4 (18.♕xc7?? h6-+) 18...♗f5 19.♕d5 ♘b6⇄) 17...♘e5 18.♕xc7 ♗xd5 19.cxd5 ♕xd5 20.♘c4 ♕e6 21.♘xe5 ♕xe5 22.♕xa7 ♕b5=;

15.♘xe4 ♕xe2 16.♖ae1 ♕c2 17.♗e7 ♖fb8 18.♘g5 ♗xd5 19.♕xd5 ♕f5 20.♕xf5 gxf5=

**15...♕xa2 16.♘xe4**

16.♖fe1?! was too slow of a response. Therefore, Black gains the initiative. 16...h6 17.♗f4



17...♘b6! 18.♘b4 (18.♘xc7 ♖ac8 19.♘xe4 g5 20.♗d6 ♖fd8↑) 18...♕a4 19.♘xe4 ♕xc6 20.♘xc6 ♖fe8 21.♗xc7 ♘xc4 22.♘d6 ♘xd6 23.♗xd6 a5∓ Anuj Shrivatri 2336 - Jojua,Davit 2580, Taleigao 2019

**16...♗xd5** [1/2 : 1/2 Kantor,Gergely 2501 - Szabo,Krisztian 2493, Magyarorszag 2019 - 140/(192)]

**17.♕xd5 ♖ae8**

17...♕xe2 18.♖fe1 ♕g4 19.♗f4=∞

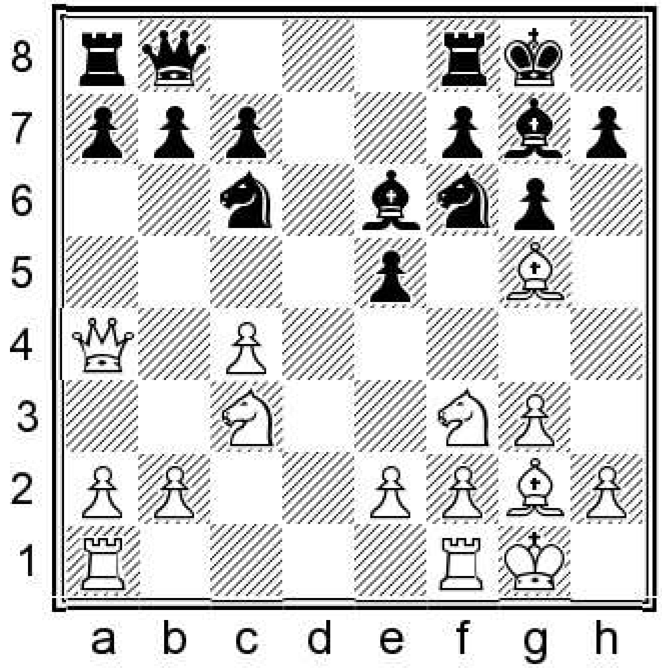
**18.♕xd7 ♖xe4=**

## CHAPTER 4

## 10.♕a4

**1.d4 d6 2.♘f3 g6 3.c4 ♗g7 4.♘c3 ♘f6 5.g3 O-O 6.♗g2 ♘c6 7.O-O e5 8.dxe5 dxe5 9.♗g5 ♗e6 10.♕a4** The single most utilised move. White avoids exchanging queens similarly to the previously analyzed 10.Qc1. In this case, however, White attempts to exercise pressure on the queenside. Usually, White follows suit with Nd2, trying to add pressure on the c6-knight even further.

**10...♕b8!?**



This is quite an interesting modern idea. Black's plan is to issue a strategic retreat with ...Nd7-b6. The queen is usually being put on c8 in older games. However, it turns out that on b8 the queen's use is implemented much more frequently: after Nd2, Bc6 it will start threatening the b2-pawn, and also, after Nd5 the perilous check by Ne7 will lose its meaning.

10...♕c8 Akopian,Vladimir 2615 - Nijboer,Friso 2505, Wijk aan Zee 1993 - 56/ 644

**11.♖fd1**

11.♖ad1 ♘d7 12.♕c2 (12.♘d5 h6 13.♗e3 ♘b6 14.♕c2 ♖d8⇄ Foguelman,Alberto - Bolbochan,Julio, Buenos Aires/Rio Hondo (zt) 1966) 12...h6 13.♗e3 f5 14.♘d5 (14.b3 ♕e8 15.♘d5 ♖c8∞ followed by ...g5. This grants great offensive chances.) 14...♖f7 15.b4 (Smirnov,Pavel 2641 - Onischuk,Vladimir 2591, (Russia-m/3-rapid) 2013) 15...e4 16.♘d4 ♘xd4 17.♗xd4 ♗xd4 18.♖xd4 c5 19.bxc5 ♘xc5∞;

11.♘d2 - 10.Nd2

**11...♘d7 12.♕c2** White avoided loss of a pawn.

12.♗e3?! does not defend against Black's plan, as 12...♘b6 13.♗xb6 axb6 14.♕b5 (Bu,Xiangzhi 2705 - Onischuk,Vladimir 2601, Doha (rapid) 2016) 14...♘d4 15.♘xd4 exd4 16.♘e4 ♖e8∓ and Black is wondrously positioned.

12.♘d5 e4 13.♘e1 f5 14.♕a3 (Jakubowski,Krzysztof 2515 - Kulon,Klaudia 2359, Suwalki 2017) 14...♘ce5↑ The ideal position to be in with the black pieces: his e4P locked off the g2B, the e5 square has been occupied, and he is also ready for ...c6.

**12...f5** Black has a flexible pawn structure on the kingside. Right now, for example, he can proceed with development by means of ...e4, as well as ...h6.

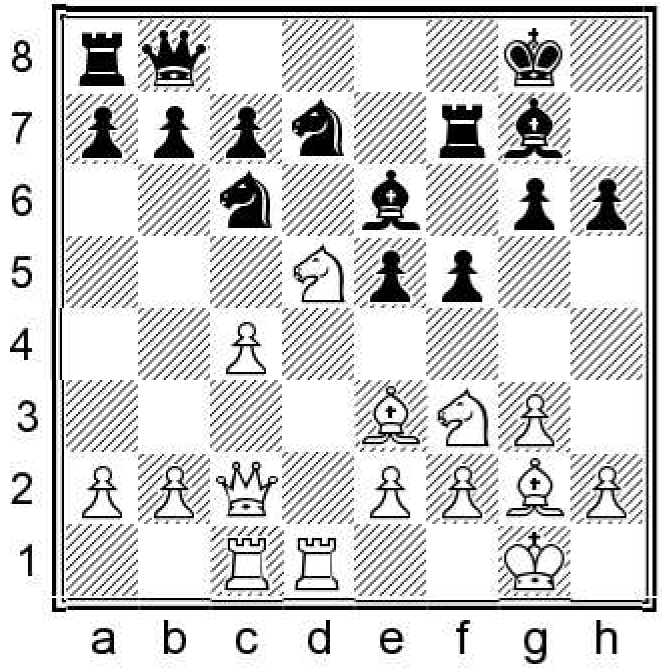
**13.♗e3 h6 14.♘d5**

14.♕c1 ♔h7 15.♘d5 a5∞

**14...♖f7** Black's position is one of promise.

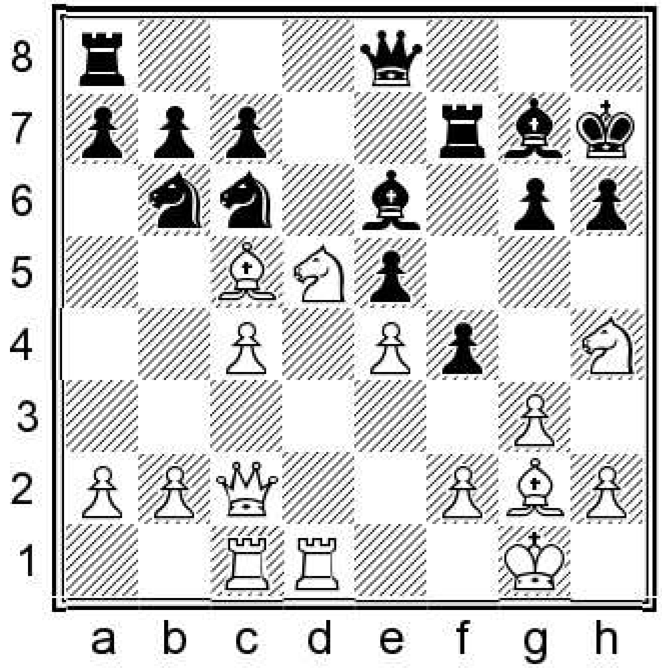
14...a5!?

**15.♖ac1**



**15...g5!**

15...♘b6 16.♗c5 ♘d7⇄ (16...♕e8 17.e4 f4 18.♘h4 ♔h7



19.b4↑ (19.♖e1? ♕d8! (19...♗f6? 20.♘f3 g5 21.b4± (21.gxf4?! gxf4 22.♔h1 (Shinkevich,Vitaly 2468

- Onischuk,Vladimir 2591, Khanty-Mansiysk 2013) 22...♗d8∞)) 20.♖cd1 ♘d7∓))

**16.♗xg5 e4!⇄**

## CHAPTER 5
## 10.♕a4/11.♗f6

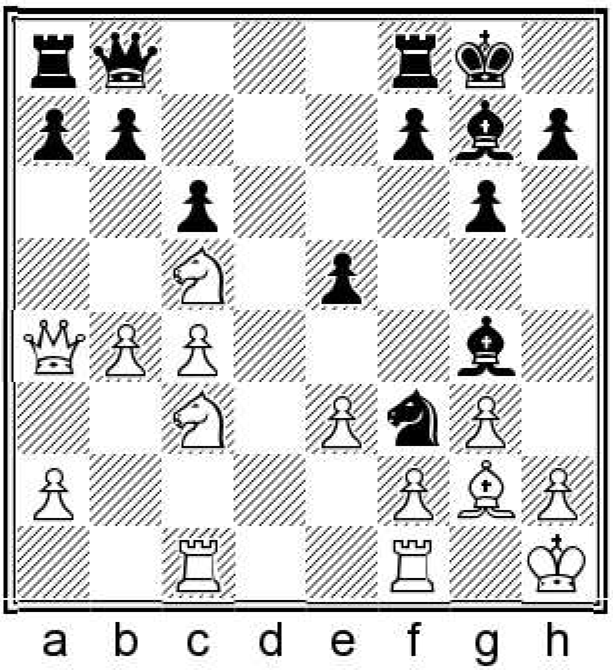
**1.c4 g6 2.g3 ♗g7 3.♗g2 ♘f6 4.♘c3 O-O 5.♘f3 d6 6.d4 ♘c6 7.O-O e5 8.dxe5 dxe5 9.♗g5 ♗e6 10.♕a4 ♕b8!? 11.♗xf6 ♗xf6 12.♘d2** White gave up his bishop pair, in order to defend against the manoeuvre of ...Nd7-b6.

**12...♗g7** Black gets out of the tempi of Nd5 and Ne4, and prepares for ...f5.

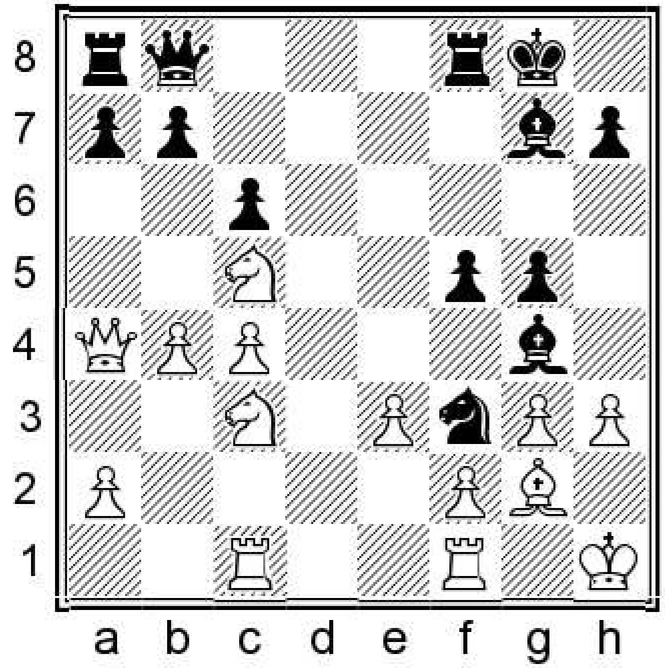
**13.♖fd1**

13.♗xc6 bxc6 14.♘b3 ♕e8 15.♖fd1 e4 16.♘xe4 ♗h3 17.c5 ♗xb2 18.♖ab1 ♗g7 19.♘a5 ♗f5 20.♖b4 ♖d8 21.♖xd8 ♕xd8∞;

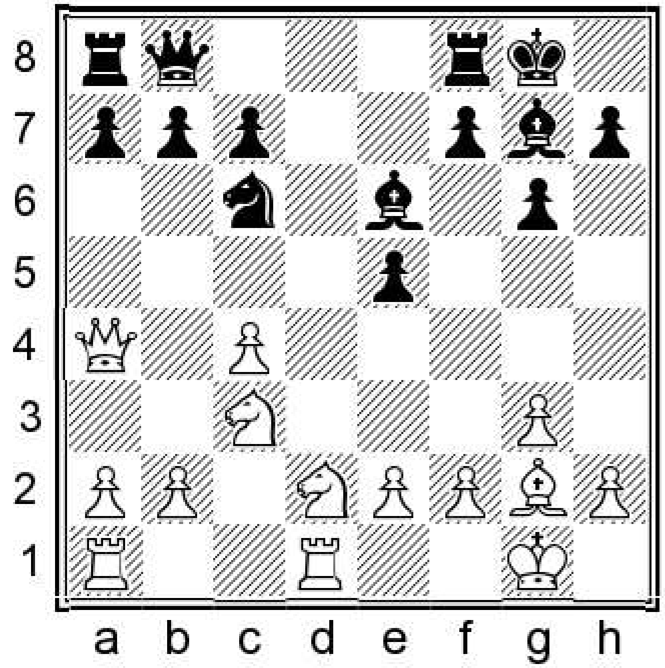
13.♘b3 ♘d4 14.♘c5 ♗c8 - at a first glance, this move is quite strange. Black locked in his queen for the time being, as he will will soon drive out White's knight with ...c6 and ...b6. 15.e3 (15.♖ac1 c6 16.b4 ♗g4 17.e3 ♘f3+ 18.♔h1



(Krysa, Leandro 2518 - Salinas Herrera,Pablo 2441, Villa Martelli (zt) 2017) 18...e4! - excellent sacrificial move, which frees the e5-square for the queen, from where it will move to h5 in order to attack the enemy king. 19.h3 (19.♘5xe4? f5 20.♘c5 g5 21.h3



21...♕e8!! Brilliant move! Black does not focus on his bishop being under attack, but rather concentrates his attention on the attack. 22.♘e2 (22.hxg4? fxg4-+) 22...♕h5 23.♘g1 f4!∓) 19...♗xc3 20.♘xe4 (20.♖xc3 ♕e5 21.♕c2 ♗f5↑) 20...♗b2 21.hxg4 ♗xc1 22.♗xf3 ♗b2∞) 15...♘e6 16.♘xe6 ♗xe6 17.♖ad1 c6∞



Black should have played **13...♕e8!**

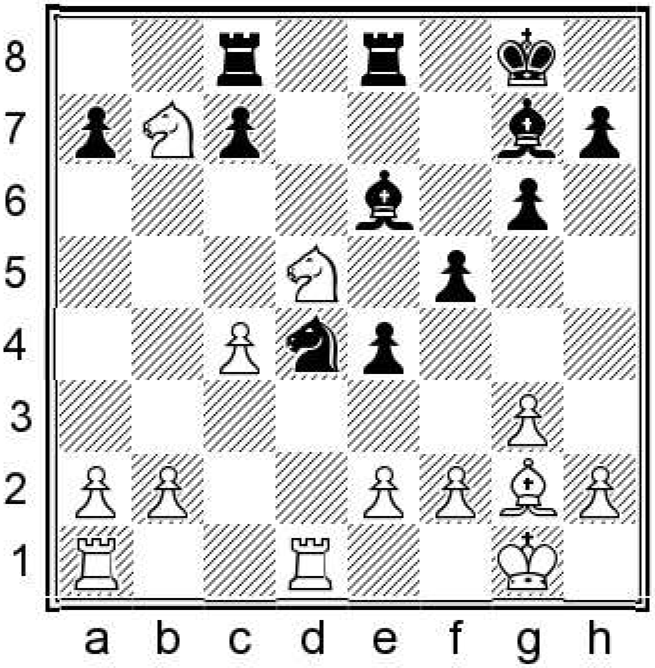
13...♖d8?! 14.♘b3 ♘d4 15.♘c5 c6 16.e3 ♗g4 17.exd4 exd4 18.♘3e4 ♗xd1 19.♖xd1± ♕c7 20.♕b3 b6 21.♘d3 ♖ab8 22.c5 bxc5 23.♕c4 ♕a5 24.♘exc5 ♗f8 25.b4 ♕a3 26.♘e5 ♕xb4 27.♕xf7+ ♔h8 28.♕f6+ ♗g7 29.♕g5 ♖e8 30.♘xc6 ♕c4 31.♘xb8 ♕e2 32.♕d2 1 : 0 Carlsen,Magnus 2835 - Firouzja, Alireza 2607, Saint Petersburg (blitz) 2018

**14.♘d5**

14.♘b3 f5 15.♗xc6 ♕xc6 16.♕xc6 bxc6 17.♘a5 e4 18.♖ac1 ♖ab8 19.♘a4 ♗xb2 20.♖c2 ♗g7 21.♘c5 ♖fe8∞

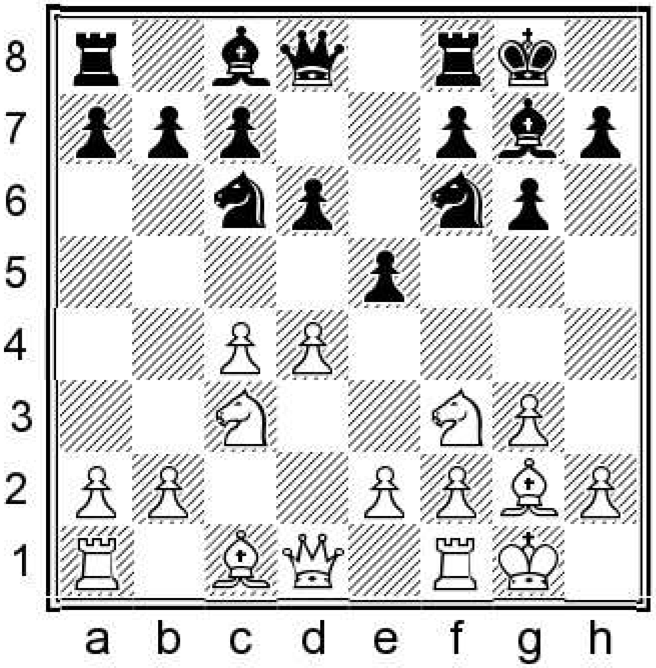
**14...♖c8 15.♘e4 f5 16.♘c5 e4** Leads to a very complicated middlegame.

**17.♘xb7 ♘d4 18.♕xe8 ♖fxe8⩱**



## CONCLUSION

**1.d4 ♘f6 2.c4 g6 3.g3 ♗g7 4.♗g2 O-O 5.♘c3 d6 6.♘f3 ♘c6 7.O-O e5**



Fundamentally, the King's Indian Fianchetto Variation is often played, due to the structural difference it grants compared to other King's Indian Variations. Specifically, the line that was in focus of our survey offers a far more solid foundation, which is to be reckoned with. However, in this system the chances for considerably more complicated middlegames are far higher than in the usual fianchetto lines, especially if White plays stubbornly and ambitiously. Nevertheless, White cannot obtain any initiative regarding the structure of the game. After ...♘d7 Black's flexible pawn structure sets White on a hard trial to pass with either ...f6 or ...f5. Generally, this could be referred to as a quite playable line, which proves the essential value of theoretical preparation with both colours.

## AN OUTLOOK ON FASHIONABLE 8...♘B8

### by IM Goran Arsović

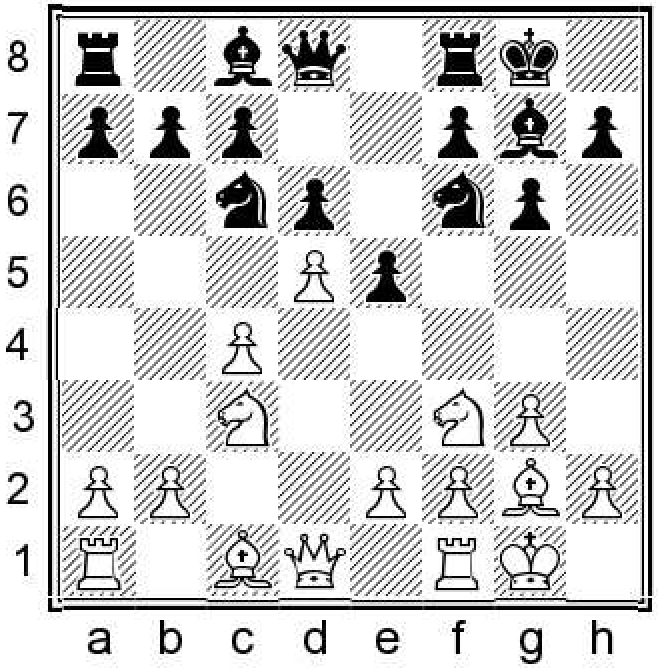
Modern chess requires a constant search for new ideas and plans in the established openings. Until quite recently, 8...♘e7 was "a must" move, almost obligatory one.

However, 8...♘b8 reply became very frequent in serious tournament play. The idea of this move is to transfer the knight to a6-square after playing a5-pawn push first. By doing so, Black is able to throw a spanner in the works and slow down the action White undertakes on the queen's flank. Although 8...♘b8 had been played in the past, it was the Ukrainian Grandmaster Vladimir Onischuk who made it really popular. In the last 4 years he brought a great number of new ideas to this line and underlined clear paths for Black in resulting positions.

Nowadays, this line is often seen in elite tournament games, and the likes of Grischuk, Naiditsch, Sutovsky, Shimanov, Baklan included it in their "Black" repertoires.

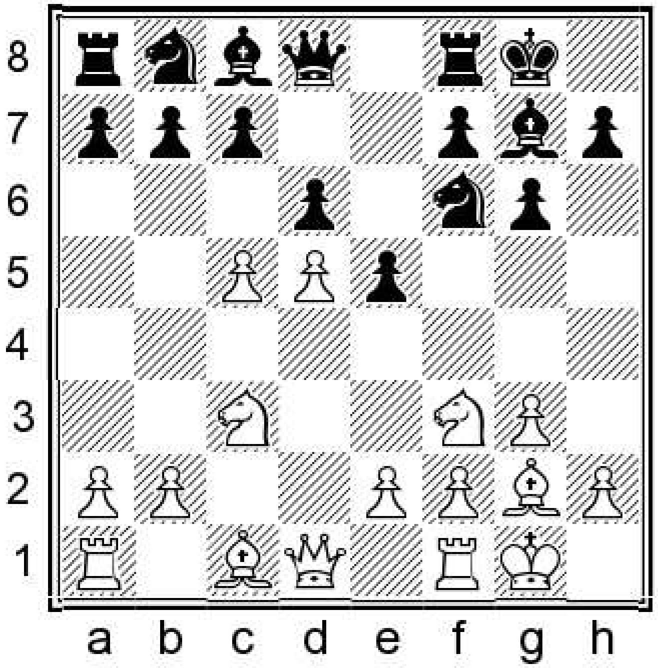
# CHAPTER 1
## 9.c5

**1.♘f3 ♘f6 2.d4 g6 3.g3 ♗g7 4.♗g2 O-O 5.O-O d6 6.c4 ♘c6 7.♘c3 e5 8.d5**



Besides the main line, 8.dxe5 is also an often played move.

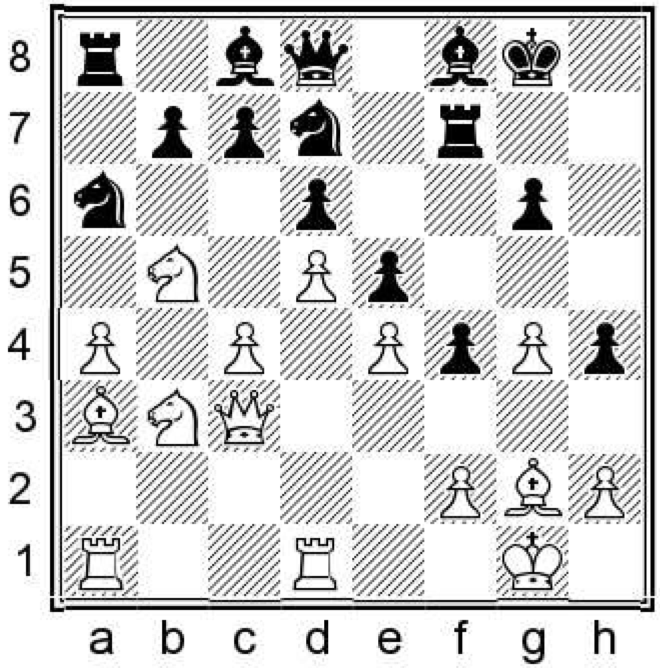
**8...♘b8!? 9.c5**



Black is trying to open the c-file as soon as possible and reroute his knight to the queen`s flank in order to exert pressure. Nd2-c4 should be a standard manoeuvre here.

9.a4 a5 10.c5 ♘a6 11.cxd6 cxd6 12.♘d2 ♘c5 13.♘c4 b6 14.♘b5 ♘e8 15.f4 e4 16.♗e3 f5= Meskovs, Nikita 2495 - Kulaots,Kaido 2577, Riga 2017

9.b4 a5 10.bxa5 ♖xa5 11.♘d2 ♘fd7 12.♘b3 ♖a8 13.a4 ♘a6 14.♗a3 f5 15.e4 f4 16.♘b5 ♖f7 17.♕d3 ♗f8 18.♖fd1 h5 19.♕c3 h4 20.g4



20...h3! Black sacrifices the pawn in order to open the h-file and engage a serious attack on White's king. 21.♕xh3 (21.♗xh3 ♕h4 22.♗g2 ♕xg4∓ Almasi,Zoltan 2682 - Maze,Sebastien 2617, Stockholm 2016) 21...♕g5 (21...♘f6 22.♗f3 ♘h7 23.♖d3 ♘g5 24.♕g2 ♖h7⯹ Black invested a pawn, but got a full compensation for it in view of firm pressure along the h-file.) 22.♗f1 ♘f6 23.f3 ♘xg4 24.fxg4 ♗xg4 25.♕g2 ♕h5 26.♖d3 f3 27.♕f2 ♗e7 28.♔h1 ♖h7⯹

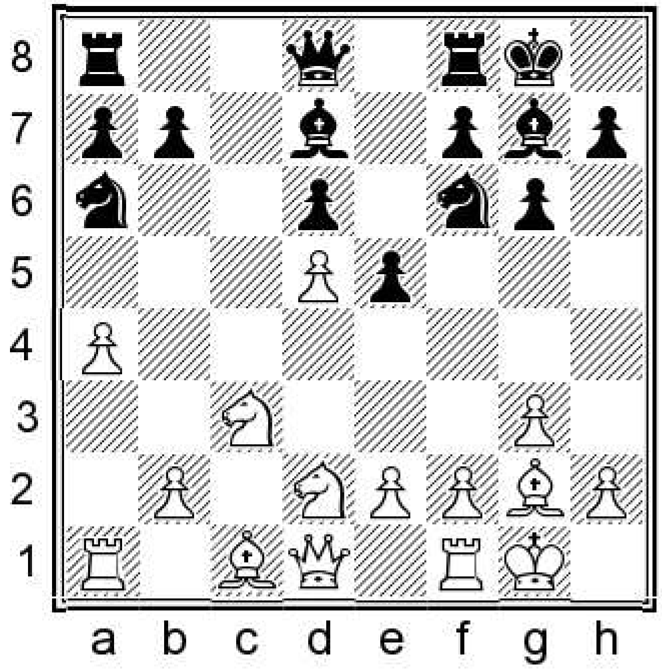
**9...♘a6 10.cxd6 cxd6 11.♘d2**

11.e4 b5 12.a3 (12.♘xb5!? ♘xe4 13.♘xe5 ♗xe5 14.♗xe4 ♘c5⯹) 12...♘c5 13.♖e1 a5 14.♗g5 ♗d7 15.b4 axb4 16.axb4 ♖xa1 17.♕xa1 ♘a4 18.♗f1 (Caruana, Fabiano 2795 - Vachier-Lagrave, Maxime 2788, chess.com (Internet-m/5-blitz) 2016) 18...♘xc3! 19.♕xc3 h6= Szabo,Krisztian

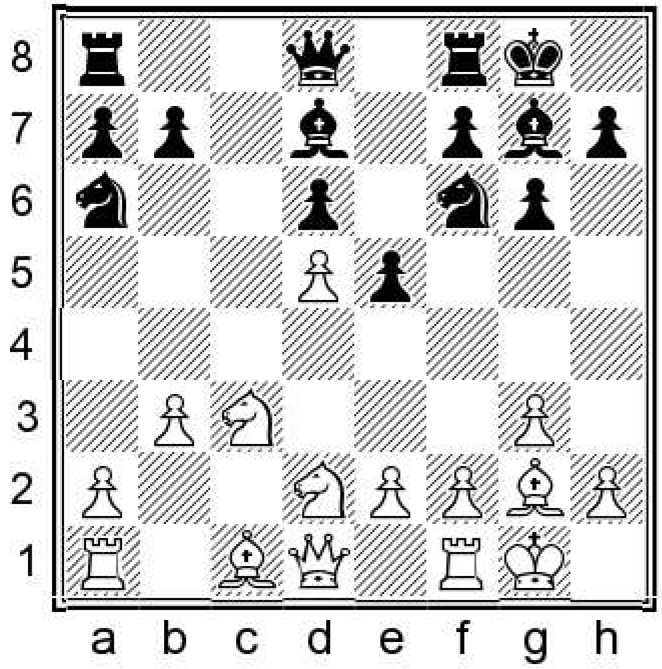
**11...♗d7**

11...♘e8 12.♘c4 (12.e4 ♗d7 13.♕e2 f5 14.exf5 gxf5 15.♘c4 ♖c8 16.f4 e4 17.♘e3 ♘c5∓ Kopylov,Michael 2429 - Souleidis, Georgios 2401, Deutschland 2017) 12...f5 13.a4 ♗d7 - 11...Bd7

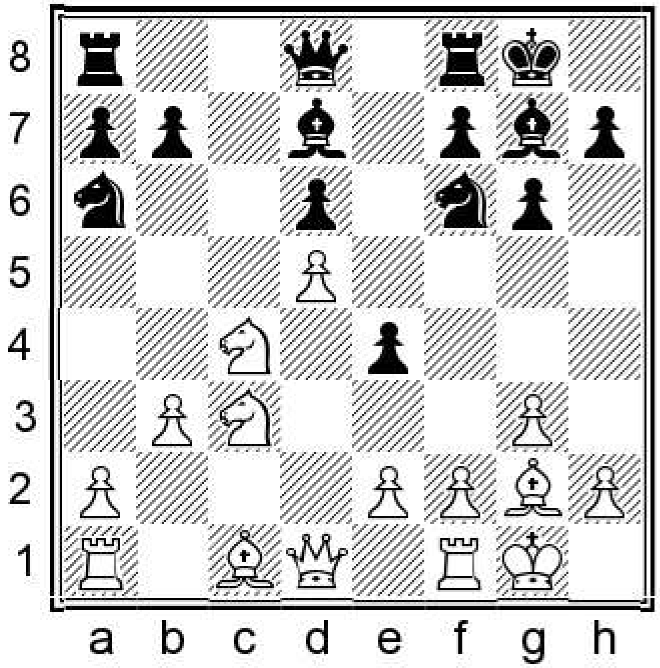
**12.a4**



12.b3?!



12...e4! 13.♘c4



(13.♘db1 ♖e8 (13...♘c7 14.♗e3 ♘cxd5 15.♗d4 ♘xc3 16.♘xc3 White may have a slight compensation for a pawn, but I believe that it is not quite enough for full equality. 16...♗c6∓ Hernandez Carmenates, Holden 2519 - Kadric,Denis 2534, USA 2015) 14.♗b2 (14.♗e3 ♘g4 15.♗d4 e3 16.♗xg7 exf2+ 17.♔h1 ♔xg7 18.♕d4+ ♕f6∓) 14...e3 15.f4 b5∓ Black has a clear advantage based on a very important e3 pawn and the unfortunate position of both white knights.; 13.♗b2 e3! 14.fxe3 ♘g4 15.♖f3 ♖c8 16.♖c1 ♕e7 17.♘f1 f5∓) 13...b5! (13...♘e8 14.♗b2 (14.♗d2 b5 15.♘e3 f5 16.♖c1 ♘f6 17.a3 ♕b6 18.♘c2 ♖fc8 19.♗e3 ♕b7 20.♗d4 ♘c5∓ Pakhomov,Egor 2429 - Onischuk,Vladimir 2584, Kazan 2013) 14...b5 15.♘e3 f5↑) 14.♘e3 (14.♘xd6 b4 15.♘cb5 ♕b8∓) 14...♘h5 15.♗b2 f5∓ and Black is able to gain a very dangerous activity on the king's flank.

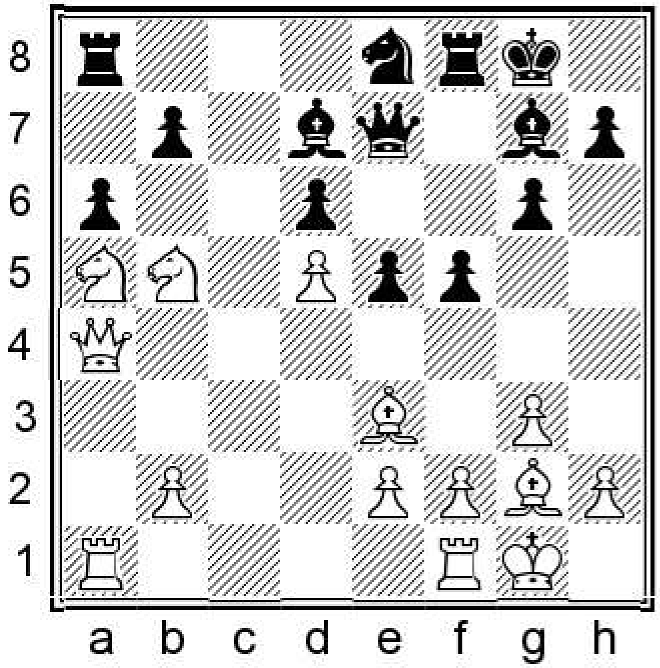
12.♘de4 ♘xe4 13.♘xe4 ♕e7 14.♗g5 f6 15.♗e3 h6 16.♕b3 b6 17.♕d3 ♘c7 18.♖ac1 ♖fc8 19.a4 f5 20.♘c3 e4 21.♕d2 ♔h7 22.f3 exf3 23.exf3 ♘a6⇄ Djuric,Stefan 2386 - Ivic,Velimir 2394, Srbija 2017

**12...♖c8**

12...♘b4?! 13.♘c4 ♕c7 14.b3 ♖fc8 15.♗a3 a5 16.♕d2 b6 17.♖ac1 ♕b8 18.♗xb4 axb4 19.♘a2 White captures the b4 pawn and achieves a clear advantage. 19...♖c5 20.♘xb4± Markus,Robert 2673 - Ivic, Velimir 2345, Zalakaros 2017 - 133/(185)

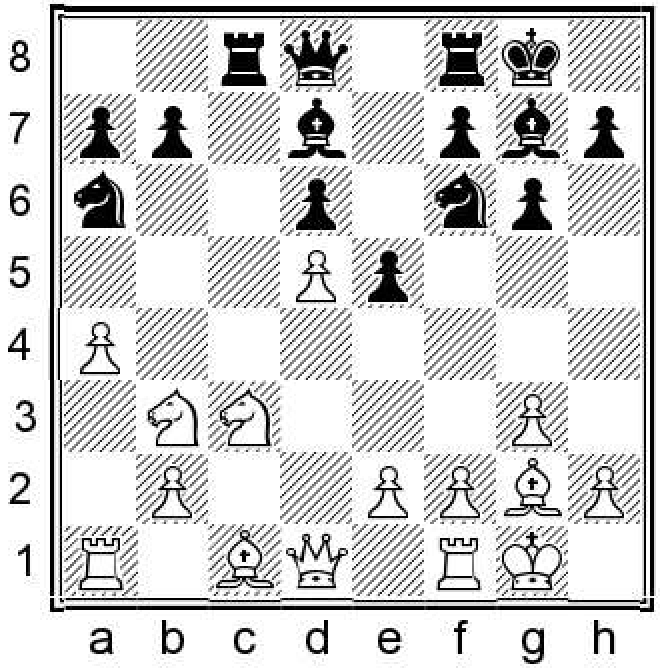
12...♕e7 13.♘c4 (13.a5 ♖fc8 14.♕b3 ♘c5 15.♕a3 ♘e8 16.♘de4 ♘xe4 17.♘xe4 f5 18.♘c3 ♘c7 19.♕b3 ♘a6 20.♗e3 ♗e8 21.♖fc1 ♘c5 22.♕a3 e4 23.♖d1 ♖c7∓ Koop,Thorben 2429 - Kollars, Dmitrij 2471, Lueneburg 2016) 13...♖fc8 14.b3 ♘c5 15.e4±;

12...♘e8 13.♘c4 f5 (13...♖c8 14.b3 e4 15.♗d2 f5 16.♖c1± Cordova,Emilio 2602 - Popovic,Dusan 2523, Montcada i Reixac 2016) 14.♘b5 ♕e7 (14...♘c5 15.♗e3± (15.♘bxd6!? ♘xd6 16.♘xd6 ♗xa4 17.♖xa4 ♘xa4 18.♘xf5 ♘xb2 19.♗xb2 gxf5 20.♗a3 ♖f7 21.e4∞)) 15.♘a5!? (15.♗e3 b6 16.♖c1 ♘c5 17.b3±) 15...♘c5 16.♗e3 e4 (16...♘xa4? 17.♕xa4 a6

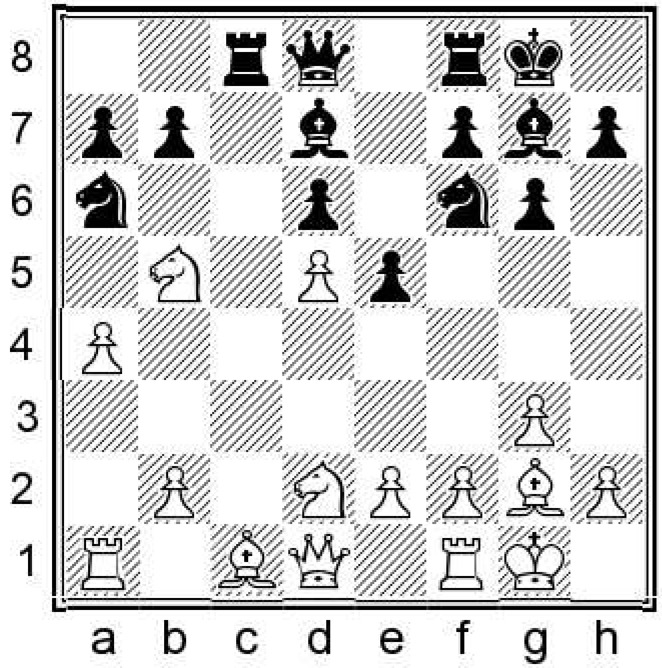


18.♘c6! It seems to me that Black clearly overlooked this knight move when he went for 16...Na4. The centre is about to be opened in White`s favour. 18...bxc6 19.dxc6 ♗e6 20.♖fd1! e4 21.♗d4 ♗xd4 22.♘xd4 (22.♕xd4±) 22...♘c7 23.e3 d5 24.♖a3 ♖ad8 25.♗f1 ♗c8 26.b4 ♖f6 27.♖c3 g5 28.b5 axb5 29.♘xb5 f4 (Tadic,Branko 2472 - Burovic,Riad 2316, Travnik 2017 - 133/185) 30.exf4! gxf4 (30...♗g4 31.fxg5! ♖f7 32.♖b1 ♕xg5 33.♘xc7 ♖xc7 34.♖b7+-) 31.gxf4 ♖xf4 32.♕a7 ♖f7 33.♖g3+ ♔f8 (33...♔h8 34.♕d4++-) 34.♕d4+-) 17.♘c3 ♖c8 18.♖c1 (Krivoborodov,Egor 2542 - Koepke,Christian 2290, Muenchen 2017) 18...♗e5 19.b4 ♘a6∞

**13.♘b3**

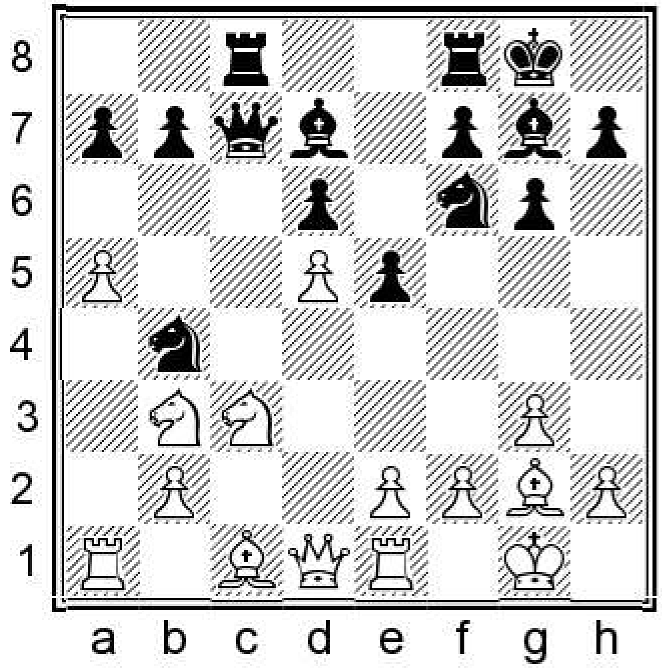


13.♘b5!?



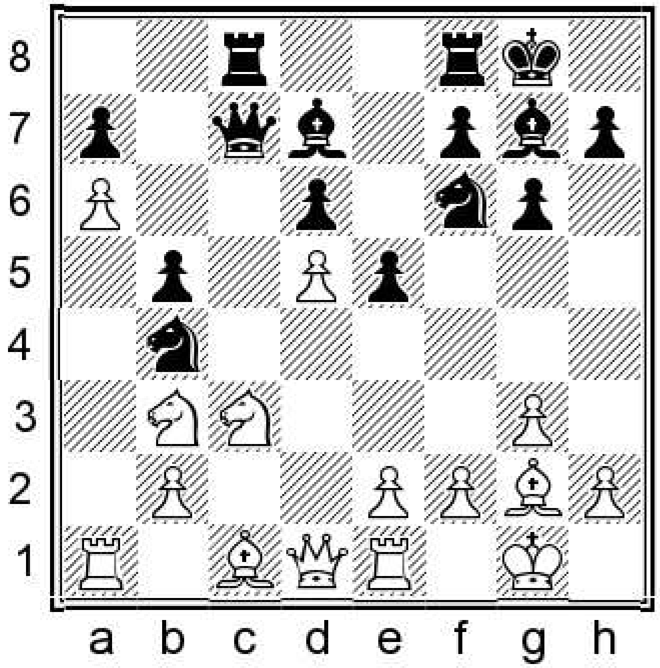
13...♕e7! By far the best move! Black sacrifices a pawn for the initiative. He is able to make use of a rather bad position of the white pieces. (13...♕b6 14.b3 ♗xb5 15.axb5 ♕xb5 16.♘c4 ♖fd8 17.♖a5 ♕d7 18.♗a3 ♕e7 19.e4⩱) 14.♘xa7 (14.e4 ♘c5 15.♘c3 ♘d3 16.♕e2 ♘xc1 17.♖fxc1 ♗h6∓; 14.b3 ♗xb5 15.axb5 ♘c7∞) 14...♖a8 15.♘b5 ♘c5 16.♘c3 b5 17.a5 e4⩱

**13...♘b4! 14.a5 ♕c7 15.♖e1**

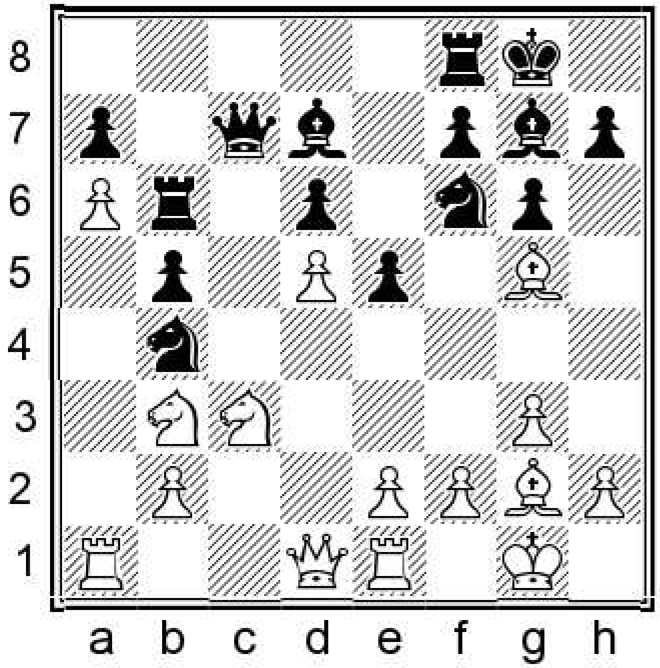


**15...♘h5!?** It is quite possible that this preparatory move makes more sense than 15...b5. Black is aiming for strong action on the king's flank.

15...b5 16.a6



(16.axb6 axb6 17.♗g5 ♖a8 18.♖c1 ♕b8 19.♕d2 ♘a6∞) 16...e4! (16...♖b8?! 17.♗g5 ♖b6



18.♕d2! ♘xa6 19.♖ec1 ♘c5 (19...♕b8 20.♗e3±) 20.♘xc5 dxc5 21.♗xf6! White captures the knight in order to gain control over the e4-square. By doing so he is able to reach a much better position overall. 21...♗xf6 22.♘e4 c4 23.d6 ♕d8 24.♖xa7± Vachier-Lagrave,Maxime 2754 - Baklan, Vladimir 2645, France 2015) 17.h3 (17.♗g5 ♘g4! 18.h3 (18.♗xe4 ♕b6 19.♖f1 ♖fe8 20.♗g2 ♘c2 21.♕xc2 b4∓) 18...♘e5 19.♘xe4 f5 20.♘c3 ♘c4∓) 17...♘c2! A really effective move that leads to move repetition! 18.♕xc2 b4 19.♕d1 bxc3 20.bxc3 ♕xc3 21.♗e3 ♖c4 22.♘d2 (22.♗xa7 ♗a4 23.♖b1 ♖a8 24.♗e3 ♖xa6∓) 22...♖b4 23.♖c1 ♕a3 24.♖a1 ♕c3=

**16.e4**

16.♗e3 ♕b8 17.♕d2 f5∞

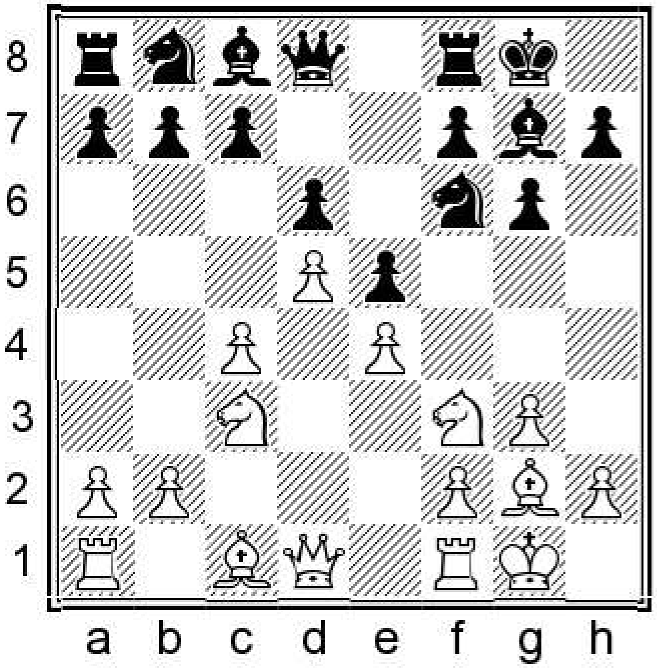
**16...f5 17.♗e3 b6 18.axb6 axb6⇄** The position we reached is a highly dynamic one, as both players got reasonable chances. Taking everything into account, 9.c5 is a very interesting move. Black is obliged to play extremely precisely in order to gain any counter-play.

## CHAPTER 2
## 9.e4

**1.d4 ♘f6 2.c4 g6 3.♘c3 ♗g7 4.g3 O-O 5.♗g2 d6 6.♘f3 ♘c6 7.O-O e5 8.d5 ♘b8**

8...♘e7 Dragun,Kamil 2580 - Markowski,Tomasz 2578, Polska 2015 - 125/188

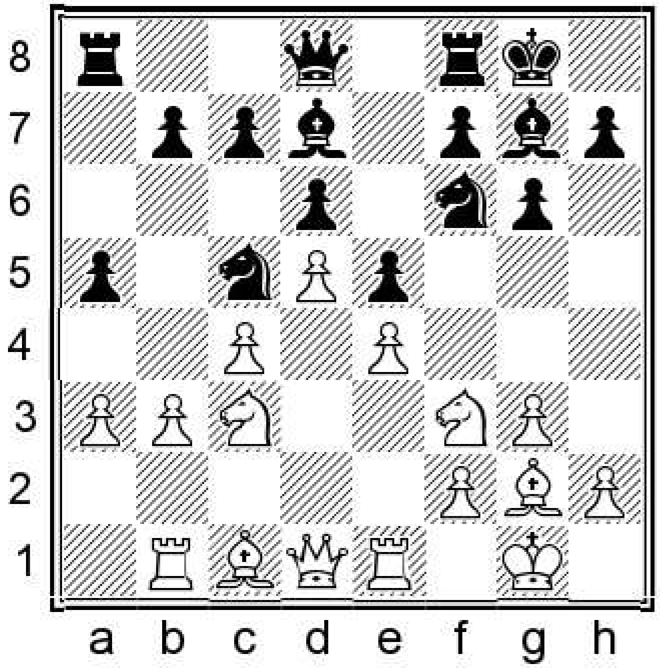
**9.e4**



**9...a5** After this pawn push Black players tried many different continuations.

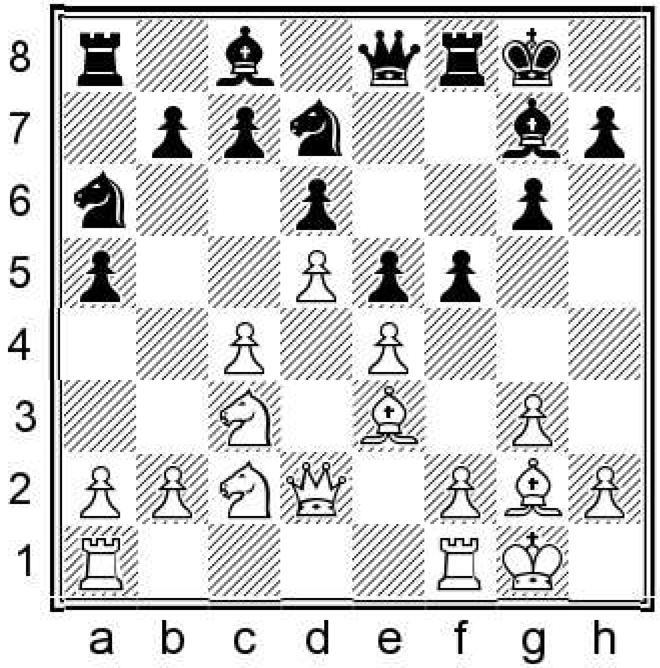
**10.h3**

10.♖b1 ♘a6 11.♖e1 ♘c5 12.b3 ♗d7 13.a3



13...a4! 14.b4 ♘b3 15.♗b2 ♗h6 16.♘a2 ♘h5 17.♘c1 f5 18.♘xb3 axb3 19.♗c1 f4∞ 1/2 : 1/2 Ding,Liren 2778 - Grischuk,Alexander 2747, Wenzhou 2016

10.♗g5 ♘a6 11.♕d2 ♕e8 (11...♗d7 12.♖fe1 ♕c8 13.b3 ♘g4 14.♗e7 ♖e8 15.♗h4 ♘c5 16.h3 ♘f6 17.♔h2 ♔h8 18.♖ad1 ♘g8 19.♗g5 ♖f8 20.♘h4 b6 21.♕c2 ♕e8 22.♗c1 ♕e7 23.f4 exf4 24.♗xf4± Jumabayev,Rinat 2611 - Dai,Changren 2436, Danzhou 2016) 12.♘e1 ♘d7 13.♘d3 (13.♘c2 f5 14.♗e3

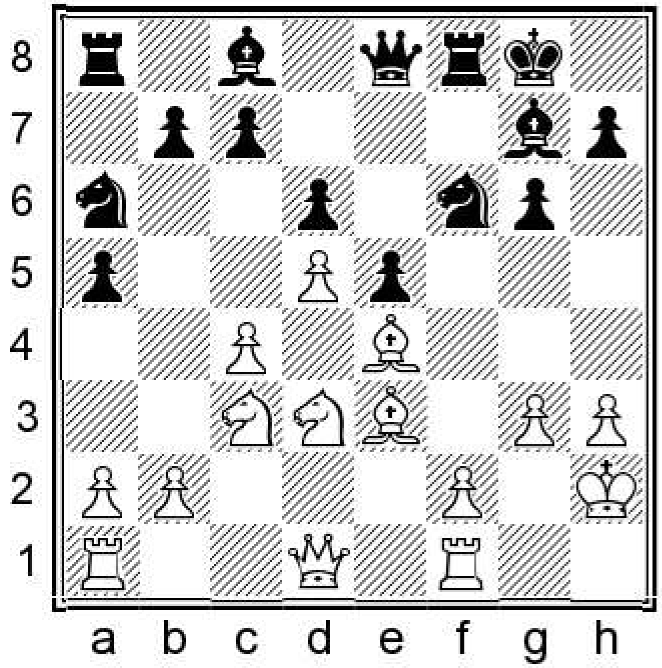


(Iturrizaga Bonelli,Eduardo 2626 - Oleksiyenko,Mykhaylo 2610, Abu Dhabi 2016 - 130/(192)) Black misses an oportunity to sacrifice a pawn and open up the position to his benefit. 14...f4! 15.gxf4 exf4 16.♗xf4 ♘b6 17.♗h6 (17.b3? ♗xc3 18.♕xc3 ♖xf4-+) 17...♘xc4 18.♕c1 ♗xh6 19.♕xh6 ♘xb2 20.f4

♘c5 21.♘d4 ♗d7∓) 13...f5 14.♗e3 b6 15.♖ae1 ♘dc5 16.♘xc5 ♘xc5 17.f3 ♗d7= 18.♔h1 ♕e7 19.exf5 gxf5 20.f4 e4 21.♗d4 1/2 : 1/2 Georgiev,Kiril 2613 - Kadric,Denis 2562, Paracin 2016 - 130/(192)

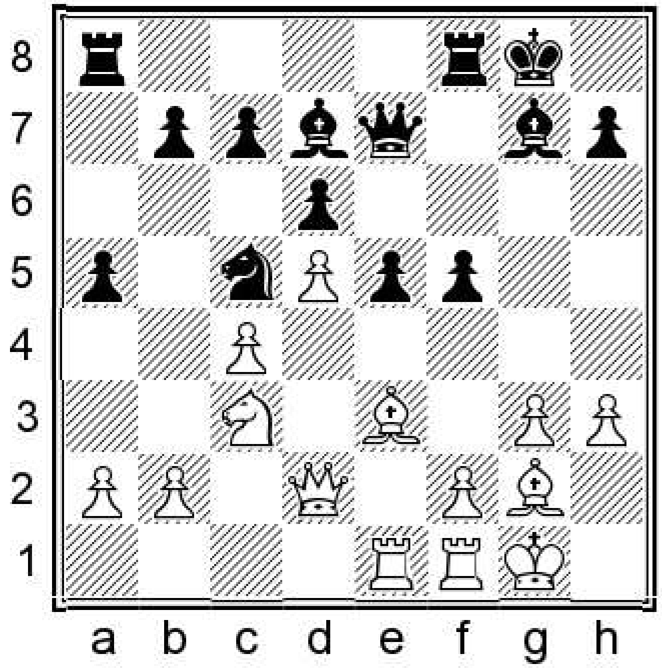
**10...♘a6 11.♗e3 ♕e7**

11...♘h5 12.♘e1 ♕e8 13.♔h2 f5 14.♗f3 (14.exf5 gxf5 15.♘d3 ♗d7∞) 14...♘f6 (14...f4 15.♗d2 ♘c5 16.g4 ♘f6∞) 15.♘d3 fxe4 (15...b5!? 16.cxb5 fxe4 17.♘xe4 ♕xb5!?∞) 16.♘xe4 (16.♗xe4?!



16...b5! 17.cxb5 ♘xe4 18.♘xe4 ♕xb5∓ Lenderman,Alexandr 2640 - Xiong,Jeffery 2691, Philadelphia 2019 - 141/186) 16...♗f5 17.♘xf6+ ♗xf6 18.♗g4 ♗g7∞

**12.♘e1 ♘d7 13.♘d3 ♘dc5 14.♘xc5 ♘xc5 15.♕d2 f5 16.exf5 gxf5 17.♖ae1 ♗d7**

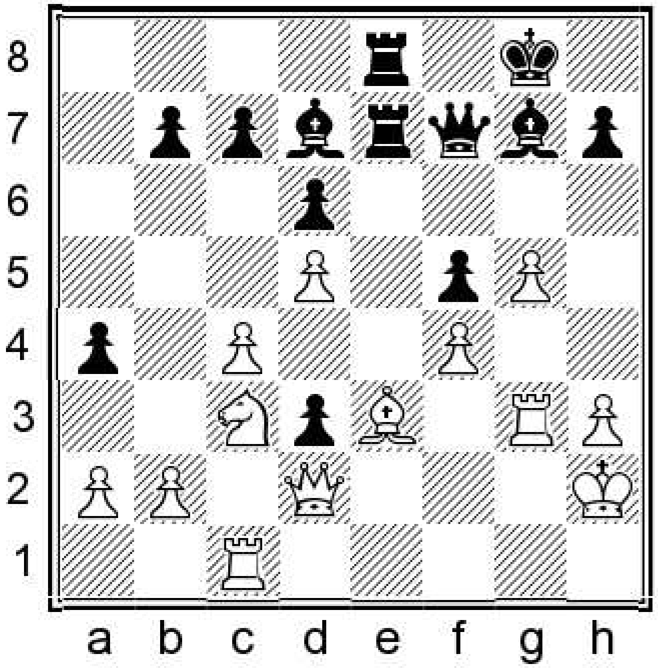


**18.♔h2**

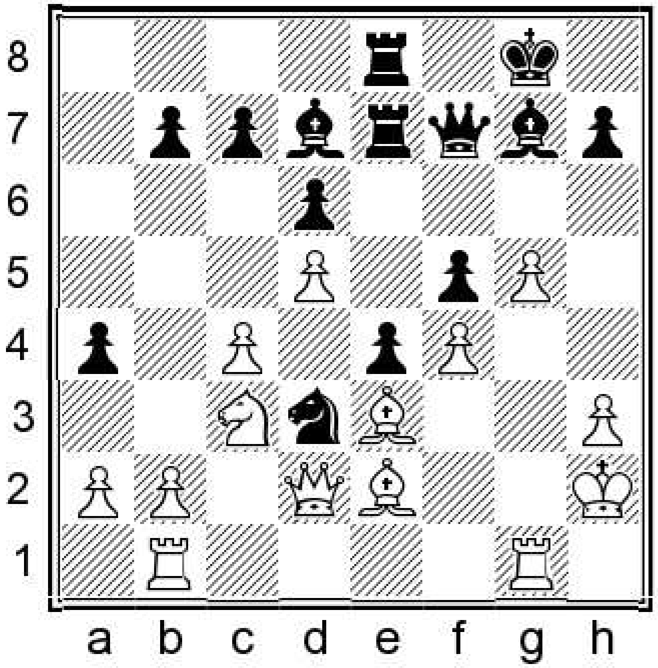
18.♘b5?! ♗xb5 19.cxb5 ♕d7 20.♕e2 (20.♗xc5 dxc5 21.♕e2 ♔h8 22.♕c4 ♕d6 23.♔h1 e4∓ Vazquez Igarza,Renier 2580 - Skoberne,Jure 2562, Baku (ol) 2016 - 130/ (192)) 20...e4∓

**18...♖ae8 19.f4 e4 20.♖g1 a4 21.♗f1 ♕f6 22.♖c1 ♖e7 23.♗e2 ♖fe8 24.♘d1**

24.g4 ♘d3! 25.g5 (25.♗xd3 exd3 26.g5 ♕f7 27.♖g3

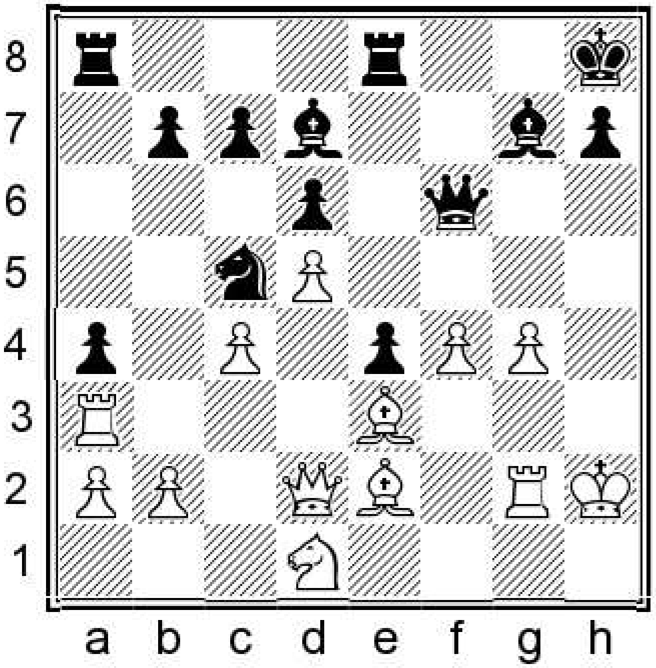


27...b5! Black is able to undermine White`s pawn centre and and get a really excellent play. (27...♗d4?! 28.♗xd4 ♖e2+ 29.♘xe2 ♖xe2+ 30.♕xe2 dxe2 31.♖e3±) 28.b3 (28.cxb5? ♗d4 29.♗xd4 ♖e2+ 30.♘xe2 ♖xe2+ 31.♕xe2 dxe2 32.♖e3 ♕xd5∓) 28...b4 29.♘d1 c5∞) 25...♕f7 26.♖b1



26...♘e5!? (26...c5!?∞) 27.♖g3 (27.fxe5 ♗xe5+ 28.♔h1 (28.♗f4? e3! 29.♕xe3 ♗xc3 30.♕xc3 ♖xe2+ 31.♖g2 ♖xg2+ 32.♔xg2 ♖e2+ 33.♔g3 ♕e8∓) 28...f4 29.♖bf1 fxe3 30.♕d1 ♕g7∓) 27...♘g6∞

**24...♖b8 25.♖g2 ♔h8 26.♖c3 ♖a8 27.♖a3 ♖ee8 28.g4 fxg4 29.hxg4**



29.♗xg4 ♗xg4 30.♖xg4 (30.hxg4 ♘d3 31.♔g1 (31.♘c3? ♕h4+ 32.♔g1 ♘e1-+) 31...♖f8∓) 30...♘d3 31.♘c3 ♖e7∞

**29...♘d3!** Black executes a nice pawn sacrifice thus opening the e-file. As the result of that Black`s rook gets very active along the e-file. I believe that he has more than adequate compensation for a mere pawn.

**30.♔g1**

30.♗xd3 exd3 31.♖xd3 ♖e4 32.♔g3 ♖xc4 33.♖c3 b5∓

**30...c5**

30...b5!? 31.cxb5 ♗xb5 32.♖h2 ♔g8 33.♘c3 ♗c4 34.♖xa4 ♖xa4 35.♘xa4 ♗xd5 36.♘c3 ♗c6⇄

**31.♗xd3**

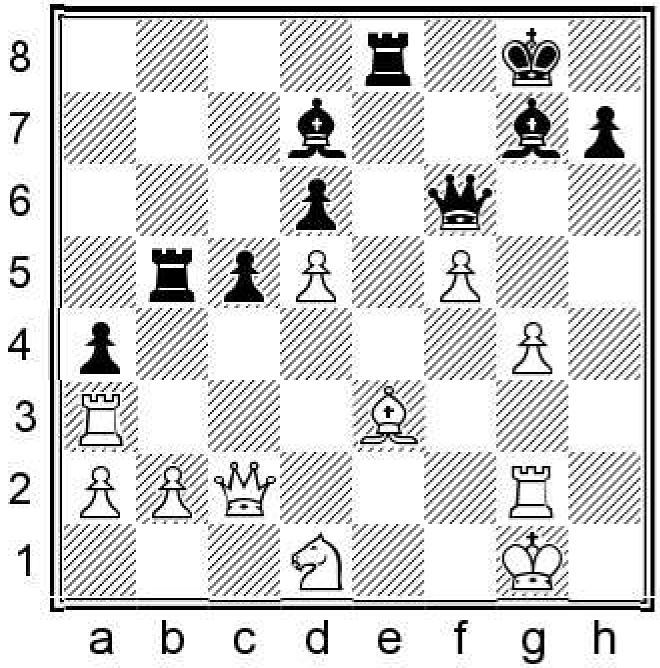
31.dxc6 ♗xc6 32.♖h2 ♔g8 33.♘c3 ♕e6∞

**31...exd3 32.♕xd3 ♔g8⯹** [Henriquez Villagra,Cristobal 2508 - Jones,Gawain 2635, Baku (ol) 2016 - 130/192]

**33.f5 b5**

33...♖e7!? Black may choose a different, yet equally effective plan. Doubling the rooks along the e file is a really good idea!

**34.cxb5 ♖ab8 35.♕c2 ♖xb5**

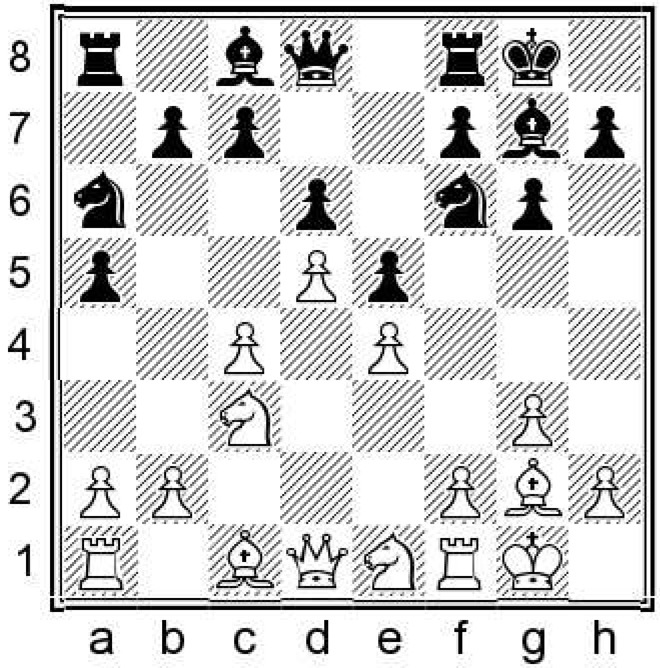


**36.♕xa4 ♕e5 37.♖d3 ♕e7 38.♕c2 ♖b4**⩱ Black has a full compensation in this dynamic position, despite being two pawns down. He has more active pieces than White and a really strong pressure along the e-file.

## CHAPTER 3

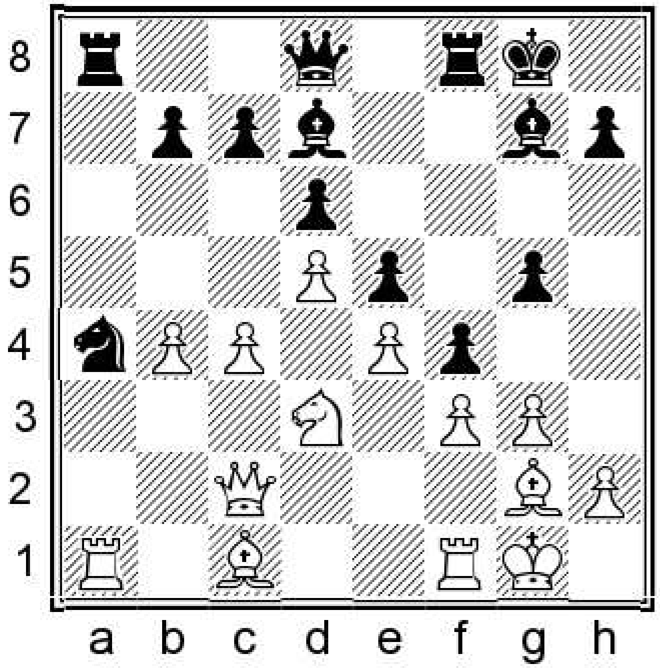
## 9.e4/10.♘e1

**1.♘f3 ♘f6 2.c4 g6 3.d4 ♗g7 4.g3 O-O 5.♗g2 d6 6.O-O ♘c6 7.♘c3 e5 8.d5 ♘b8 9.e4 a5 10.♘e1 ♘a6**

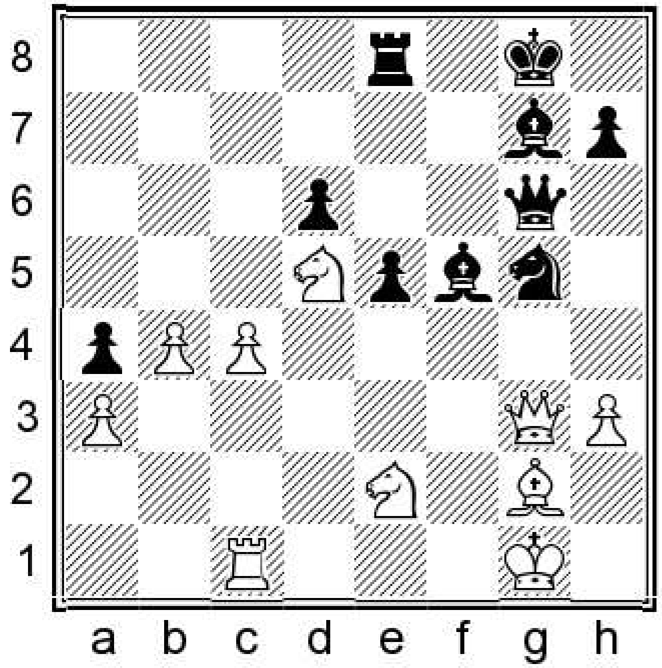


**11.♘d3** This is currently the main line.

11.♖b1 ♘d7 12.b3 (12.a3 ♘b6 13.b3 ♗d7 14.♕e2 ♘c5 15.b4 ♘ca4 16.♘xa4 ♘xa4 17.♕c2 axb4 18.axb4 f5 19.♘d3 g5 20.♖a1 f4 21.f3

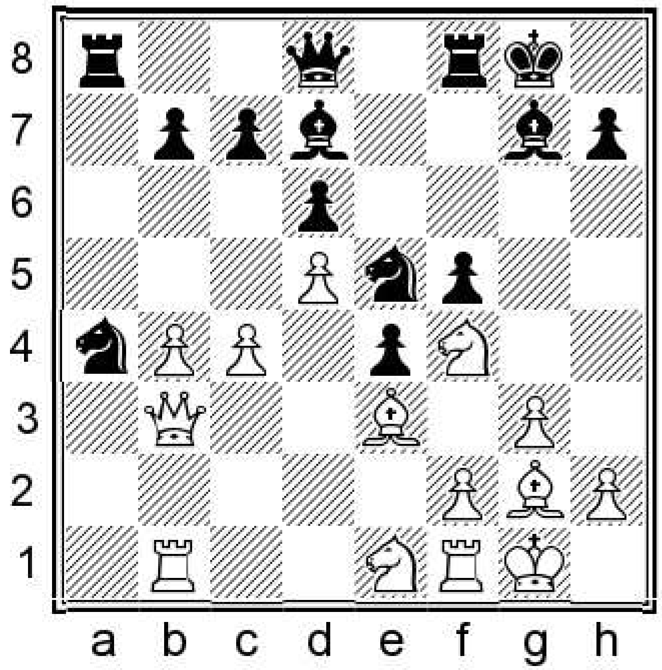


21...b5! An excellent move which enables Black to stop any White's activity on the queen's flank. 22.c5 (22.♘b2?! ♘xb2 23.♗xb2 bxc4 24.♕xc4 ♖xa1 (24...♖b8 25.♖a5 ♖b7 26.♖fa1 fxg3 27.hxg3 g4 28.fxg4 ♕g5 29.♖a8 ♕xg4 30.♖xf8+ ♗xf8 (Moroni jr,Luca 2438 - Onischuk,Vladimir 2628, Djakovica 2016) 31.♕c3=) 25.♖xa1 g4 26.gxf4 gxf3 27.♗xf3 ♖xf4↑) 22...g4 23.fxg4 ♗xg4 24.♘f2 ♗d7∞) 12...f5 13.exf5 gxf5 14.♘e2 ♘f6 15.f4 ♕e7 16.h3 ♗d7 17.♘c2 ♖ae8 18.fxe5 dxe5 19.♘e3 ♘h5 20.d6 cxd6 21.♗f3 ♘f6 22.♗xb7 ♘c5 23.♗g2 ♘fe4 24.a3 a4 25.b4 ♘b3 26.♘d5 ♕e6 27.♕d3 ♕g6 28.g4 ♘xc1 29.♖bxc1 ♘g5 30.♘c7 (30.gxf5?! ♖xf5 31.♖xf5 ♗xf5 32.♕g3

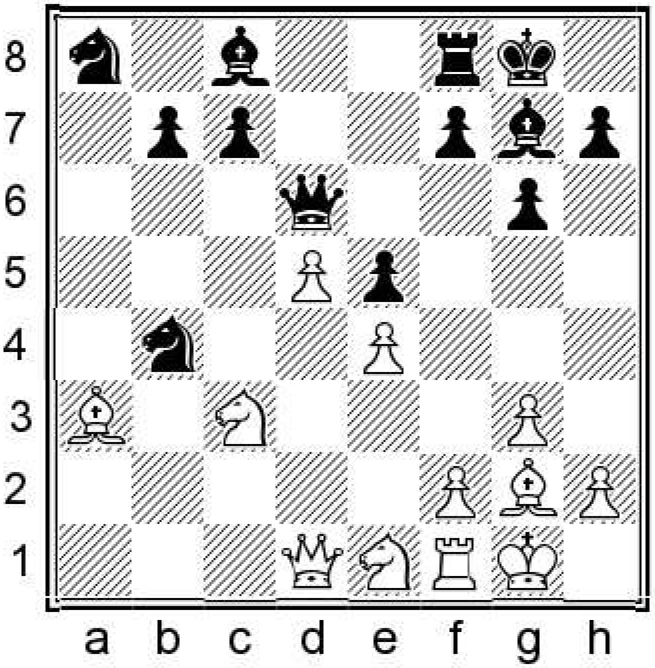


32...♗xh3!? (Black had an alternative knight capture on h3 which would also lead to a slight advantage for him: 32...♘xh3+ 33.♗xh3 ♗xh3 34.♕xg6 hxg6∓) 33.♗xh3 (33.♖f1 ♗xg2 34.♕xg2 e4∓ Javakhadze,Zurab 2415 - Baklan,Vladimir 2619, Poti 2015) 33...♘xh3+ 34.♔g2 ♘g5∓) 30...♖c8 31.♘d5 ♖ce8=;

11.a3 ♘d7 (11...♘c5 12.♗e3 ♗d7 (12...♘g4 13.♗xc5 dxc5 14.♘d3 ♕e7 15.♘a4 b6 16.b4! White is able to successfully break down Black's pawn formation and gain slight advantage. 16...cxb4 17.axb4 ♘f6 (17...axb4 18.♘xb6 ♖xa1 19.♘xc8 ♖xc8 20.♕xa1±) 18.c5 axb4 19.cxb6 ♗a6 20.♘ac5 ♗xd3 21.♘xd3± Gabuzyan, Hovhannes 2607 - Onischuk,Vladimir 2615, Martuni 2016; 12...♘fd7 13.b4 (13.b3 f5 14.exf5 gxf5 15.♖b1 e4 16.♘e2 ♘e5 17.♘f4 ♗d7 18.b4 axb4 19.axb4 ♘a4 20.♗d4 (20.♕b3?



20...♘c3!∓ Jumabayev,Rinat 2613 - Yilmaz, Mustafa Enes 2613, Almaty (blitz) 2016) 20...♕e7∞) 13...axb4 14.axb4 ♖xa1 15.♕xa1 ♘b3 16.♕d1 ♘d4 17.♘c2 ♘xc2 18.♕xc2 f5 19.exf5 gxf5⇄) 13.b4 axb4 14.axb4 ♖xa1 15.♕xa1 ♘b3 16.♕d1 ♘d4 17.♘c2 ♘xc2 18.♕xc2 ♘g4 19.♗d2 f5⇄ Black managed to get counter play on the king's side. The position is very tricky, as both sides have reasonable chances for progress.) 12.b4 (12.♗e3 ♘b6 13.♕d3 f5 14.exf5 gxf5 15.f4 ♘d7 (15...♘c5 16.♕e2 e4∞) 16.♕c2 e4 17.♕e2 ♘f6 18.♘c2 ♘c5 19.♖ad1 a4 20.♗h3 h5 21.♗d4 ♘g4 22.♔g2 ♘b3 23.♗xg7 ♔xg7∞ Alavi,Sayed Javad 2457 - Jojua,Davit 2592, Tehran 2016) 12...♘b6 13.c5 axb4 14.axb4 ♘xb4 15.♖xa8 ♘xa8 16.cxd6 ♕xd6!? (16...cxd6 17.♗a3 ♘a6 18.♘d3 (18.♘b5 ♘c5 19.♘d3 b6 (19...♕a5?! 20.♗xc5 dxc5 21.♕b3 b6 22.♖b1⩱ Kunte,Abhijit 2482 - Zhang,Xiaowen 2383, Al-Ain 2014) 20.♘b4 ♘c7∓) 18...f5 19.exf5 gxf5 20.♘b5 ♖f6 21.♕b3⩱ White's threat of Rc1 is very serious and would lead to complete domination. White is a pawn down, but objectively he is clearly on top in this position.) 17.♗a3



17...c5! This is the only effective way for Black to break the pin along the diagonal. It seems that the position is roughly equal. 18.dxc6 ♕xd1 19.♘xd1 ♖d8 20.cxb7 ♗xb7 21.♘e3 ♘a2=;

11.b3 ♘c5 12.♖b1 ♘e8 13.♘d3 b6 14.♗b2 f5 15.f4 exf4 16.♘xf4 ♘f6 17.♘e6 ♘xe6 18.dxe6 ♗xe6 19.♕d2 (19.exf5 ♗xf5 20.♗xa8 ♕xa8 21.♖xf5 gxf5 22.♕d3 ♖e8 23.♕xf5 (23.♖f1? ♘g4∓ Avramidou,Anastasia 2228 - Pavlidis,Antonios 2536, Kavala 2016) 23...♖e5 24.♕f4 ♕c6∞) 19...fxe4 20.♘xe4 ♘xe4 21.♗xe4 ♖b8 22.♗xg7 ♔xg7=;

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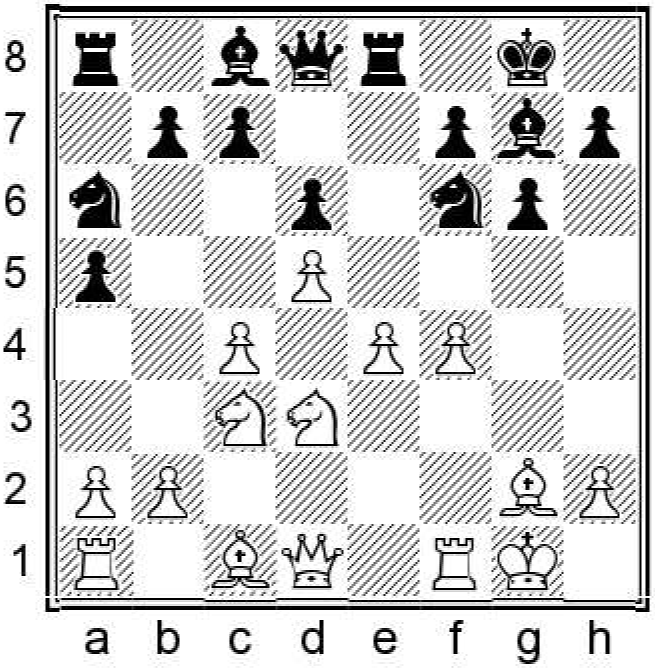
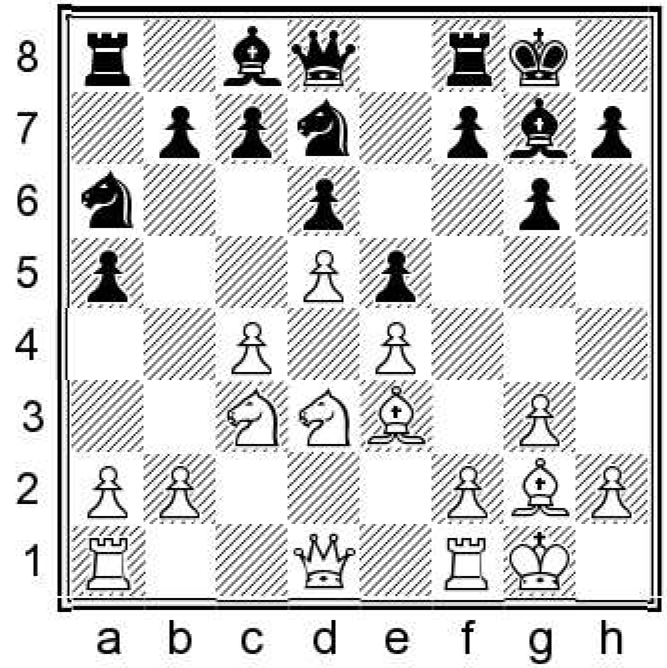


13...♘g4! 14.h3 ♗d4+ 15.♔h1 ♗d7 (15...f5 16.e5 dxe5 17.♘b5 ♗b6 18.fxe5 ♘xe5 19.♘xe5 ♖xe5 20.♕d3=∞; 15...♕h4 16.♕e1 ♕xe1 17.♖xe1 ♘c5= Inarkiev,Ernesto 2727 - Sutovsky,Emil 2650, Poikovsky 2017) 16.f5 (16.♘b5 ♘e3 17.♗xe3 ♗xe3 18.♕e1 ♗b6∓) 16...♘e5∓

**11...♘d7 12.♗e3**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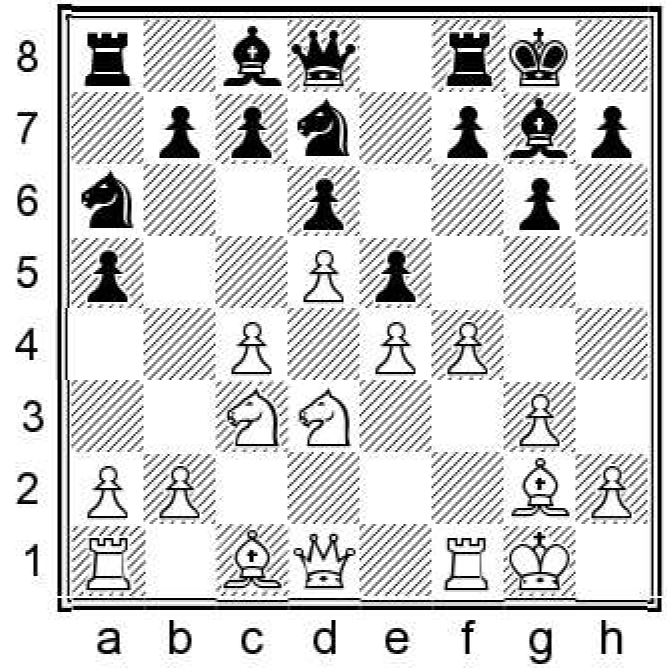
12.f4?!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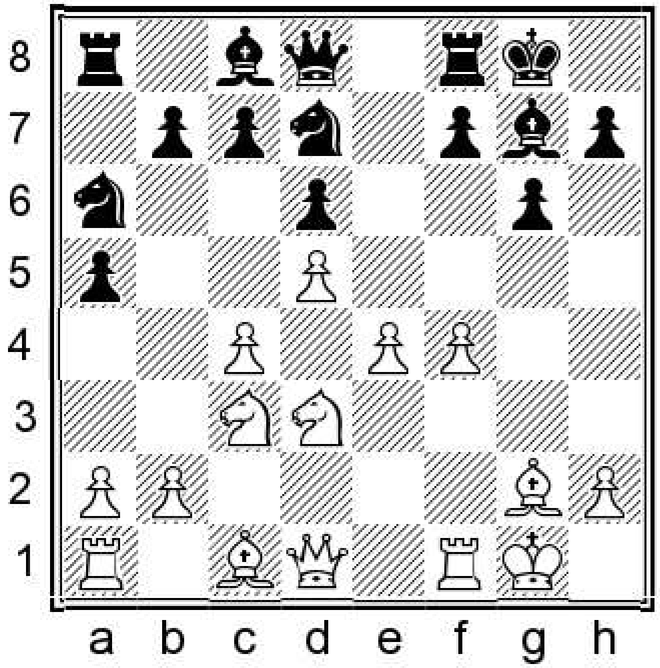
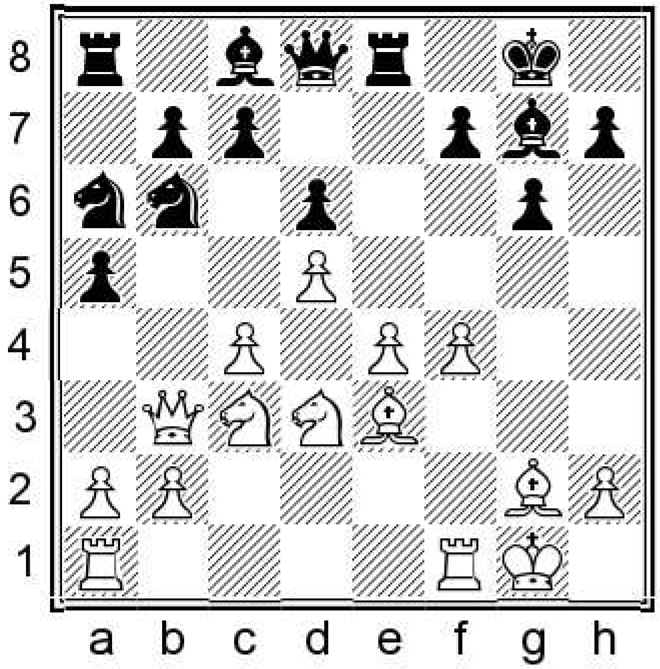
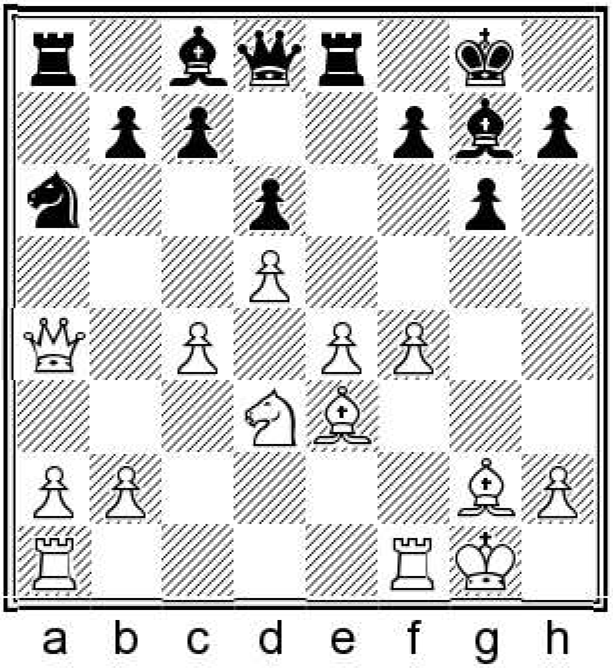
This pawn push seems to be rather premature. White's centre is way too fragile for such an aggressive atempt. 12...exf4 13.gxf4



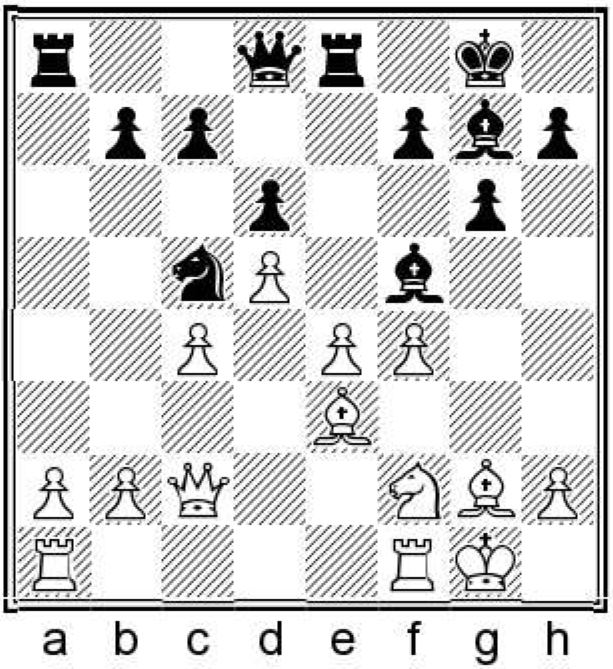
(13.♗xf4 ♘b4! 14.♘f2 ♘e5 15.♕e2 ♗d7∓) 13...♘b6! A very strong move which emphasizes all the weaknesses in White's structure. Only White`s queen can defend the c4 pawn, so her majesty becomes a target as well! (13...♘dc5 14.♘xc5 ♘xc5 15.♗e3 b6 16.♗d4 ♗h6 17.♕f3 ♗d7 18.♖ae1± Aronian,Levon 2815 - Onischuk,Vladimir 2594, Dubai (blitz) 2014; 13...f5!? A really interesting and quite reasonable move, which enables Black to break down White's pawn centre. 14.exf5 ♖xf5 15.♘e4 ♘b6 16.♘g3 ♖f8 (16...♘xc4!?) 17.♕c2 ♗d4+ 18.♔h1 ♕h4 19.♗d2 (Jirka, Jiri 2412 - Shevchenko,Kirill 2265, Praha 2015) 19...♘b4! 20.♘xb4 axb4 21.♗xb4 ♖xf4 22.♖xf4 ♕xf4 23.♖f1 ♕e5∞) 14.♕b3 ♖e8 15.♗e3



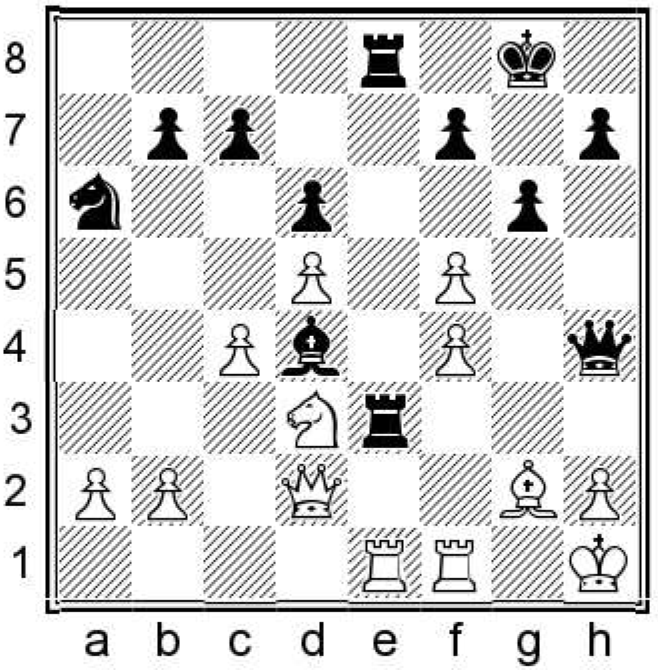
(15.♗d2 ♗g4 16.h3 ♗d4+ 17.♔h2 ♕h4 18.♗e1 ♕h6→) 15...a4! Black can improve his position by executing an effective pawn sacrifice. White's knight is deflected and unable to defend the e4-pawn anymore. Black's chances are preferable in the resulting position. 16.♘xa4 ♘xa4 17.♕xa4



17...♗f5! The cruical idea of 15...a4! is now evident. 18.exf5 (18.♘f2 ♘c5 19.♕c2



19...♘xe4! 20.♗xe4 (20.♘xe4 ♕e7-+) 20...♗xe4 21.♘xe4 ♕e7 22.♘g3 ♕xe3+ 23.♔h1 ♕b6∓ (23...h5 (Mamedyarov,Shakhriyar 2772 - Shimanov, Aleksandr 2642, Pro Chess League (Internet-rapid) 2017 - 131/(191) 24.f5! The only move that keeps White's chances alive! 24...♕g5 (24...h4 25.fxg6! fxg6 26.♕xg6 hxg3 27.♖ae1! ♕xe1 (27...g2+ 28.♔xg2 ♕d2+ 29.♖f2 ♕xe1 30.♕f7+=) 28.♕f7+ ♔h7 29.♕f5+ ♔h6 30.♕f4+ ♔h5 31.♕f5+=) 25.fxg6 fxg6∓; 23...f5 24.♖f2 ♕c5∓)) 18...♖xe3 19.♕c2 ♗d4 (19...♕h4 20.♔h1 ♖ae8 21.fxg6 hxg6 22.♖ad1 ♘c5 23.♘xc5 dxc5∓) 20.♔h1 ♕h4 21.♖ad1 (21.♕d2 ♖ae8 22.♖ae1



22...♘c5!∓ Black has a clear advantage. The control over the e-file should prove to be cruical as the game goes on. 23.♖xe3 ♗xe3 (23...♖xe3? 24.♘f2! ♕xf4 25.♘d1±) 24.♕d1 ♘xd3 25.♕xd3 ♗xf4 26.♕h3 ♕xh3 27.♗xh3 ♖e4∓ Luch,Michal 2448 - Santos Latasa,Jaime 2545, Portugal 2016 - 131/191) 21...♖ae8 22.♘c1 ♗g7∓;

12.a3 ♘ac5 13.♗e3 b6 14.♕c2 f5 15.♘xc5 (15.f3?! f4 16.♗f2 ♘xd3 17.♕xd3 a4 18.♕c2 ♘c5 19.♗xc5 bxc5 20.♘xa4 fxg3 21.hxg3 ♕g5 22.♔f2 h5 23.♘c3 ♗h6 24.♖ae1 ♖b8∓ Tan,Zhongyi 2511 - Sethuraman,SP 2630, Changsha 2019 - 141/(186)) 15...♘xc5 16.b4 f4! (16...♘xe4 17.♘xe4 fxe4 18.♗xe4±) 17.♗xc5 bxc5 18.bxc5 dxc5∞

**12...f5**

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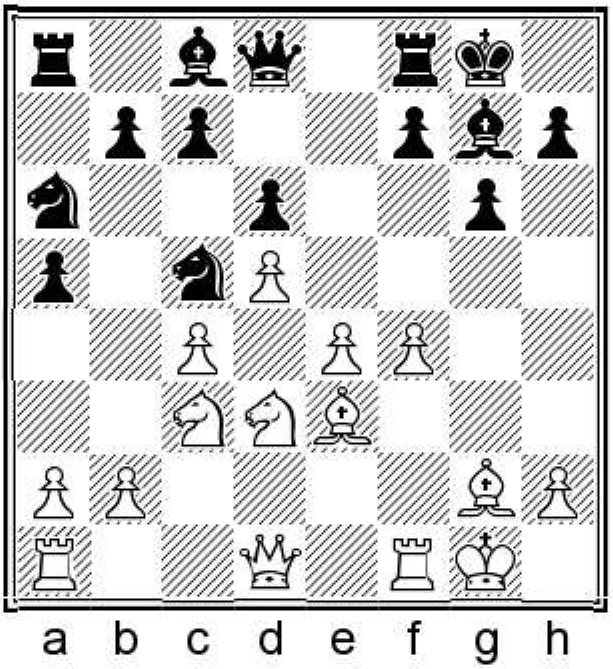

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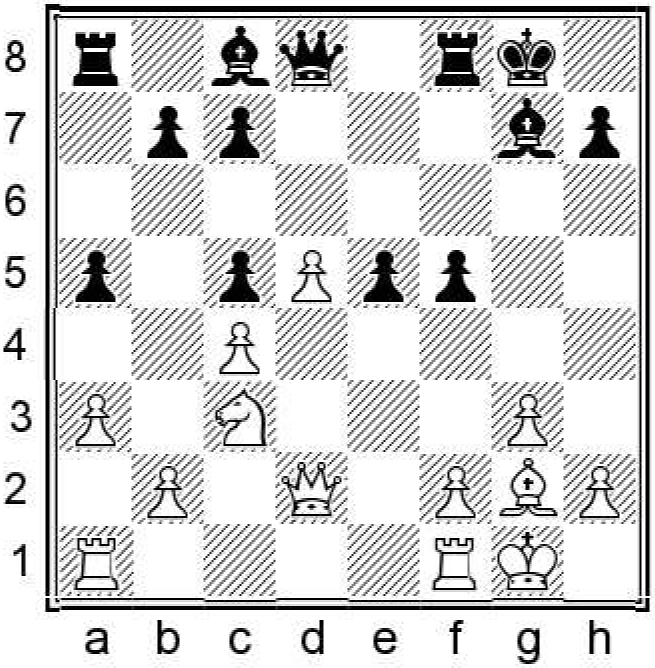
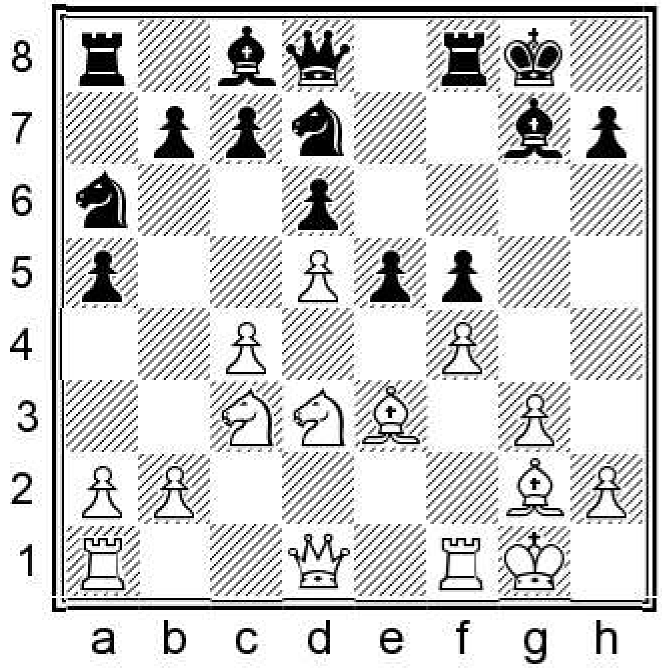


(17.d6?! ♕xd6 18.♕xd6 cxd6 19.♖ad1 ♖a6∓ Vignesh NR 2411 - Salem,AR Saleh 2652, Dubai 2017) 17...♖a6! A standard manoeuvre! Black uses a rook lift in order to transfer his heavy piece to the king's side and prepare an attack. 18.♖ae1 ♖g6↑) 16...e4∞;

13.exf5 gxf5 14.f4



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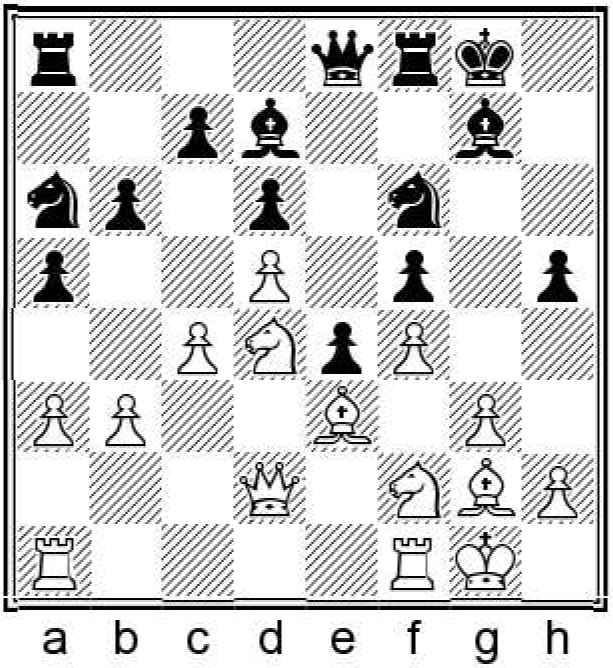
**13...♘ac5**

13...b6 14.exf5 (14.b3 ♘dc5 15.♘xc5 ♘xc5 16.exf5 gxf5 17.♖ab1 f4 18.♗xc5 bxc5 19.♕e2 ♕g5 20.♘e4 ♕g6 21.♗f3 ♗h3↑ Esen,Baris 2563 - Popilski,Gil 2512, Cesme 2015) 14...gxf5 15.f4 e4 16.♘f2 ♘f6 17.♘b5 ♗d7 18.♘d4 ♕e8 19.b3 h5 20.a3

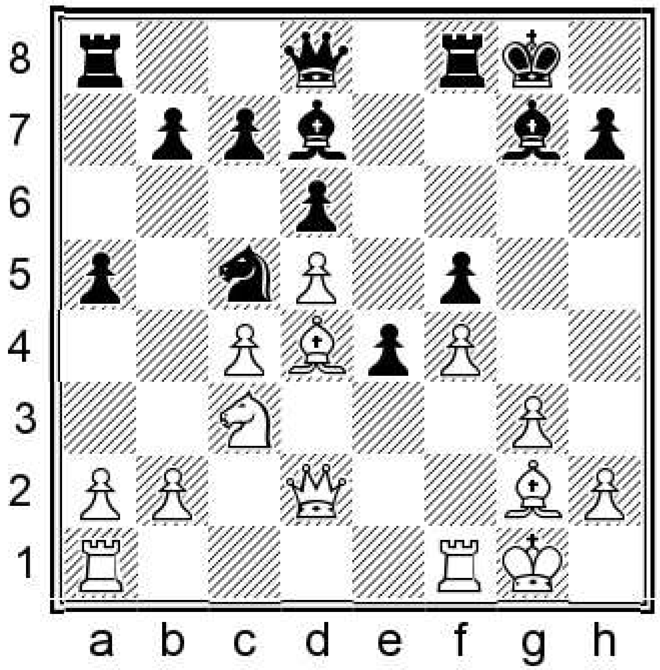


(20.♘h3?! ♘g4 21.a3 ♘c5 22.♖ab1 h4∓ Vukic, Milan 2391 - Kadric,Denis 2562, Bosna i Hercegovina 2016 - 131/(192)) 20...b5! (20...h4!?) 21.♕xa5 (21.cxb5 ♘c5 22.b4 axb4 23.axb4 ♘a4∞) 21...bxc4 22.bxc4 ♕d8 23.♕d2 ♘c5=∞ Black threatens ...Ra4 with ...Qa8 to follow gaining a great counter play.

**14.exf5**

14.♘xc5 ♘xc5 - 12...Ndc5

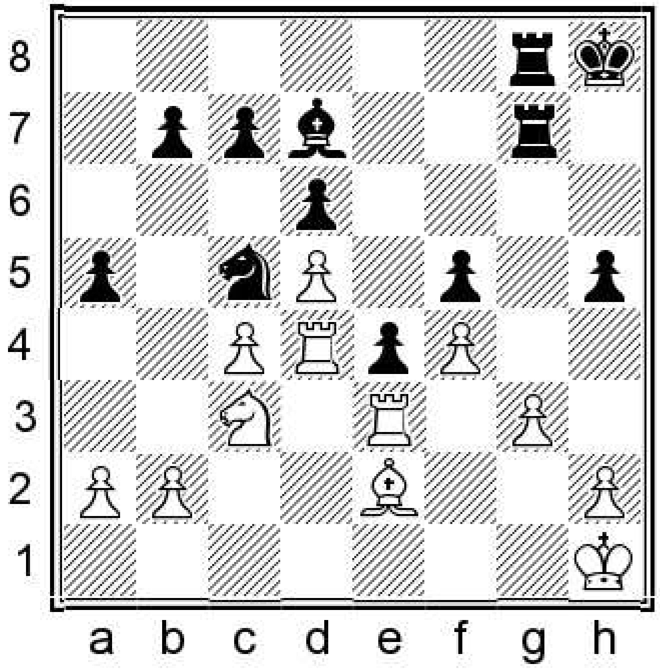
**14...gxf5 15.♘xc5 ♘xc5 16.f4 e4 17.♗d4 ♗d7**



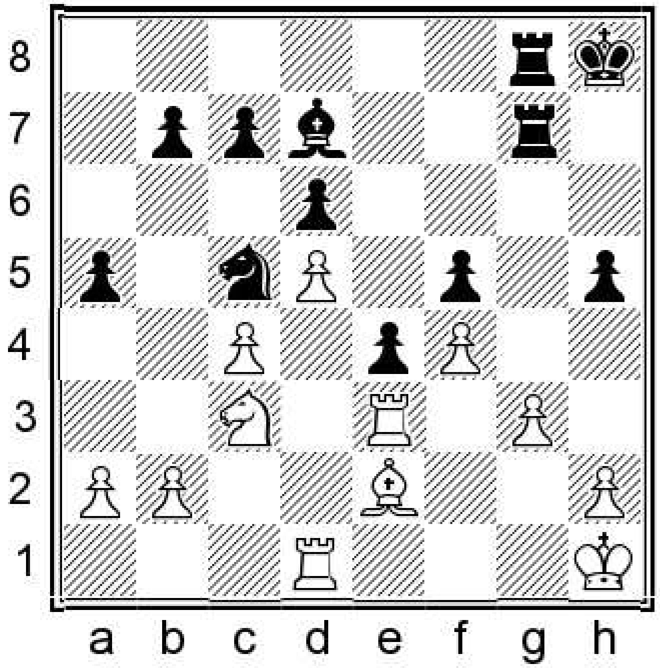
**18.g4** White may try a standard pawn push hoping to disrupt Black`s pawn formation. But, it seems to be only enough for equality.

Alternative options for White are not more promising either: 18.♗xg7 ♔xg7 19.g4!? (19.♕d4+? ♕f6 20.♕xf6+ ♔xf6 21.♖fd1 h5↑ Svidler,Peter 2753 - Yu,Yangyi 2759, Shenzhen (m/5-blitz) 2018 - 137/193; 19.♘d1 ♕f6 20.♘e3 h5 21.h4 ♘d3∞) 19...fxg4 20.♘xe4 (20.♗xe4 ♕f6 21.♗c2∞; 20.♖ae1 ♕h4∞) 20...♘xe4 21.♗xe4 ♕f6∞;

18.♖fe1 ♖f7 19.♖e3 ♘d3 20.♗xg7 ♖xg7 21.♔h1 ♕f6 22.♗f1 ♘c5 23.♗e2 ♔h8 24.♖d1 ♖ag8 25.♕d4 ♕xd4 26.♖xd4 ♖e7= (26...h5



27.♗xh5! (27.♖d1?!



27...h4! A really strong move! Black gains clear advantage by causing weaknesses in White's structure. 28.♔g2 ♖h7 29.♖g1 ♖g6 30.♘d1 ♔g7 31.♘f2 ♔f6 32.♔f1 hxg3 33.hxg3 c6 34.g4 cxd5 (34...fxg4 35.♘xe4+ ♘xe4 36.♖xe4 cxd5 (Ruck,Robert 2566 - Martinovic,Sasa 2563, Hrvatska 2016 - 131/192) 37.♖d4 ♖h2 38.♖xd5 ♔e7∓) 35.cxd5 fxg4 36.♘xe4+ ♘xe4 37.♖xe4 ♖h5 38.♖d4 ♖h2 39.♖g3 ♖g8 40.♖e4 ♔f5∓) 27...♘d3 28.♖exd3! exd3 29.♖xd3 ♖e7 30.♔g2=∞)

**18...fxg4 19.♘xe4 ♘xe4 20.♗xe4 ♕h4 21.♗xg7 ♔xg7 22.♖ae1 ♕f6 23.f5 ♖ae8 24.♖f4 ♔h8 25.♔h1 b6 26.♖xg4 ♗xf5 27.♗xf5 ♖xe1+ 28.♕xe1 ♕xf5=** Ju,Wenjun 2574 - Kovalev,Vladislav 2640, Saint Louis 2017

# B 90 NAJDORF SICILIAN

By GM Miloš Perunović

## The Najdorf Sicilian Never Sleeps

The Najdorf Sicilian! Whenever we come to conclusion that most of the ideas are deeply researched something new and fresh appears on the horizon. In this article we will examine the 6.♕d3 line, first played by the Spanish GM Vallejo Pons. However, two recently played games at the Wijk aan Zee Tournament inspired me to explore this line a bit deeper. Curiously, the brilliant Swedish GM Nils Grandelius was on the losing (Black) side in both games! First he lost a model game to Magnus Carlsen, and then also to Jorden van Foreest, the Tournament winner. In actual fact, van Foreest - Grandelius clash left deep impression on analysists and commentators.

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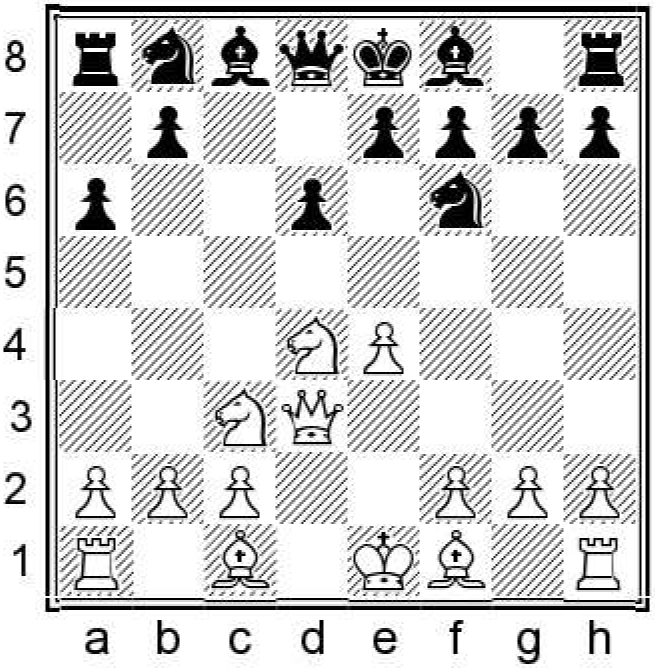
**1.e4 c5 2.♘f3 d6 3.d4 cxd4 4.♘xd4 ♘f6 5.♘c3 a6 6.♕d3**



We will take a closer look at the most logical continuations for Black: e6, ♘bd7, g6 and e5. The 6...e5 continuation grants White easy play after 7.♘f5 winning the bishop pair.

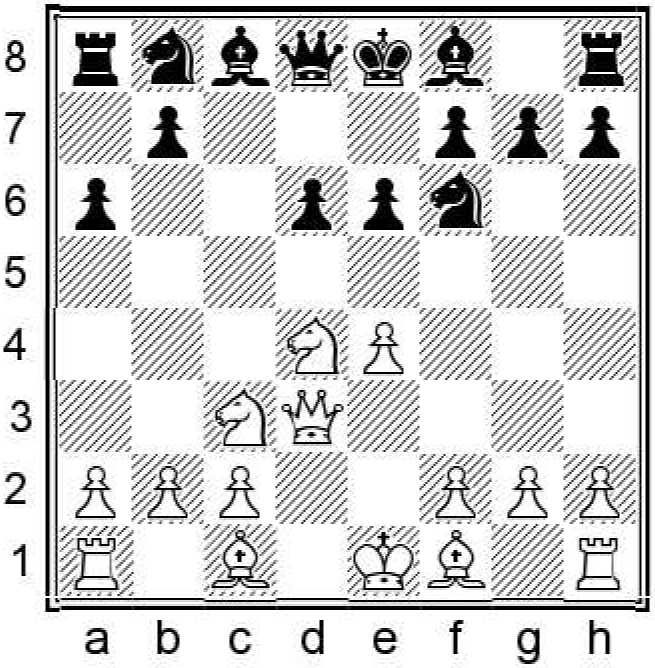
On the other hand, the Scheveningen move 6...e6 allows White to proceed with Carlsen's 7.a4, followed by queen transfer to g3, completing development. But, also White may proceed with 7.g4!?

- the continuation that interests me deeply. White can seize the initiative very early in the game by giving away one pawn. The ensuing positions require further investigation, remaining rich and interesting.

Surely, two most promising continuations for Black are 6...♘bd7 (suggested by Anish Giri in his recently published repertory) and 6...g6. Both continuations lead to highly entertaining positions with chances for both sides.

## CHAPTER 1
## 6...e6

**1.e4 c5 2.♘f3 d6 3.d4 cxd4 4.♘xd4 ♘f6 5.♘c3 a6 6.♕d3 e6**



**7.g4!?** A very interesting idea. This pawn advance is not the essential idea in this line, but it still is a way to engage the fight for the initiative early in the opening.

Alternatively, White can proceed with standard developing moves: 7.♗e2, or first 7.a4 preventing b5, and then 0-0, followed by the queen transfer to g3. 7...♘c6 8.♘xc6 bxc6 9.♕g3 ♗b7 10.♗e2 ♗e7 11.♗f4 e5 (11...O-O 12.e5 dxe5 13.♗xe5±) 12.♗e3 O-O 13.O-O± Carlsen,Magnus 2862 - Grandelius,Nils 2663, Wijk aan Zee 2021

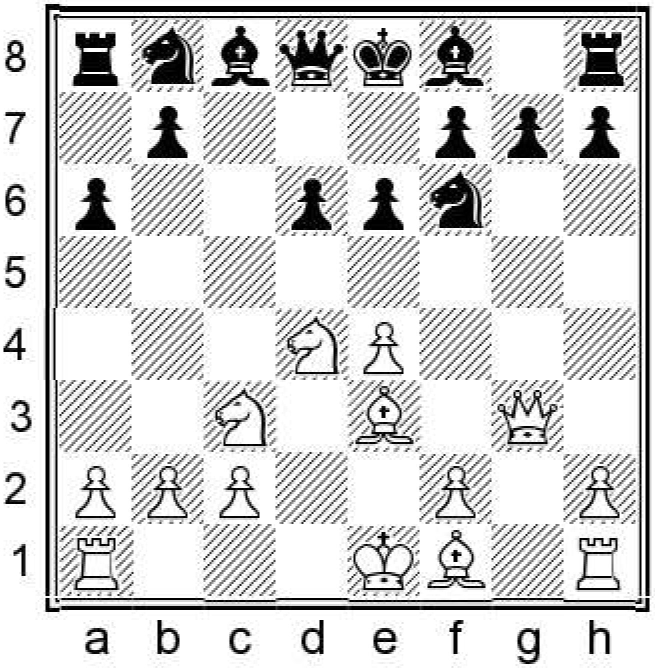
**7...♘xg4** The only correct way to play for Black. If Black does not take the pawn White will reach the ideal set-up and obtain the initiative.

7...e5 8.♘f5 g6 (8...♘xg4 9.♖g1±) 9.♘e3 ♘xg4 10.♘cd5±

**8.♕g3**

8.♖g1!?

**8...♘f6 9.♗e3** For the g-pawn White gains the ideal position for his queen on g3, open g-file and a few tempi extra compared to the standard theoretical position. The position on the board is completely fresh! We will examine a few possible action plans for Black and White's reactions in those situations.

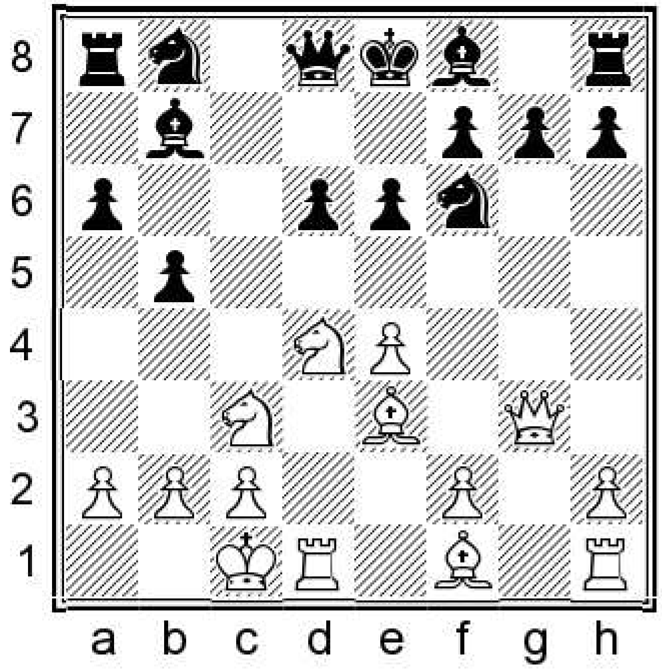


**9...♘bd7**

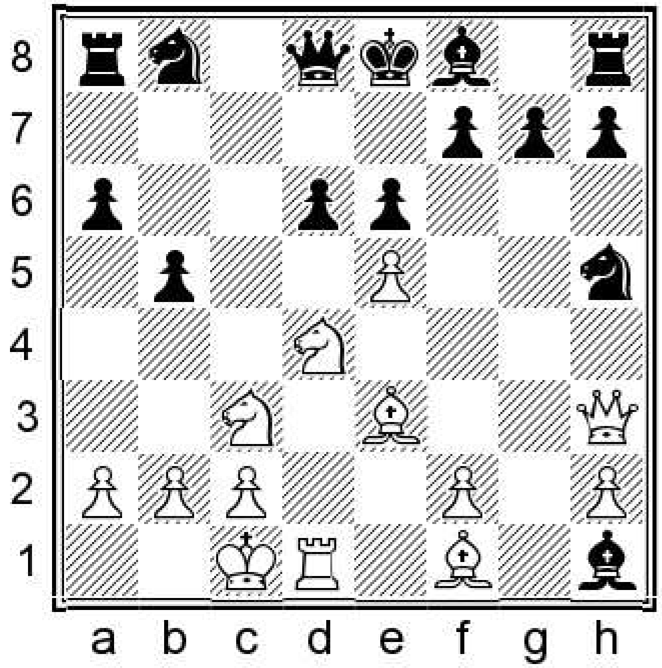
9...♘c6 10.♘xc6 bxc6 11.O-O-O d5 12.h4↑ Black cannot easily complete his development. By advancing the h-pawn White is intending to cause weakness in Black's pawn structure.

9...♗d7 10.O-O-O ♘c6 11.f4 ♕c7 12.♗g2 ♖c8 13.♖he1↑;

9...b5 10.O-O-O ♗b7

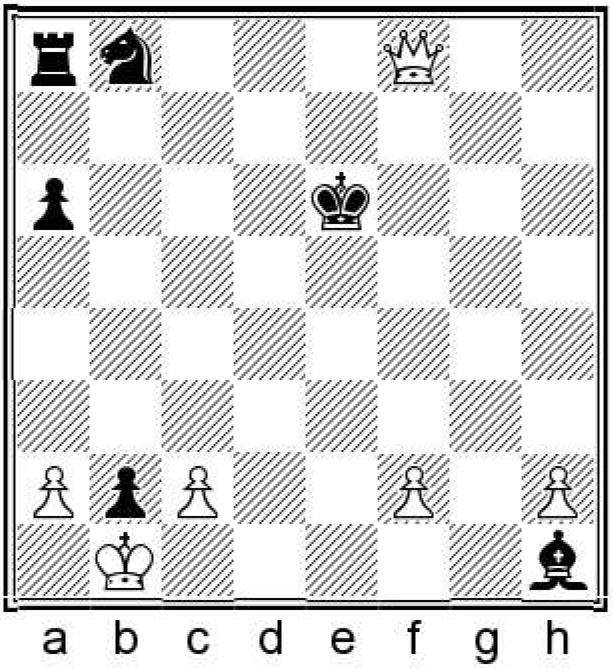


(10...b4 11.e5! bxc3 12.exf6 gxf6 13.♗g2 d5 14.♖he1+- All the white pieces are targeting the black king, so it is only a matter of moment when the assault will begin.; 10...♘bd7 11.♗g2 ♗b7 (11...b4 12.♘d5! This is pretty much a standard Sicilian motif!) 12.e5 ♗xg2 13.exf6 ♗xh1 14.fxg7 ♗xg7 15.♕xg7 ♕f6 16.♕xf6 ♘xf6 17.♖xh1±) 11.e5! ♘h5 (11...♗xh1 12.exf6 ♕xf6 (12...gxf6 13.f3+-) 13.♗g5 ♕e5 14.f4 ♕c5 15.♗h3+-) 12.♕h3 ♗xh1



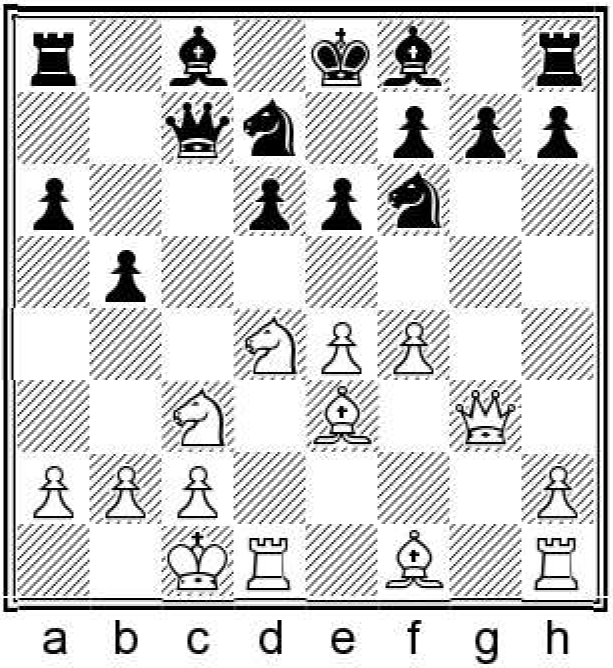
13.♗e2! b4 (13...g6 14.♖xh1 ♘g7 (14...dxe5 15.♘xe6! fxe6 16.♗xh5 gxh5 17.♕xe6+ ♕e7 18.♕d5+-) 15.exd6 ♗xd6 16.♖d1+-) 14.♘xe6 fxe6 15.♕xe6+ ♕e7 16.♕c8+ ♕d8 17.♗xh5+ g6 18.♕f5! ♕d7 (18...bxc3 19.exd6 ♕d7 (19...gxh5 20.♗g5+-) 20.♕e5+ ♔f7 21.♕xh8 gxh5 22.♖xh1±) 19.e6 ♕b7 20.♗xg6+ hxg6 21.♕xg6+ ♔d8 22.♕f6+ ♕e7 (22...♔e8 23.♗g5+-) 23.♕xh8 bxc3 24.♗f4 ♕g7 25.♖xd6+ ♔e7 26.♕h4+ ♕f6 27.♗g5 cxb2+ 28.♔b1 ♕xg5 29.♕xg5+ ♔xd6 30.♕d8+ ♔xe6

31.♕xf8±



It is time to take stock after the liquidation phase. White has queen and three pawns against rook and two minor pieces. The white pawns are not connected, but the black pieces are not well coordinated so he may find it hard to defend this position.

**10.O-O-O ♕c7 11.f4 b5**

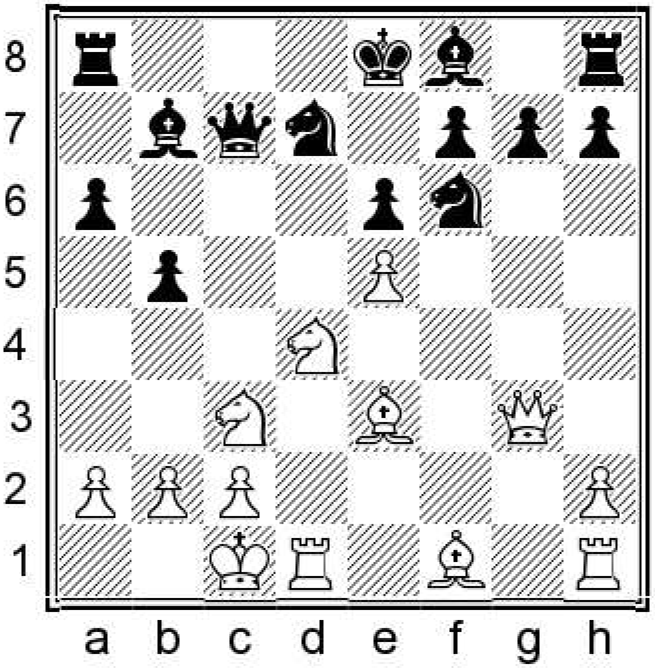


11...g6 12.♗g2 ♗e7 13.♗f3→ Preventing the Nh5 tempo, preparing central breakthrough.

**12.e5! dxe5 13.fxe5 ♕xe5**

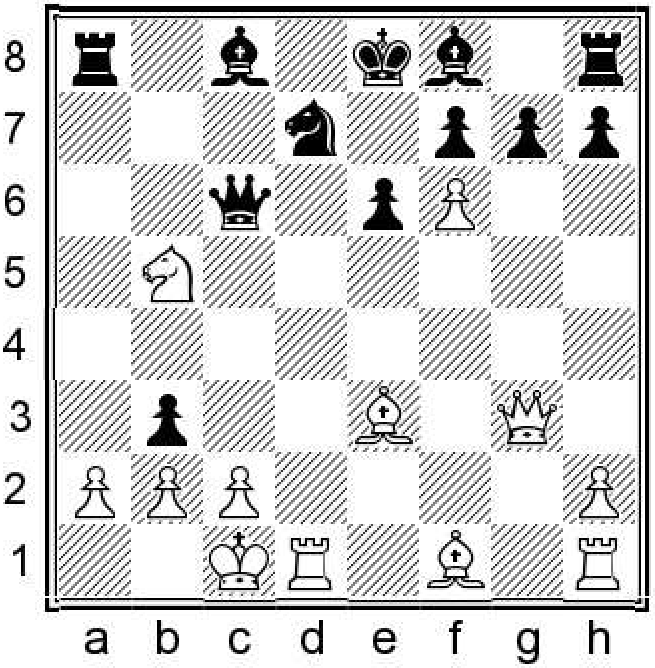
13...♘xe5? 14.♗g2+-;

13...♗b7

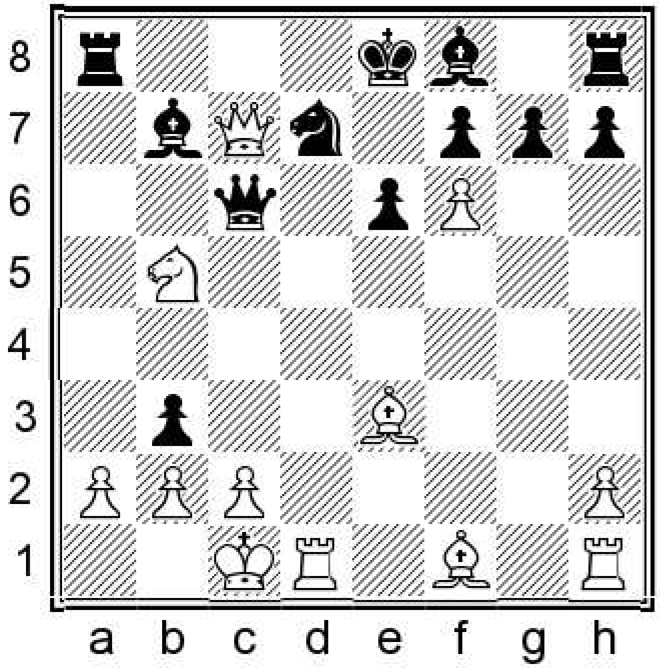


14.♘dxb5! axb5 15.♘xb5 ♕b8 16.exf6 ♕xg3 17.hxg3 ♗xh1 (17...♖xa2 18.♔b1 ♖xb2+ 19.♔xb2 ♗xh1 20.♗e2 ♗e4 21.♘a7!+- Threatening Bb5 with unavoidable material loss.) 18.♘c7+ ♔d8 19.♘xa8 ♗xa8 20.♗b5 ♗d5 21.fxg7 ♗xg7 22.c4± White regains the piece, and is clearly better having two connected passed pawns and bishop pair.

13...b4 14.♘cb5! axb5 15.♘xb5 ♕c6 16.exf6 b3!



17.♕c7! Excellent move - attacking and defending! 17...♗b7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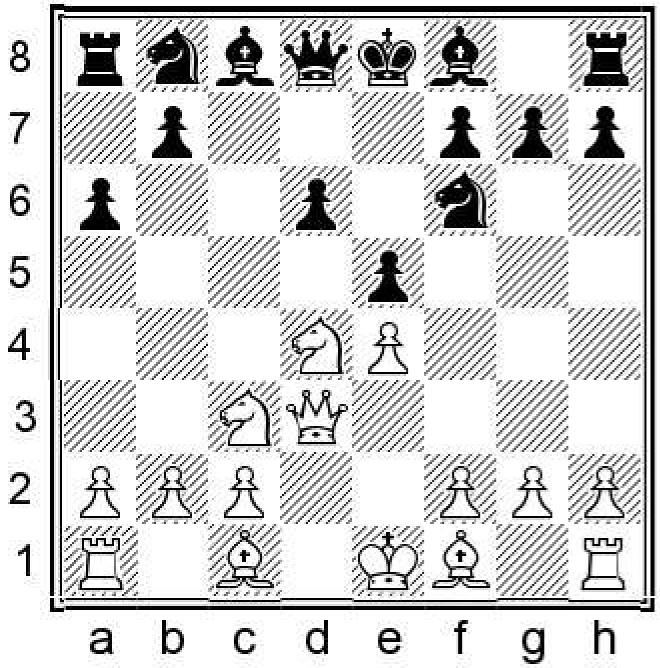
**14.♗f4 ♕c5 15.♗g2 ♘h5 16.♕f2 ♘xf4 17.♗xa8±**

## CHAPTER 2
## 6...e5

**1.e4 c5 2.♘f3 d6 3.d4 cxd4 4.♘xd4 ♘f6 5.♘c3 a6 6.♕d3 e5**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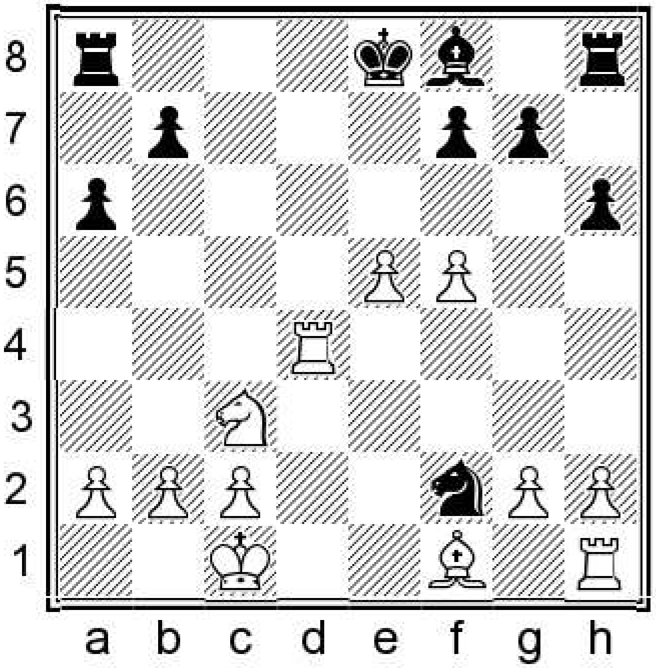
**7.♘f5 ♗xf5**

7...g6 8.♘e3± White seized control over the d5-square and secured a long-lasting advantage. (8.♘h6!?)

**8.exf5 d5**

8...h6 9.♗e3 (9.g4!?) 9...d5 10.O-O-O d4 11.f4! ♘c6 12.fxe5 ♘g4 13.♗xd4 ♘xd4 14.♕xd4 ♕xd4 15.♖xd4 ♘f2



16.♗xa6! ♖xa6 17.♖e1 ♗c5 18.♖d5 ♖c6 19.♖d2±;

8...♘bd7 9.g4!

**9.♗g5 d4 10.♘e4 ♘bd7**

10...♗b4+ 11.c3 ♗e7 (11...dxc3 12.♘xf6+ gxf6 13.♕xd8+ ♔xd8 14.♗xf6+ ♔c8 15.O-O-O±) 12.♗xf6 ♗xf6 13.h4!? (13.♖d1±) 13...♗e7 (13...♗xh4 14.O-O-O ♘c6 15.♔b1 Open lines and control on the light squares grant White a strong initiative. It is not completely clear where will the black king find a safe shelter.) 14.g4 ♘c6 15.g5±

**11.O-O-O ♗e7**

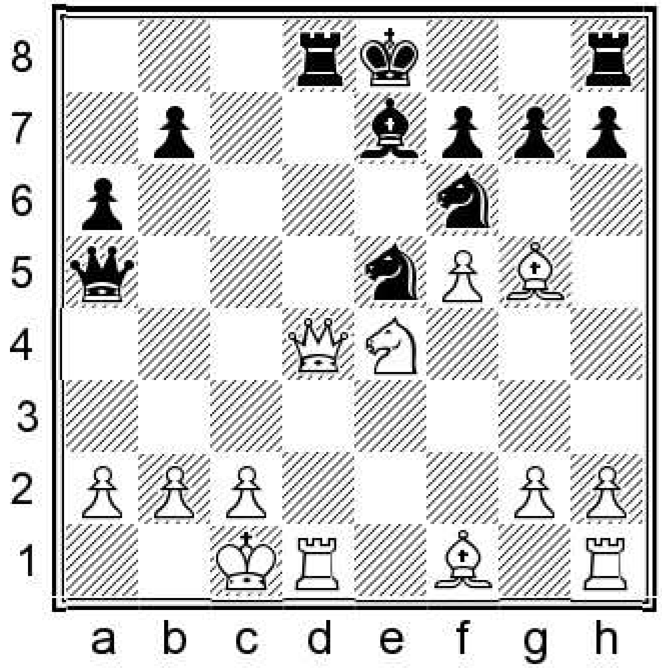
11...h6

**12.f4 ♕a5**

12...♘xe4 13.♗xe7 ♕xe7 14.♕xe4 O-O 15.fxe5 ♘xe5 16.♖xd4±

**13.fxe5 ♘xe4**

13...♘xe5 14.♕xd4 At a first glance this pawn is poisoned, but White prepared a counter-strike. 14...O-O (14...♖d8?



15.♗b5+! ♕xb5 16.♕xd8+ ♗xd8 17.♘d6+ ♔e7 18.♘xb5 axb5 19.♖he1 ♗c7 20.♖d5+-; 14...♕xa2? 15.♕xe5 ♕a1+ 16.♔d2 O-O-O+ 17.♗d3 ♘xe4+ 18.♔e2!+-) 15.♗xf6 ♗xf6 16.♘xf6+ gxf6 17.♕d5 b5 18.♗e2± White managed to stabilise the position and retain an extra pawn edge. The black knight stands extremely well on e5, but does not offer enough compensation for the pawn.

**14.♗xe7 ♘f2**

14...♕xe5? 15.♖e1 ♘f2 16.♕d2 ♘e4 17.♗d6! ♕xd6 18.♖xe4+ ♘e5 19.♖xd4±

**15.♕xd4 ♘xd1 16.e6! ♘e5 17.♗c5** White has a dangerous initiative. The black king is under attack. The position requires a bit deeper analysis, but it is evident that Black should proceed with great caution.

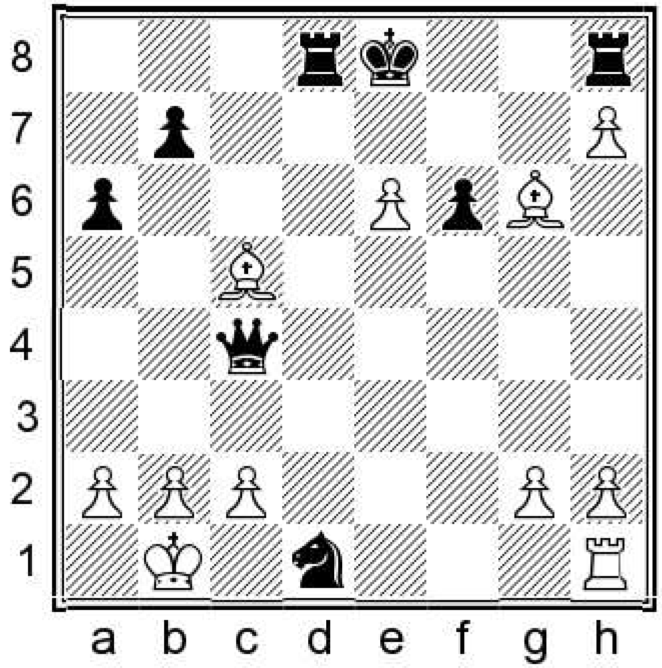
17.f6!?↑

**17...f6 18.♗e2 ♖d8 19.♗h5+ ♘g6**

19...g6?? 20.fxg6 hxg6 21.♗xg6+ ♘xg6 22.♕xf6+-

**20.♕c4 ♕d2+ 21.♔b1 ♕d5 22.fxg6 ♘e3**

The following mate picture deserves to be shown! 22...♕xc4?? 23.gxh7+ g6 24.♗xg6#



22...♕xh5? 23.e7! ♘c3+ 24.bxc3 ♖d1+ 25.♔b2 hxg6 26.g4 ♕d5 27.♖xd1 ♕xd1 28.♕e4+-;

22...♘f2 23.♖c1 The queen on c4 seems to be invisible... 23...♘e4 24.gxh7+ ♕xh5 25.♗b4 White is a whole rook down, but has a really powerful initiative, while the e6 and h7-pawns cause a havoc in Black's position.

**23.gxh7+ ♕xh5 24.♗xe3 ♖xh7 25.e7!? ♖d1+ 26.♖xd1 ♕xd1+ 27.♗c1 ♖h5**

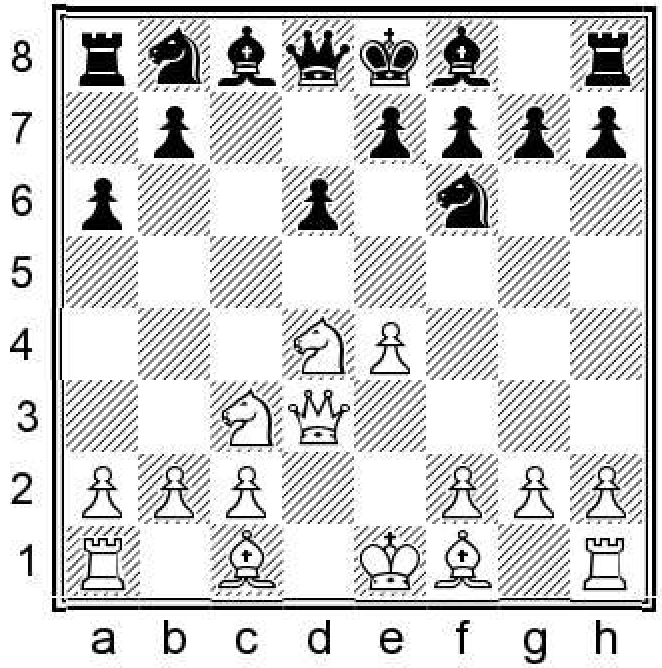
27...♖xh2?? 28.♕c8+ ♔xe7 29.♕c7++-;

27...♕h5 28.♕c8+ ♔xe7 29.♕xb7+±

**28.♕g8+ ♔xe7 29.♕xg7+ ♔e6 30.♕xb7±**

## CHAPTER 3
## 6...♘bd7

**1.e4 c5 2.♘f3 d6 3.d4 cxd4 4.♘xd4 ♘f6 5.♘c3 a6 6.♕d3**



**6...♘bd7** Recently, Anish Giri, one of the elite players, has published a truly brilliant video material on the Najdorf Sicilian. He plays the variation with both colours so he is a really adequate presenter of all the Najdorf nuances and ideas.

Grandelius utilised Giri's recommendation in this game - 7...Nbd7 as response to 7.Qd3. The white queen may come under attack after Nc5 or Ne5, and Black should try to make use of it. Also, Black postpones development of his kingside, waiting for White's reaction, so the fianchetto remains a possibility.

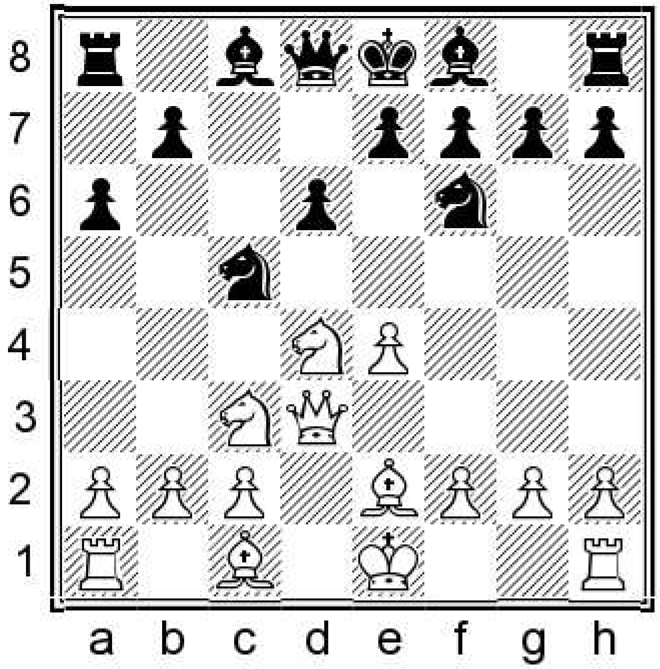
**7.♗e2**

7.a4 g6! White cannot castle queenside anymore, so Black transposes into a highly favourable Dragon line.

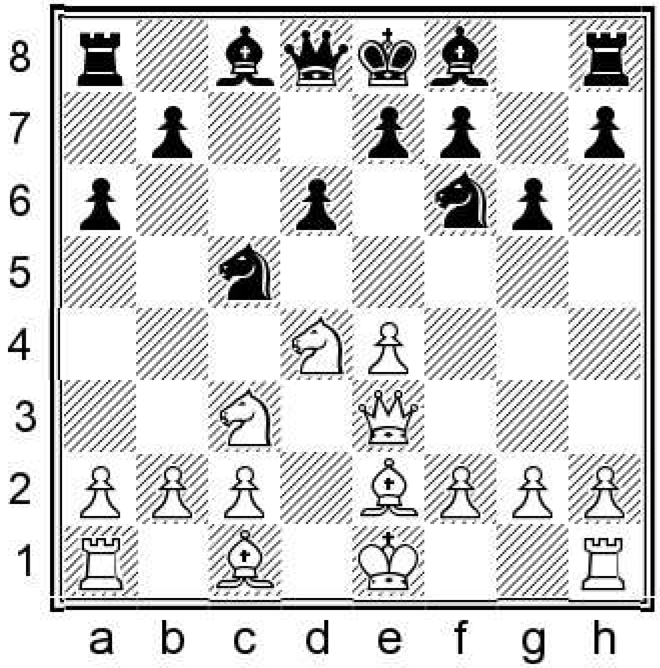
7.♗g5!? with the transposition into 6.Bg5 Najdorf with the very suspicious position of the white queen on d3.

**7...b5**

7...♘c5



8.♕e3 (8.♕f3!? Curiously, this move cannot be found in the databases. 8...e6 (8...g6 9.♗g5 ♗g7 10.O-O-O ♗d7 11.♕e3; 8...♗g4 9.♕e3) 9.O-O ♗e7 10.♖d1 ♕c7 11.a4) 8...e5 (8...g6



9.e5! dxe5 10.♕xe5 ♘cd7 11.♕g3 Black is experiencing serious problems in development. 11...♗g7 12.♘f5! gxf5 (12...♗f8 13.♘h6±) 13.♕xg7 ♖g8 14.♕h6±) 9.♘b3 ♘e6 (9...♘xb3 10.axb3 ♗e6 11.O-O ♗e7 12.♕g3 O-O 13.f4± with a good version of Scheveningen for White.) 10.♗d2 (The alternative being 10.♕d3!? With the idea of Be3, 0-0-0 and advancement of the kingside pawns.) 10...♗e7 11.O-O-O O-O 12.g3 b5 13.♘d5 (13.f4?! b4 14.♘a4 ♗d7 15.♘b6 a5!↑) 13...♘xd5 14.exd5 ♗g5 15.f4 exf4 16.♕f3 ♘c5 17.♘xc5 dxc5 18.h4 ♗f6 19.♗xf4±;

7...e6 8.g4!? (8.O-O) 8...h6 9.♕h3 ♘c5 10.f3 g6 11.♗e3 ♕c7 12.♘b3⩲ Vallejo Pons, Francisco 2706 -

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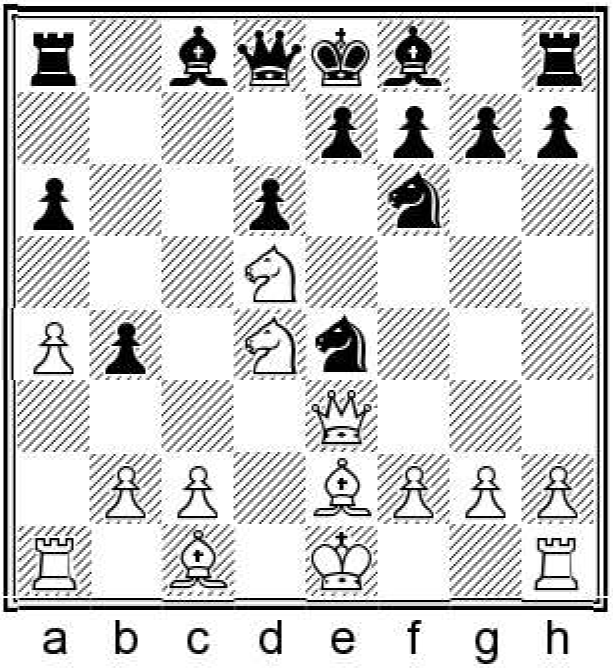
**8.a4**

8.♘d5 ♗b7 9.a4 (9.O-O e6 10.♘xf6+ ♘xf6 11.f3 ♗e7 12.a4 bxa4 13.♖xa4∞) 9...bxa4 10.O-O (10.♘xf6+ ♘xf6 11.f3∞) 10...♘c5 11.♘xf6+ gxf6 12.♕c3;

8.b4!? Stopping Nc5 and continuing in the positional manner 0-0 and a4. 8...e5 (8...e6 9.O-O ♗b7 10.a4 bxa4 11.♖xa4± (11.♕g3!?); 8...g6 9.a4 bxa4 10.♖xa4 ♗g7 11.O-O ♗b7 12.♘b3±) 9.♘b3 d5 10.♘xd5 ♘xd5 11.exd5 ♗xb4+ 12.c3 ♗d6 13.a4 b4 (13...♖b8 14.axb5 axb5 15.O-O O-O 16.♘a5±) 14.cxb4 ♗xb4+ 15.♗d2 ♖b8 16.♗xb4 ♖xb4 17.♕c3 a5 18.O-O± White has pressure.

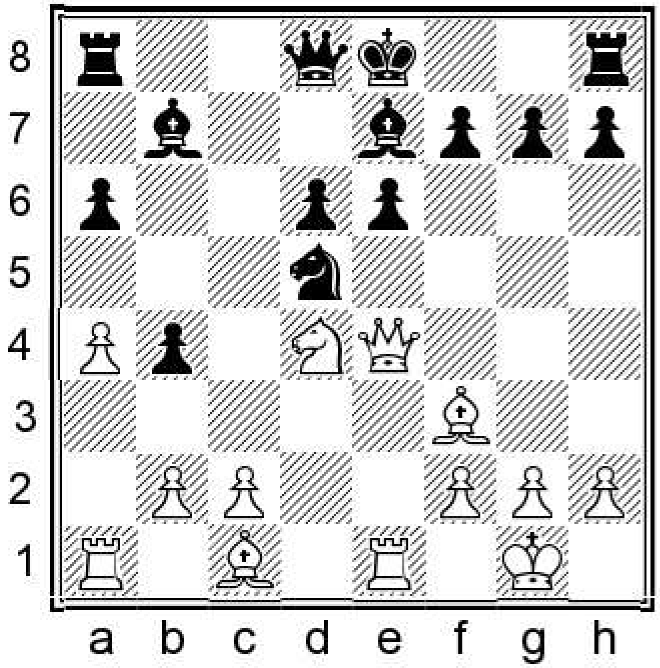
**8...♘c5 9.♕e3 b4 10.♘d5 ♘cxe4**

10...♘fxe4? 11.♘c6 ♕d7 12.♘cxb4 ♖b8 13.O-O±



**11.a5!?** A novelty compared to Giri's analysis.

11.♗f3 ♘xd5 12.♕xe4 ♗b7! (12...e6?! 13.O-O ♗e7 (13...♕d7 14.♖e1 ♗b7 (14...♗e7 15.♘f5!) 15.c4 bxc3 16.bxc3 ♖c8 17.♗g5± Making it impossible for Black to complete development. The black king will remain in the centre and end up in serious trouble very quickly.) 14.♖e1 (14.♘c6 ♕d7 15.♘xe7 ♕xe7 16.♖e1↑) 14...♗b7



15.♘xe6! fxe6 16.♕xe6 ♘c7 17.♕h3 ♗xf3 18.♗g5 ♘d5 19.♕xf3 ♘f6 20.♗xf6 gxf6 An important crossroads for White. There are several fine ways to proceed with the attack: 21.Qf6, 21.Re6 and 21.♕h5+ ♔f8 22.♕h6+ ♔f7 23.♖e3→ with the idea of Rae1 and Rg3. White's initiative is very dangerous, so Black will have to play very precisely and solve difficult problems.) 13.O-O (13.c4 bxc3 14.bxc3 ♖c8 15.♖b1 ♗a8 16.♕d3 g6 17.♕xa6 ♕d7 18.O-O ♗g7 Black completes his development, while White has serious issues with his weak pawns on a4 and c3.) 13...g6 14.♖e1 ♗g7 15.♗g5 O-O (15...♗e5 16.♖ad1=∞) 16.♘e6!? An equal position arises after a series of forced moves. 16...fxe6 17.♕xe6+ ♔h8 18.♗xd5 ♗xd5 19.♕xd5 ♖f5 20.♕b7 ♖xg5 21.♖xe7 ♖b8 22.♕a7 ♖a8 23.♕b7=;

11.♘xb4 ♗b7 12.f3 ♘c5 13.O-O e6 14.♗d2 ♖c8 15.c4∞;

11.♘xf6+ ♘xf6 12.♘c6 ♕c7 13.♘xb4 ♗b7∞

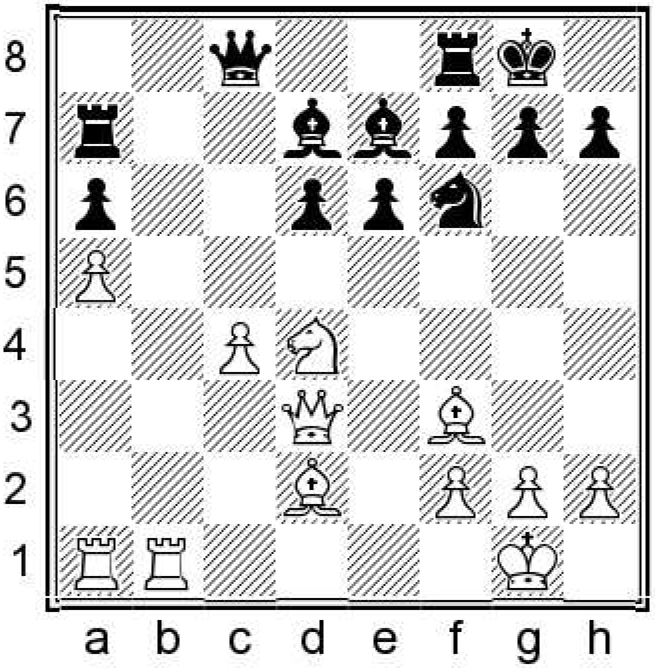
**11...♘xd5 12.♕xe4 e6**

12...♗b7 13.O-O (13.♗c4 e6 14.♗b3 ♗e7 15.♘xe6!? (15.♗a4+ ♔f8 16.O-O ♕c8∓) 15...fxe6 16.♕xe6 ♘f6 17.♕f7+ ♔d7 18.♗e3 ♕e8 19.♕e6+ ♔c7 20.O-O-O ♕d7 It is not certain if White has a sufficient compensation for the piece.) 13...♕c7 14.♗f3 g6 15.c4 bxc3 (15...♕xc4? 16.♗d1!) 16.bxc3 ♖c8 17.♗d2 ♗g7 18.♖fc1=∞

**13.O-O ♗d7**

13...♗b7 14.c4 bxc3 15.♗d1!? ♗e7 16.bxc3 ♖b8 17.♗a4+ ♔f8 18.♗d2=∞ White has a solid compensation for the pawn.

**14.♗d2 ♗e7 15.♗f3 O-O 16.♕d3 ♕b8 17.c4 bxc3 18.bxc3 ♖a7 19.♖fb1 ♕c8 20.c4 ♘f6**



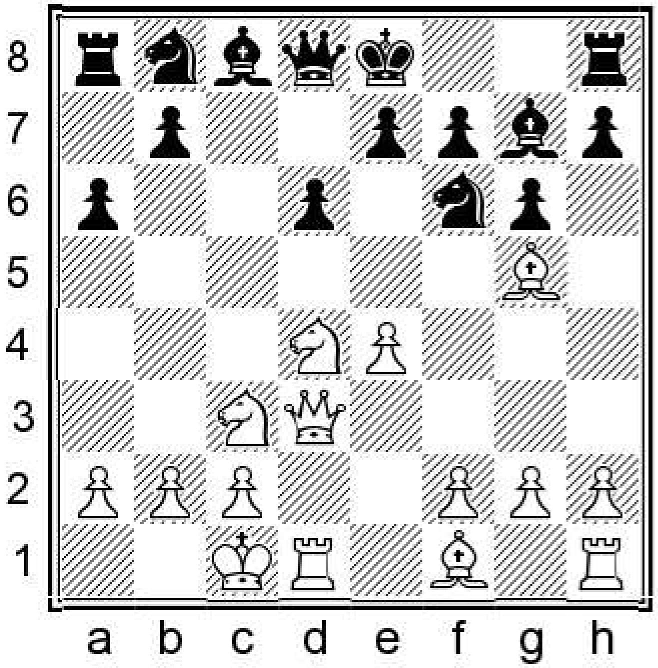
**21.♘b5!** A brilliant move! Note that it was the final round game with the young Jorden fighting for the first place!

**21...axb5 22.cxb5**± Van Foreest,Jorden 2671 - Grandelius,Nils 2663, Wijk aan Zee 2021

## CHAPTER 4
## 6...g6

**1.e4 c5 2.♘f3 d6 3.d4 cxd4 4.♘xd4 ♘f6 5.♘c3 a6 6.♕d3 g6** Probably the most logical continuation for Black who wants to punish White for the early queen sortie with Dragon formation. This is a common response by Black when White chooses a less travelled paths. On his part White must play very concretely, as otherwise Black will obtain the initiative.

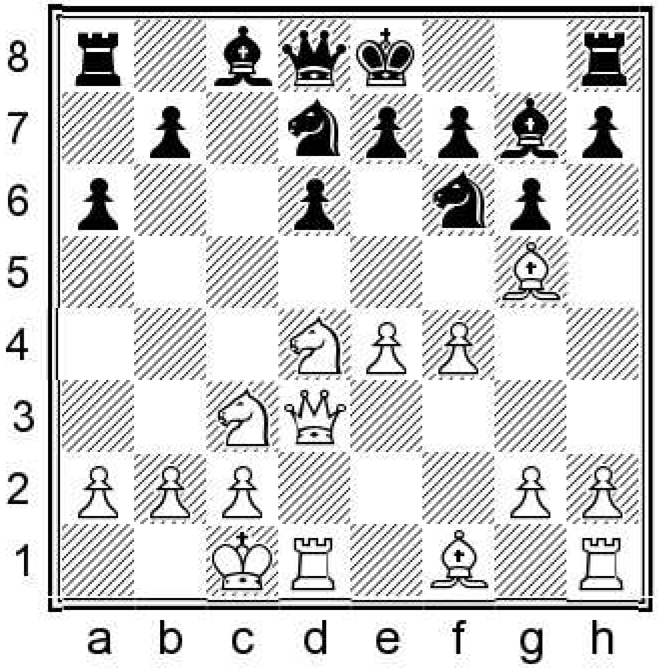
**7.♗g5 ♗g7 8.O-O-O** The only viable way for White to play.



**8...O-O**

8...♘c6?! 9.♘xc6 bxc6 10.e5! ♘g4 11.exd6 ♘xf2 12.♕f3 ♘xd1 13.dxe7! (13.♗c4± Vallejo Pons,Francisco 2698 - Fedoseev,Vladimir 2662, Dubai (rapid) 2014) 13...♕b6 (13...♕d6 14.♗c4+-) 14.♗c4+-;

8...♘bd7 9.f4

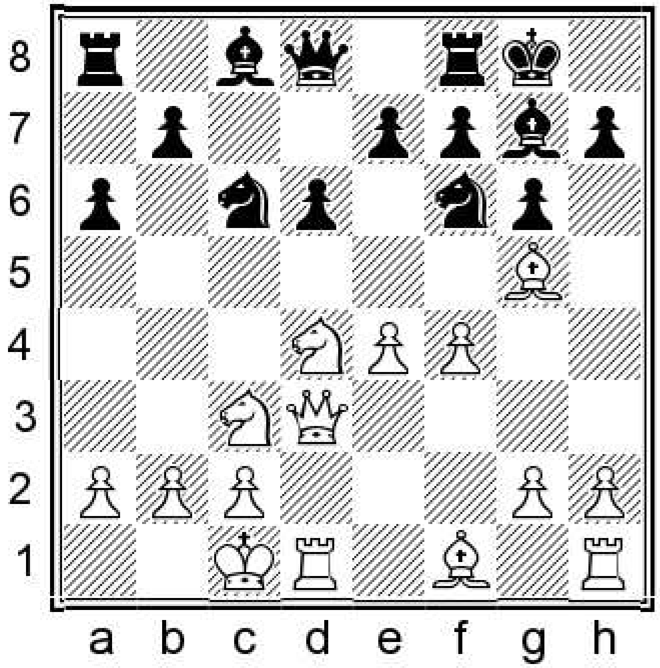


9...h6 (9...♕c7 10.♗e2 b5 11.♗f3 ♗b7 12.♖he1 (12.h4!?) 12...O-O 13.♘d5 ♘xd5 14.exd5±) 10.♗h4 ♕c7 (10...b5 11.e5 dxe5 12.♘e6+-) 11.♗e2 ♘c5 (11...b5? 12.e5 dxe5 13.♘e6! fxe6 14.♕xg6+ ♔f8 15.♗xf6 ♘xf6 (15...♗xf6 16.♗h5+-) 16.fxe5+-) 12.♕e3 O-O 13.♗xf6 exf6 14.f5±;

8...b5 9.f4 ♗b7?! 10.e5 dxe5 11.fxe5±

**9.f4 ♘bd7**

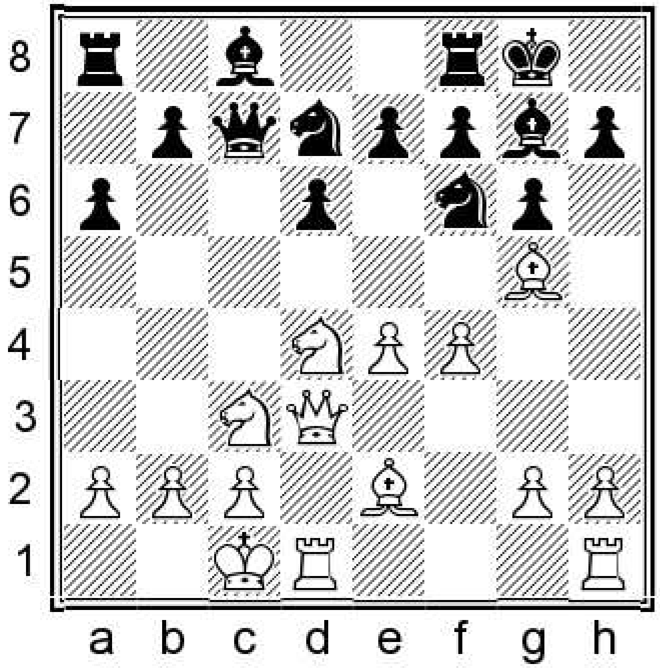
9...♘c6



10.e5! White must proceed in a highly energetic manner. 10...♘b4 (10...♘xd4?! 11.♕xd4 ♘d7 12.♕b4!±) 11.♕c4 dxe5 12.fxe5 ♘fd5 13.♘xd5 ♘xd5 14.♕b3!⩲ with the idea of Bc4 making it very hard for Black to deploy his pieces.

**10.♗e2 h6**

10...♕c7



11.h4! e5 (11...h6?! 12.f5 (White gains a really powerful initiative after 12.h5→) 12...♘e5 (12...hxg5 13.hxg5+- with unavoidable mate along the h-file.) 13.♕e3 ♔h7 14.♗xf6 ♗xf6 15.♘d5 ♕d8 16.g4+-) 12.fxe5 dxe5 13.♕g3±;

10...e5 11.fxe5 (11.♘f3 h6 12.♗xf6 ♕xf6 13.♘d5 ♕d8 14.♕a3 ♘f6! 15.fxe5 ♘xd5 16.♖xd5 ♗xe5 17.♘xe5 ♕g5+ 18.♔b1 dxe5∞) 11...dxe5 (11...♘xe5 12.♕d2 b5 (12...♕c7? 13.♖hf1±) 13.a3 ♗b7 14.♖hf1±) 12.♘b3 ♕c7 (12...b5 13.♗g4! ♕c7 14.♗xd7 ♕xd7 15.♕xd7 ♘xd7 16.♘d5± The most direct threat is Ne7 winning the material. However, White's pieces dominate the board, so after Na5 and Be7-d6 Black has no decent moves.) 13.♕d6 ♕xd6 14.♖xd6±

**11.♗h4**

11.h4?! This pawn advance is always an option. But, in this situation it does not work. 11...♘c5 12.♕e3 hxg5 13.hxg5 e5 14.♘f5 exf4 15.♕xf4 gxf5 16.♖xd6 ♕xd6! 17.♕xd6 ♘cxe4∓ After some heavy blows, Black remains with rook and two minor pieces againt queen, which should secure him a solid plus.

11.♗xf6!? ♘xf6 12.f5 ♗d7 13.g4 b5 14.h4 b4⇄ The position is very sharp, with mutual chances.

**11...e5 12.♘b3 exf4 13.♕xd6 ♘xe4**

13...♕e8 14.♖he1 ♕e5 15.♗f2± Vitugov,Nikita 2740 - Kamsky,Gata 2670, Russia 2018

**14.♗xd8 ♘xd6 15.♗e7 ♖e8 16.♗xd6 ♗xc3 17.♗f3 ♗g7 18.♗xf4±** White's minor pieces are better-placed and he exerts serious pressure on the queenside. Black cannot easily finish his development.

# HOW CARLSEN AVOIDS THE NAJDORF?

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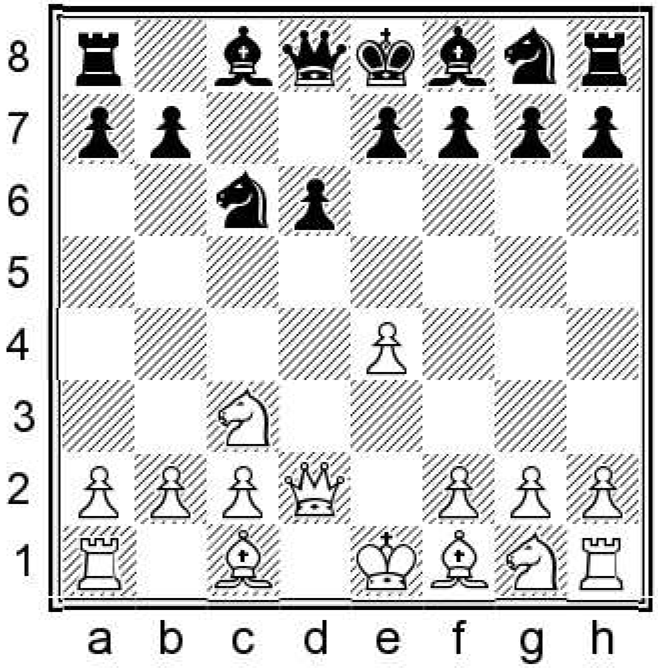
## Introduction

**1.e4 c5 2.♘c3 d6 3.d4 cxd4 4.♕xd4 ♘c6 5.♕d2**



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Dear Informant Readers, this position will be the starting point of this article. The variation in question came to life back in April 2018 when a renowned theoretician Vasilios Kotronias and the World Champion Magnus Carlsen tried it for the first time.

The Najdorf Sicilian is the opening which is used a lot, and also considered to be the best of all the Black's responses to 1.e4 if he intends to play for a win. Every Najdorf player must follow all the theoretical developments, and be prepared for new ideas. In this article I will try to explain details of a topical variation and share my thoughts with you. I hope the analysis will prove to be useful for both White and Black players.

The article is devided into two parts: 1. Black develops with his e-pawn, and 2. Black develops with his g-pawn. No matter how Black treats the opening, White's idea is more or less the same - going for b3, ♗b2 and castling long. Afterwards, White will try to advance his pawns forward on the kingside. Take not that having the bishop on b2 is not something we could usually see in the Sicilian. So, when

I saw this idea for the very first time, I thought that White's queenside must suffer, especially because he castled long. However, the practice proves that White's king is very safe. For example, there are no ideas with ...♘a5 or ...♘e5, and using the c4-square for the knight, because the b3-pawn controls that important square. The bishop on b2 can support kingside attack while staying close to its king as a guard. But, what about Black's prospects? On his part, Black develops his b8♘ attacking the white queen on d4 which allows Black to develop faster than White. Also, White loses some time bringing his c1♗ into the game. So, if we consider all of these circumstances, Black has to play actively and fight for the centre, since he has a quicker development.

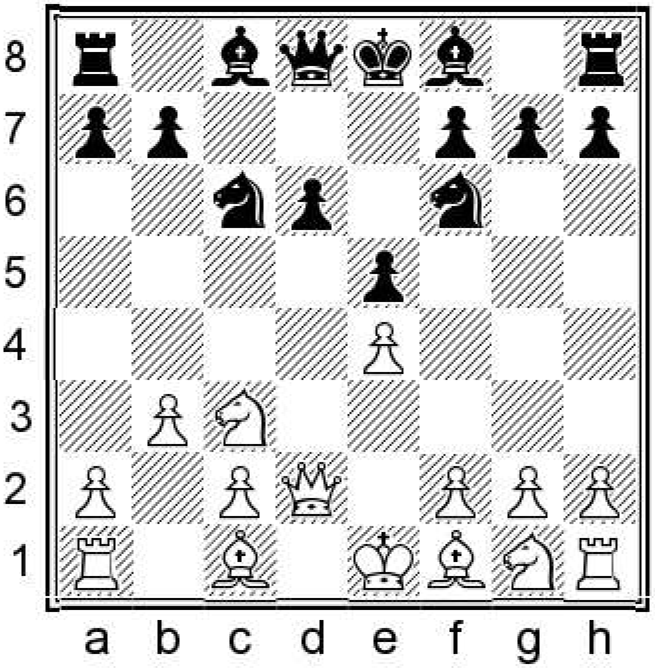
I hope that you will be able to use the suggested lines and continuations in your own games with success!

## CHAPTER 1
## 5...♘f6

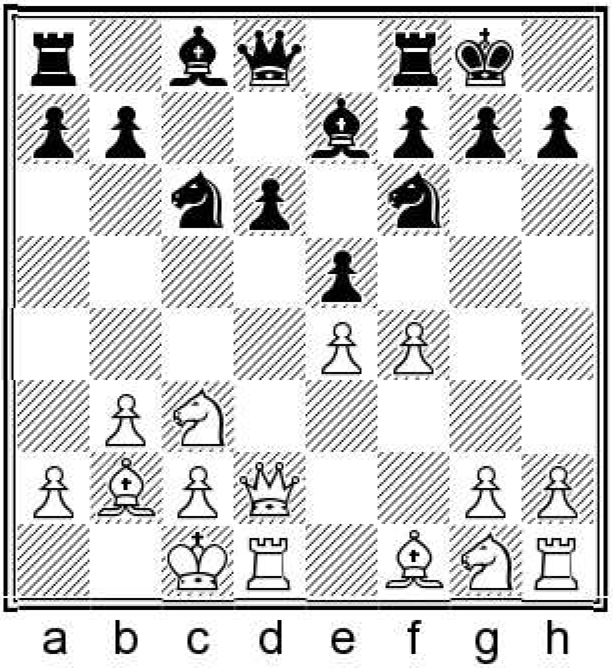
**1.e4 c5 2.♘c3 d6 3.d4 cxd4 4.♕xd4 ♘c6 5.♕d2 ♘f6 6.b3** This chapter deals with the lines in which Black develops his e-pawn.

**6...e6**

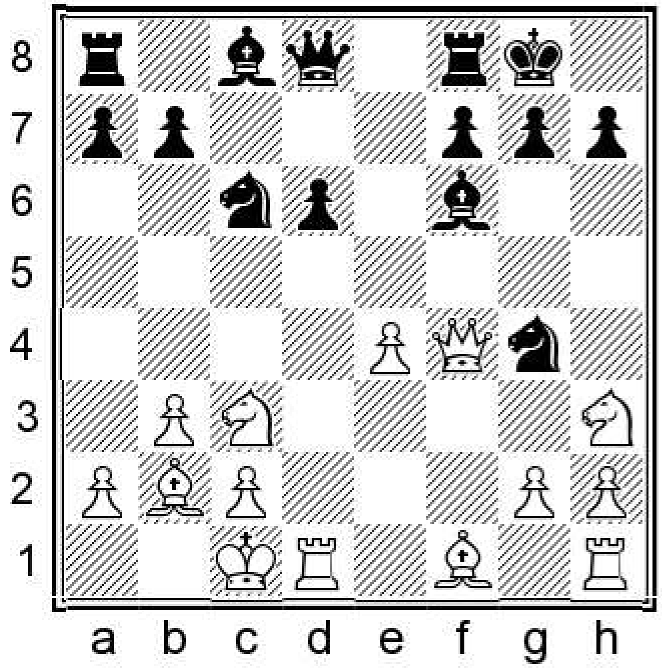
6...e5



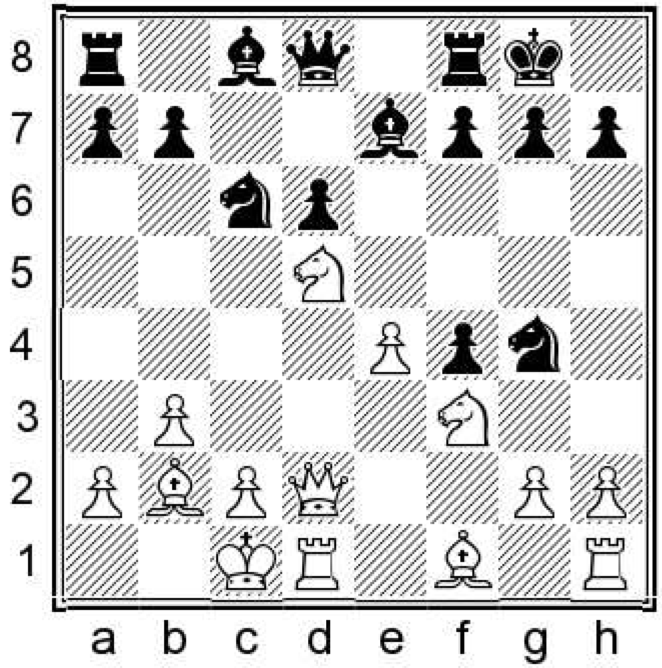
This is a rare continuation. In 2018 it was played by a very strong theoretician GM Najer, while in 2019 it was played by GM Gabuzyan. Even though the line was utilised by strong players, when I look at the position, I would not dismiss such move, since it looks a bit strange to me. I can understand the point of it - closing the a1-h8 diagonal for the white c1B which develops to b2. 7.♗b2 ♗e7 8.O-O-O I think this is a better move than the one played in the Fedoseev - Najer clash. Therefore, I didn't want to give too many details about the 8.g3!? move. (8.g3!? occurred in Fedoseev - Najer. 8...O-O 9.♗g2 ♘d4! 10.♘ge2 ♘xe2 (10...♗h3!? 11.O-O ♗xg2 12.♔xg2 ♘e6 13.♖ad1 The position looks a little bit passive for Black, but objectively he should not have any problems.) 11.♕xe2 ♗g4 (11...a6!? could be a good move to play ... b5. The inclusion of ...a6 and a4-pawn pushes should be more useful for Black.) 12.♕d3 ♖c8 13.O-O h5!? is a very interesting idea, since Black wants to play ... h4 and create some weakness on the kingside. After exchanges it will be more difficult for White to push f4 because that gives the g4-square for free. (13...♕c7 is the game move, and later White went on to win. 14.a4 ♕c5 15.♖fc1± Fedoseev,Vladimir 2706 - Najer,Evgeniy 2667, Russia 2018 - 136/51)) 8...O-O 9.♔b1 (Was not played in this position up to this moment, but if we do it now there is a transposition to the only game which reached the same position. 9.f4!?



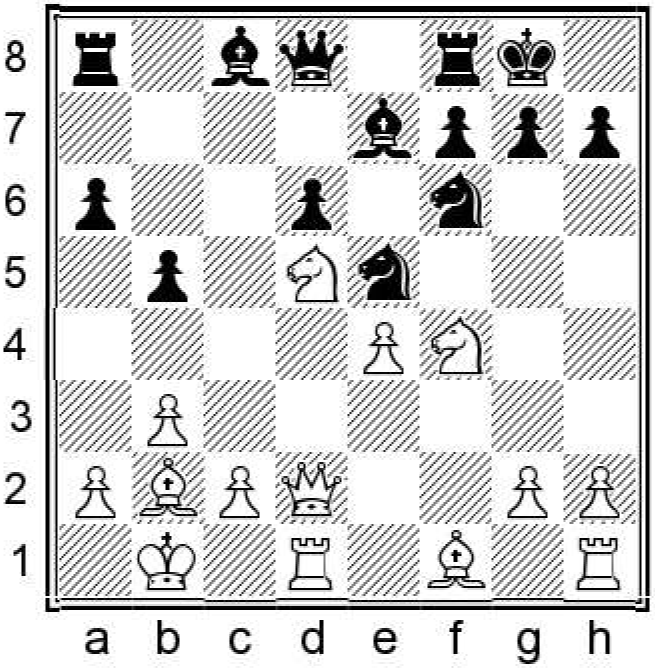
is an interesting move which provides slight edge for White in my opinion. 9...exf4! I believe that Black has to play this move and hope it all ends well. (9...♘d4?! 10.♔b1 Moving the king from c1 to b1 for safety reasons. Remember that the c-file is half open for Black. Therefore in all the Sicilians this move is generally useful. 10...♗g4 11.♖e1 ♖c8 12.h3! natural but strong. (12.♗d3 ♕a5 13.h3 ♗d7 14.♖d1 ♗d8 15.a3 ♗c6 16.♘f3 ♖e8 17.♖he1± Bivol,Alina 2327 - Bodnaruk,Anastasia 2446, Russia 2018) 12...♗e6 13.f5 ♗d7 14.♘f3!± It will be hard for Black to keep the knight on d4.) 10.♘f3! In my opinion this is a much better move than taking back the pawn immediately. (10.♕xf4?! is not the accurate way to recapture the pawn. 10...♘g4! threatening ...Bg5. 11.♘h3 ♗f6!



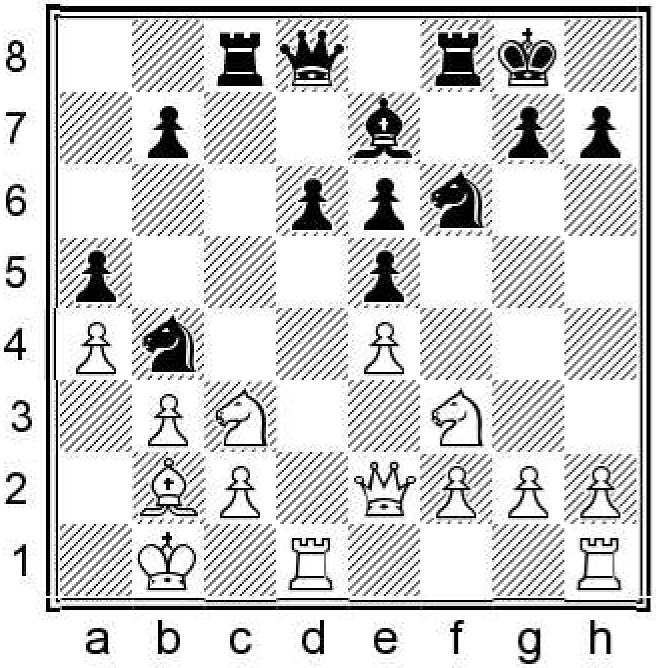
12.♕xd6 ♕xd6 13.♖xd6 ♗e5 14.♖d2 ♘xh2 The material is equal. White has d5-square for his knight, while Black has e5-square for his own knight. Computer evaluates the position as slightly better for White, but it's quite playable from a human point of view.; 10.♘ge2!? Showing this line should enable you to understand the difference when you examine 9.Kb1 Be6?! 10...♘h5! 11.♘d5 ♗g5) 10...♗e6 (10...♘g4? could be problematic for White while delaying Qf4, but: 11.♘d5!



Black will have a lot of difficulties with his passive pieces. ) 11.♕xf4± Black can play say ... Qa5 ...Rac8 ...Rfe8 and will try to wait firm for White's play. I believe the position is slightly better for White.) 9...a5 (9...♗e6?! 10.f4! exf4 11.♘ge2!± This is the point! Now knight will move to f4 capturing the pawn. Later White will push h3 and g4 achieving a perfect position. If: 11...♘h5 12.♘xf4! ♘xf4 13.♕xf4 The knight on g1 is exchanged for the knight on f6. In the Sicilian structures of e4 against d6-e5 type, the control of d5-square is very important. The g1N cannot control d5 very well, so White managed to exchange it with perfectly placed f6N which controls d5-square with great power. 13...♘e5 14.♘d5!±; 9...a6?! 10.f4! exf4 11.♘ge2 is more or less same story. 11...b5 12.♘xf4 (12.a3!? is also possible.) 12...♘e5 13.♘cd5!

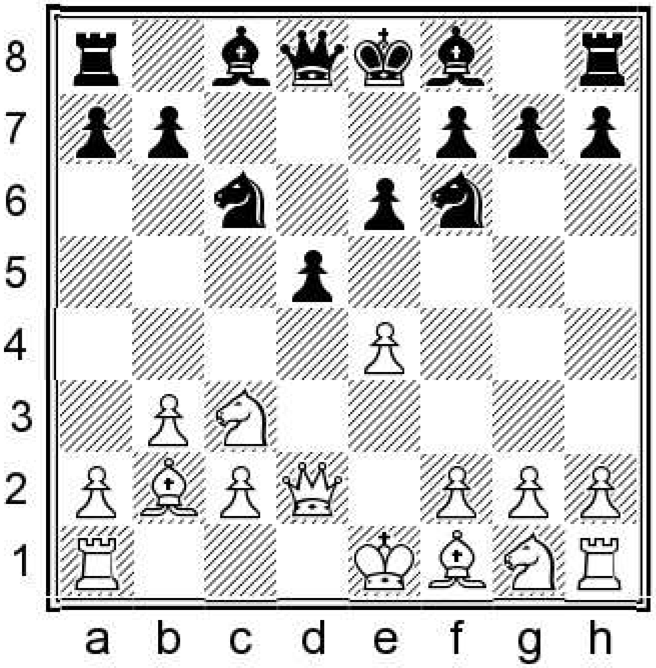


I believe it's very risky for Black to accept the pawn sacrifice. 13...♘xe4 (13...♘xd5 14.♘xd5±) 14.♕e3 f5 15.g3!? ♘g4 16.♕d4 ♖f7 17.♗g2 ♘gf2 18.♗xe4 ♘xe4 19.♘h5 ♗f8 20.g4 White has a very strong initiative.) 10.a4 ♘b4 was played twice by Gabuzyan with the black pieces. 11.♗c4!? is my proposal for White at this point. (11.f4?! d5! 12.♘f3 d4 13.♕c1 ♕b6 14.♘b5 ♘xe4 15.♘xe5 ♗c5∞ and it seems like Black solved all of his problems, Dolzhykova,Kateryna 2228 - Gabuzyan, Hovhannes 2622, Poti 2019) 11...♗e6 12.♗xe6 fxe6 13.♕e2!? Normally the 4. Qd4 Nc6 5.Qd2 variation is based on more aggressive ideas. But here the situation is different. I believe that White has to play according to the positional nuances of the position. With the ...a5 push Black weakened his b5-square, so the c3N can make the use of it. 13...♖c8! is a good move, not avoiding Nb5. 14.♘f3!



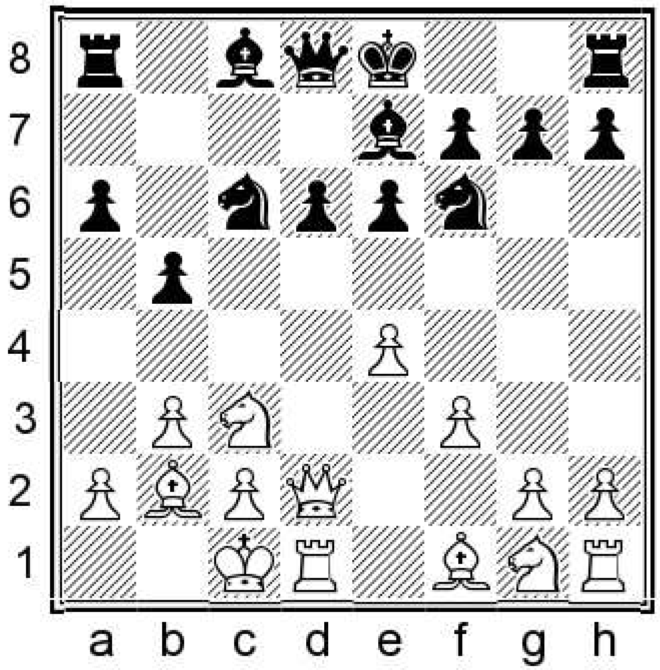
With the idea of Ne1-d3. I think White should be slightly better.

**7.♗b2 d5!**

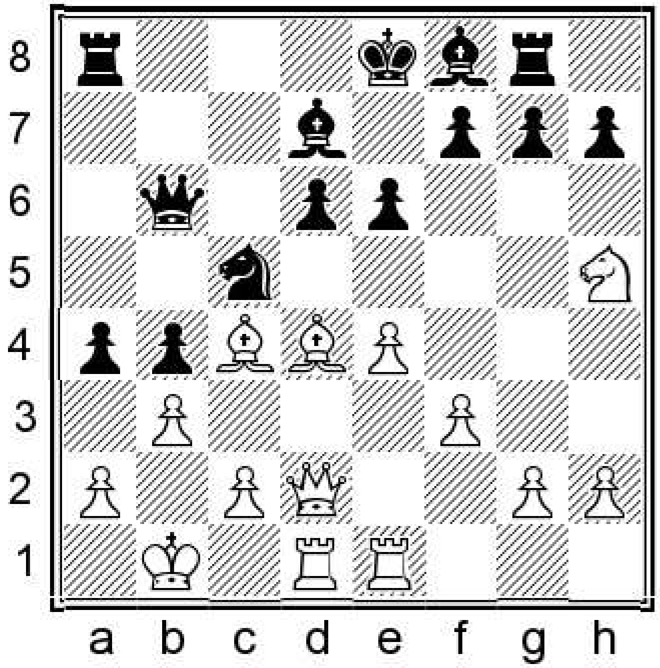


To my chess understanding this is the most reasonable move. As mentioned in the Introduction, Black got better development, so can fight for the initiative and domination in the centre. I have played this a couple of times in internet blitz games when it used to be a novelty.

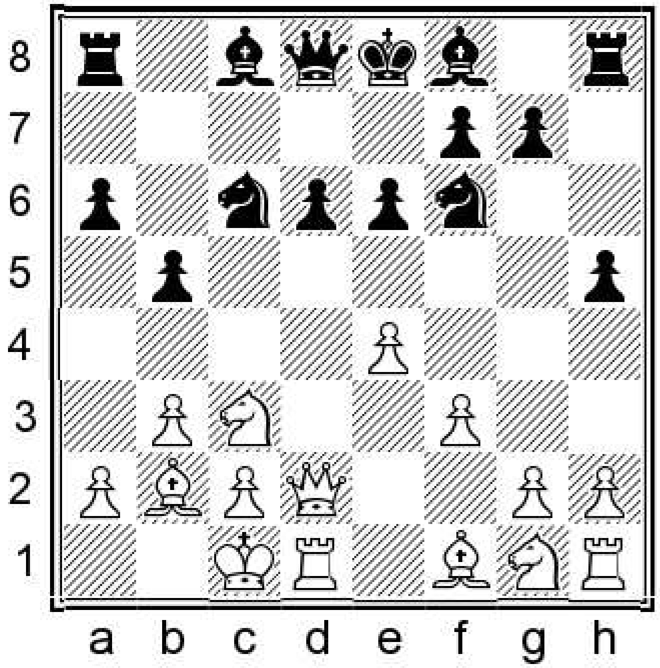
7...a6 is in a typical Sicilian spirit. Black is going to push ...b5 and try to play on the queenside. 8.O-O-O b5 9.f3 There are many choices for Black which are played by strong players. White's idea is the same one as in the English Attack - pushing kingside pawns forward and creating attack! 9...♗e7



(9...♖a7?! was tried by Sandipan in a blitz game. Black's idea is to play ...Rd7 and to push ...d5. 10.g4 h6 11.h4 ♖d7 12.♘h3! (12.♕e1? giving away all the advantage 12...d5 13.e5? d4! Black was already better: 14.♘xb5 ♗b4 15.♕f2 ♘d5 16.♘d6+ ♗xd6 17.exd6 ♖xd6∓ Xu,Xiangyu 2583 - Chanda,Sandipan 2511, Xingtai (blitz) 2019) 12...d5 13.exd5 b4 (13...♘xd5 14.♘xd5 ♖xd5 15.♗d3 ♘b4 16.♘f4 ♘xd3+ 17.♘xd3± Black will face difficulties to develop his f8B, and in the same time finding a safe place for the king.; 13...♘b4 14.♘f4 ♘fxd5 15.♘cxd5 ♘xd5 16.♘xd5 ♖xd5 17.♗d3± with clear edge for White.) 14.♘e4 ♘xd5 15.♕e1± Black will have difficulties developing his f8B.; 9...♘d7 was played by GM Batuhan Dastan. Black's idea is to place his knight on c5 and start pushing queenside pawns trying to create attack. 10.♔b1 ♘c5 11.♘ce2 ♗d7 12.♘f4!? (There is nothing wrong with the treatement of the position applied by White in the game. But, I believe that I will be able to show you how to understand what we aim for in a simpler manner. 12.♘h3 a5 13.♘hf4 a4 14.♘c1 b4 15.♗b5 ♕a5 16.♗xc6 ♗xc6∞ Demchenko,Anton 2670 - Dastan,Batuhan 2538, Teplice 2018) 12...b4 13.♘h5 ♖g8 is more or less forced. (13...e5 is the other way to deal with the attack on g7. 14.♗c4±) 14.♘e2 a5 15.♘d4 ♘xd4 16.♗xd4 ♕b6 17.♗c4 a4 18.♖he1±

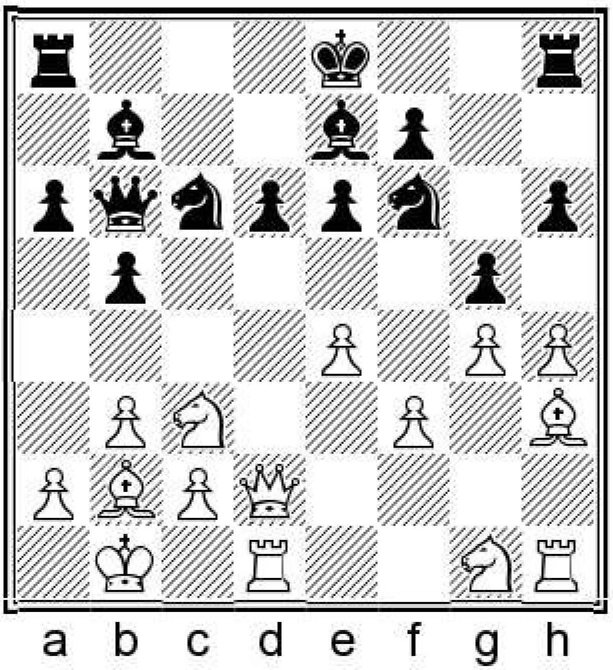


With the idea of f4-pawn push. If Black takes on b3 we will, of course, take back with the c2-pawn. Black still has problem with his pieces on the kingside, while his king is stuck in the centre. White will try to open up the centre even if it costs him a pawn. ; 9...h5



is a very typical move in the English Attack variation of the Najdorf Sicilian. Black's idea is to stop g4 push. 10.♘h3! do keep in mind that this move weakens the g5-square. 10...♗e7 11.♘g5 the g5N protects the e4-pawn. Now it's very easy for White to push f4. 11...h4 12.f4 In the introduction I mentioned that Black's usual attacking way was not working that easy as it could against the b3 Bb2 setup. Here we will see a game played by the World Champion so you can understand how White plays this position. 12...♗b7 13.♔b1 ♖c8 14.♗e2 ♕c7 15.♖he1 O-O (15...♘h7?! 16.♘xh7 ♖xh7 (Carlsen,Magnus 2843 - Wojtaszek,Radoslaw 2744, Shamkir 2018 - 136/50) 17.♘d5! exd5 18.exd5

♔f8 (18...♘b8 19.♗d3 ♖h5 20.♖xe7+ ♔xe7 21.♕e2++-) 19.dxc6 ♗xc6±) 16.g3±) 10.♔b1! (Don't fall into trap: 10.g4?! b4 11.♘a4?! ♘xe4!) 10...♗b7 11.g4 h6 12.h4 ♕b6 13.♗h3! is very typical, as the bishop on h3 closes to "h" file, so the white rook on h1 is not under the pin anymore. White is ready to push g5, and at the same time the bishop on h3 eyeballs e6. 13...O-O-O (13...g5

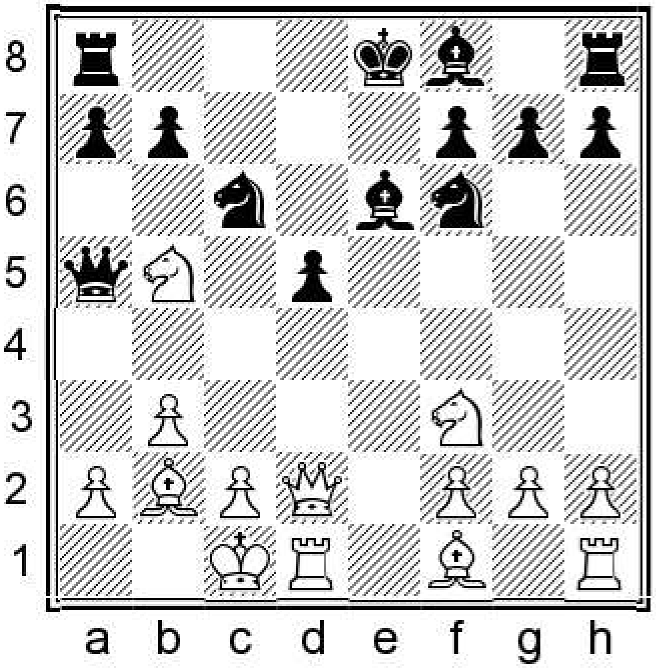


This is also very typical in the Najdorf variation. But, keep in mind that now White has the bishop on b2. 14.f4! does not change much. 14...gxf4 15.g5 hxg5 16.hxg5 ♘d7 17.♘d5!+-) 14.g5 hxg5 15.hxg5 ♘d7 16.g6±;

7...♗e7 8.O-O-O O-O (8...a6 9.f3 b5 transposes to 7...a6) 9.f4 (9.f3 is not that strong anymore: 9...♕a5! 10.♘h3 (10.g4?! ♖d8 Δ d5) 10...♖d8 (Δ d5) Black has no problems.) 9...a6 (9...d5 it could be a good sacrifice if White would accept it. 10.e5! ♘d7 11.♘f3 a6 12.♔b1 b5 13.h4± is just a very nice French pawn structure position. For example: 13...♘c5 14.♘g5 b4 15.♘a4 ♘xa4 16.♕d3 g6 17.bxa4 f5 18.h5± Andreikin,Dmitry 2702 - Shevchenko,Kirill 2554, Minsk (rapid) 2018) 10.g4! is both aggressive and strong! The position is very dangerous for Black. 10...b5 (10...d5? 11.g5 ♘h5 (11...♘xe4 12.♘xe4 dxe4 13.♕c3+-) 12.exd5 exd5 13.♘xd5+-; 10...♘xg4 11.♘f3 ♘f6 12.♖g1 it will be very difficult for Black to deal with the open g-file and the strong b2B. 12...b5 13.e5 ♘e8 14.exd6 ♕xd6 15.♗d3 ♗f6 16.♘g5 ♗xg5 17.♖xg5 ♕e7 18.♕g2 f6 19.♖h5 ♕c7 20.♗xh7+ ♔f7 21.♗g6+ ♔e7 22.♕e4 ♕b7 23.♘d5+ ♔d8 24.♘xf6+ 1 : 0 Xu,Xiangyu 2581 - Liu,Yan 2505, China (ch-rapid) 2018) 11.g5 ♘d7 12.♘ge2!? ♘c5 13.♘g3 b4 14.♘a4± It does look strange at a first glance, but, actually it is very typical in the Sicilian lines. Here Black does it with his knight on h5, against the white knight on g3. White aims to slow down Black's attack and concantrates on the kingside where he has the initiative.

**8.exd5 exd5 9.O-O-O ♗e6 10.a3** This was played by Caruana in the classical time control against Vachier-Lagrave in 2019.

10.♘f3 This is not dangerous for Black, even can be dangerous for White if he doesn't know exactly how to go. 10...♕a5! 11.♘b5



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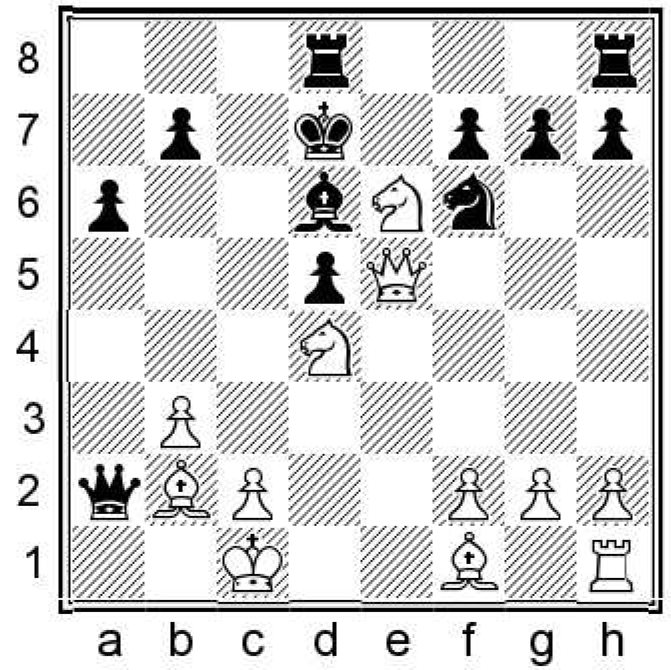
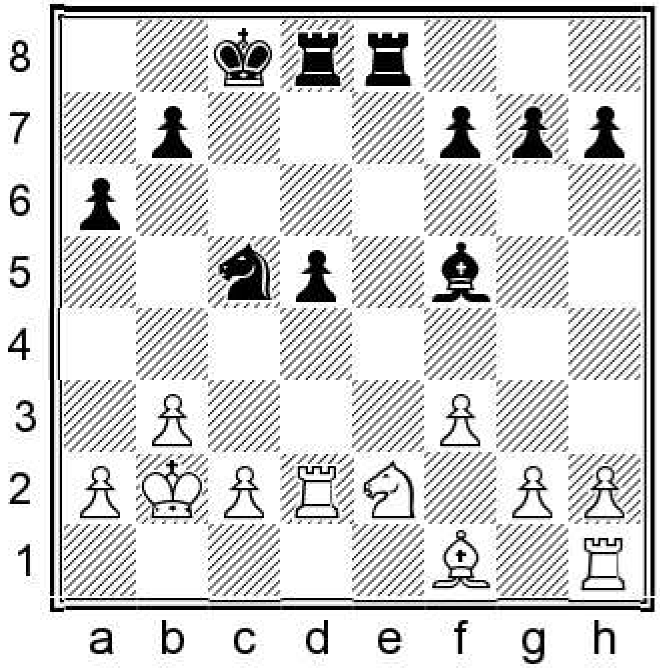


is a clever intermediate move. 18.♕f5 fxe6 19.♘xe6 ♔c6 and Black is doing well.

10.♔b1 ♕a5 11.♘b5 ♕xd2 12.♖xd2, Nakamura - Vachier-Lagrave in rapid time control. 12...♘e4 (12...♗b4!? 13.♖d3 (13.♖d1? ♘e4∓; 13.♖e2 O-O-O 14.♘f3 ♖he8 (14...♗g4!? 15.♘bd4 ♘e4 16.♘xc6 bxc6 17.♗xg7 ♖hg8 18.♗d4 ♖de8=∞) 15.♘fd4 ♗d7 16.f3 a6 17.♘xc6 bxc6 18.♗a3 ♗xa3 19.♘xa3 a5⇄ with decent counterplay as in Jones,Gawain 2670 - Donchenko,Alexander 2646, playchess.com (Internet-m/ 1-blitz) 2020) 13...O-O-O!? 14.♘d4 (14.♗xf6 This could be a good exchange for White if he could consolidate his position. But Black is ahead in development, so I do not believe that to be an easy task. 14...gxf6 15.♘d4 h5 16.♘gf3 h4 17.c3 ♗d6 (Δ Rdg8) Black does not have any problems.) 14...♘e4 15.♘xe6 fxe6 16.♘h3 e5 and the position is more or less balanced.) 13.♖e2 O-O-O 14.f3 a6 15.♘d4 ♘xd4 16.♗xd4 ♗c5 17.♗xc5 ♘xc5 with a standard isolani position. I do not think Black is worse, but it is more or less one sided game. Therefore, I would not like to play this variation with Black. 18.♖d2 ♖he8 19.♘e2 ♗f5 20.♔b2

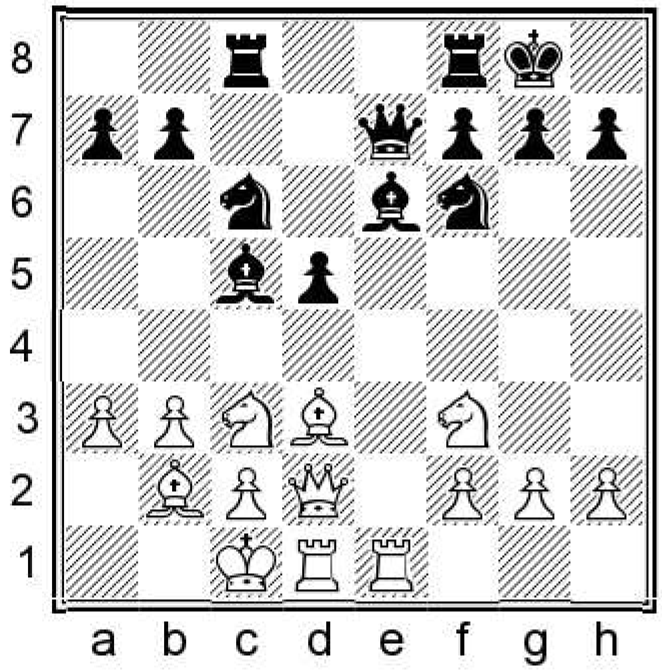


20...♔c7!? is a very cool move waiting for White to decide what he wants to do. (20...♘e6?! 21.g4 ♗g6 and the bishop has to stay on this diagonal which I do not like. 22.h4 h6 23.♗g2 d4 24.♖hd1 d3 25.cxd3 ♘d4 26.♘xd4 ♖xd4 27.♔c3 ♖ed8 28.h5 ♗h7 29.♗f1± Nakamura,Hikaru 2761 - Vachier-Lagrave,Maxime 2780 Abidjan (rapid) 2019 - 140/ 50) 21.g4 reaching the game position if White goes for the g4 push. (21.♘d4 ♗d7!? 22.♗d3 ♖e3 23.♖hd1 ♖de8 24.♗f1 ♖e1) 21...♗c8! Black does not have any problems with his bishop, as it is on the safe square and not under attack of White's pawns. The d5-pawn is weak by its nature so Black can also protect it by ...b5 and ...Bb7 if necessary. 22.♗g2 ♗d7!? (∆ Bc6) White has the upper hand thanks to the Black's isolani. But, I do not belive it is anything special. The position is more or less equal.

**10...♗c5**

10...♗d6!? is direct aproach against a3-pawn. This would be my preference for Black if I choose to develop my pieces in the e-pawn push scenario. 11.♔b1 (11.♘f3 ♕e7 12.♘b5 ♗c5 13.♗d3 (13.b4 ♗b6 Black will have chance to attack the b4-pawn by means of...a5.) 13...a6 14.♘bd4 ♗xa3 15.♖he1 O-O 16.♗f5 ♘e4 seems like Black is close to equality.) 11...O-O 12.♘f3 ♕e7 13.♔a2 a6 14.♗d3 ♖ad8 15.♖he1 h6 leads to an interesting and playable position for both sides.

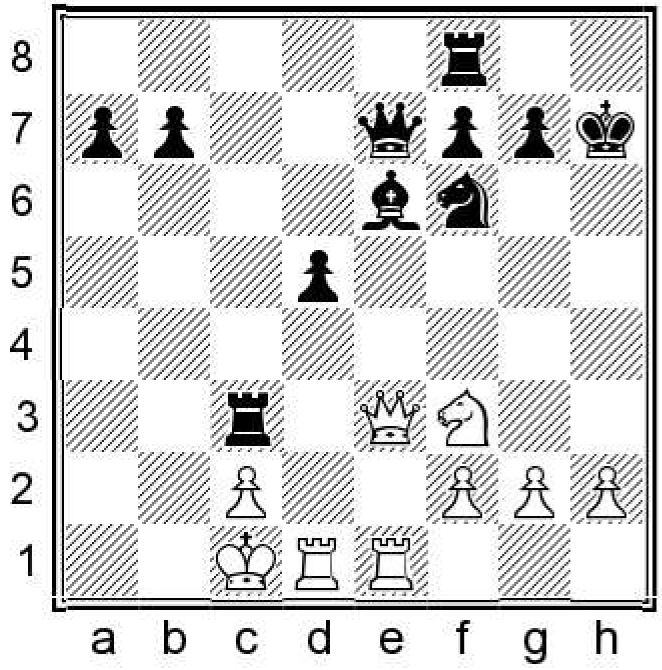
**11.♘f3 O-O 12.♗d3 ♖c8 13.♖he1 ♕e7!** This could be an improvement over the game.



13...♖e8 14.♘b5!? with a simple idea of blockading the d5-pawn. Black has no activity at all, and White can try his chances on the kingside by advancing his pawns trying get some space advantage. (14.h3 ♕a5 (14...a6!? 15.♔b1 ♕a5∞) 15.♘b5 ♕xd2+ 16.♖xd2= Caruana,Fabiano 2819 - Vachier-Lagrave,Maxime 2773, Karlsruhe/Baden-Baden 2019 - 140/(50)) 14...a6 15.♘bd4 ♕d6 16.♘xe6 fxe6 17.b4 ♗a7 18.c4!± All the white pieces take an active role in play, as White has the bishop pair and better pawn structure.

**14.b4 ♘xb4** The crucial idea.

**15.axb4 ♗xb4 16.♕e3 ♗xc3 17.♗xc3 ♖xc3 18.♗xh7+ ♔xh7**



**19.♘g5+** trying to prevent Black's ...Ne4 move.

19.♕xc3 ♘e4⩱ The white King is on c1 and does not feel safe at all. On the other hand, Black's knight on e4 is very active, while the f8R will come to c8, and the c3-square is useful for any of Black's pieces. Also, the queen can participate in the attack from e7 very easily. Obviosuly, Black has full compensation for the material.

**19...♔g6!!** is a very important move for the whole concept.

19...♔g8 20.♕xc3±

**20.♕xc3 ♔xg5 21.f4+ ♔h6 22.f5 ♘e4 23.♕h3+ ♔g5 24.♖f1 ♕c5!** [Δ Rc8] **25.fxe6 fxe6∞** with an unclear position.

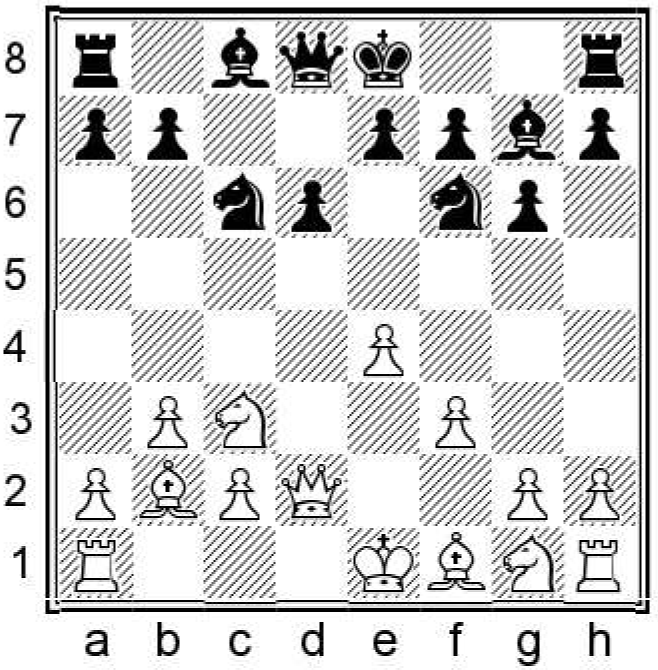
## CHAPTER 2
## 5...g6

**1.e4 c5 2.♘c3 d6 3.d4 cxd4 4.♕xd4 ♘c6 5.♕d2**

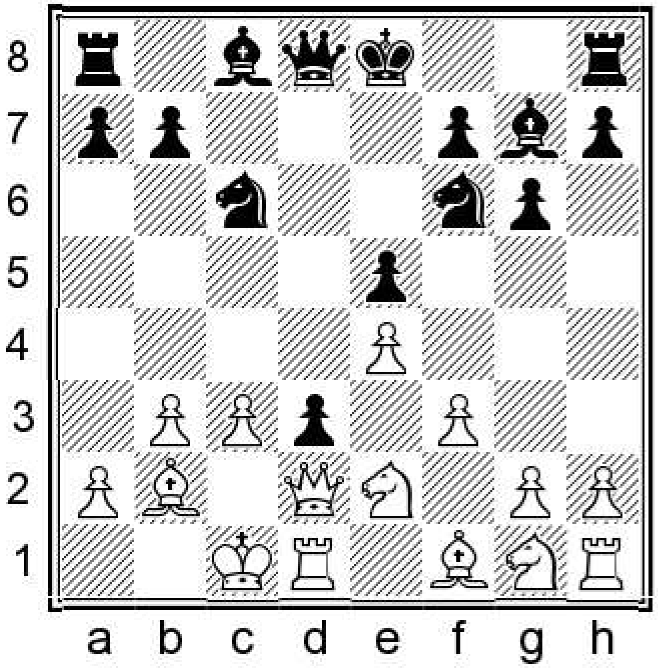
This chapter deals with the lines where Black develops with the g-pawn push.

**5...g6 6.b3 ♗h6** This is clearly the best move in the ...g6 system.

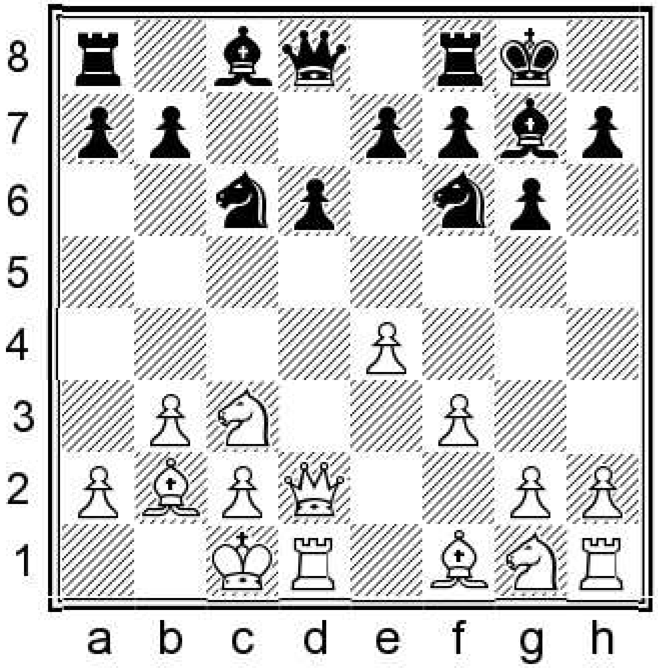
6...♗g7 is not a good continuation for Black. 7.♗b2 ♘f6 8.O-O-O (8.f3?!



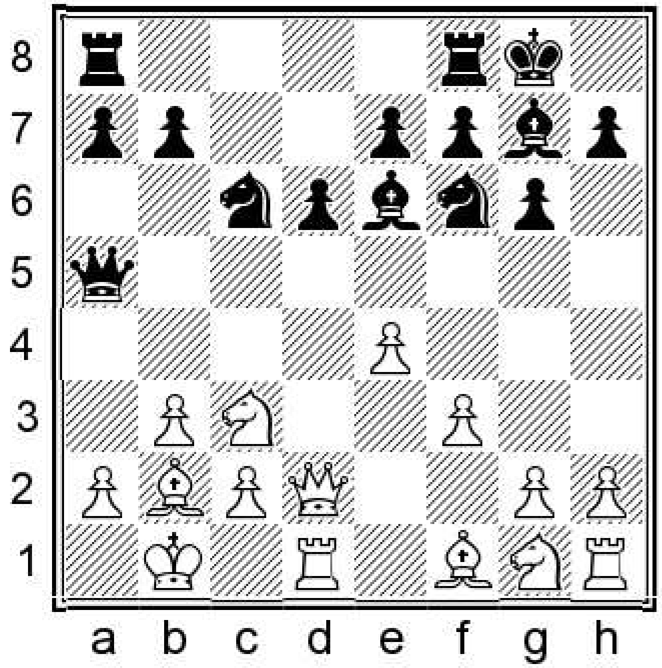
An unnecessary move, since White could protect his pawn on e4 by long castling. 8...d5! 9.O-O-O (9.♘xd5? ♘xe4 This is the point. 10.fxe4 ♗xb2 11.♖d1 e6∓ Black has perfect control over dark squares, the bishop pair, and at the same time better pawn structure. And, he did not even have to sacrifice a pawn to achieve such position.; 9.exd5 ♘xd5 10.O-O-O ♘xc3 11.♗xc3 ♕xd2+ 12.♔xd2 O-O 13.♗xg7 ♖d8+ 14.♗d3 ♔xg7∓ Black is slightly better.) 9...d4 10.♘ce2 e5 11.c3 d3!



(11...♕c7 is also possible. Black has no problems.) 12.♕xd3 ♕b6 13.c4 O-O 14.♘c3 ♖d8 15.♕e2 ♘d4 is very much in the spirit of Saemisch variation of the King's Indian. Black has very nice compensation for the pawn and can play ...a5 ...Bd7 trying to create an attack.) 8...O-O 9.f3



Black's setup is the same as in the Dragon Sicilian, but the b2B makes Black's attacking chances very slim. Also, the b3 pawn controls c4-square, so therefore ...Ne5-c4 idea does not either. 9...♕a5 (9...♗d7 10.g4 a5 11.♔b1 a4 12.♘xa4 ♖xa4 13.bxa4 ♕b6 14.♗b5 ♖a8 15.c4 ♘e8 16.♘e2 ♘e5 17.♗d4 Sevian,Samuel 2613 - Xiong,Jeffery 2665, Saint Louis 2018; 9...a6 10.g4 b5 11.h4 h5 12.♘d5! once again, it is very difficult for Black to defend the kingside. 12...e5 13.♘xf6+ ♕xf6 14.gxh5 gxh5 15.♔b1 ♗h6 16.♕f2± Milosevic,Milos 2292 - Ozturk,Efe Hakan 2065, Manavgat 2018) 10.♔b1 ♗e6

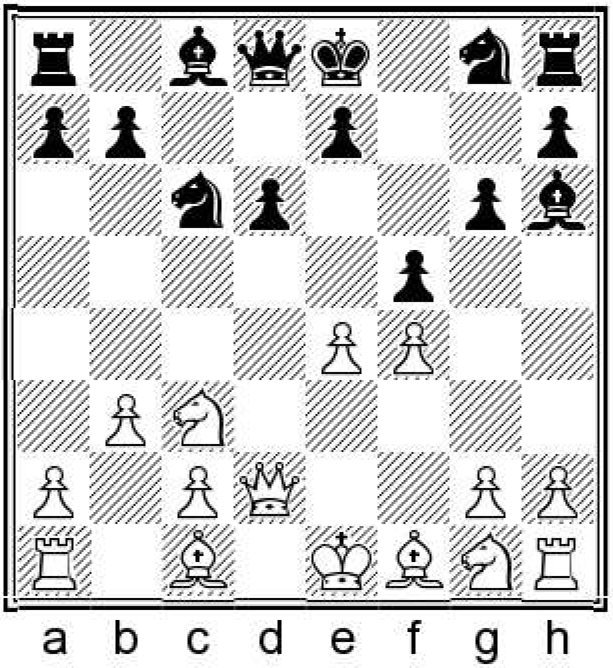


11.♘d5!? I believe it's easy to understand that upcoming endgame favours White. (11.♘ge2 I refer you to the Kotronias game, so you could check and evaluate the line by yourself. 11...♖ac8 12.♘f4 ♗h6 13.g3 ♘h5 14.♘ce2 (14.♗b5 (Kotronias,Vasilios 2509 - Grinberg,Eyal 2452, Budapest 2018 - 136/(50)) 14...f5⇄) 14...♕xd2 15.♖xd2 ♘xf4 16.♘xf4±) 11...♕xd2 12.♖xd2 ♗xd5 13.exd5 ♘b4 14.c4 a5 15.♘e2 ♘a6 16.♘c3± Black's strategy is waiting for White to play a bad move so he could have some counter-chances, or else White is very sold and possibly better. Anyway, Black will have to fight with a long term pressure, since White can go Bd3, Re1, Rde2 gaining space on the kingside and execute both g4 and h4-pawn pushes.

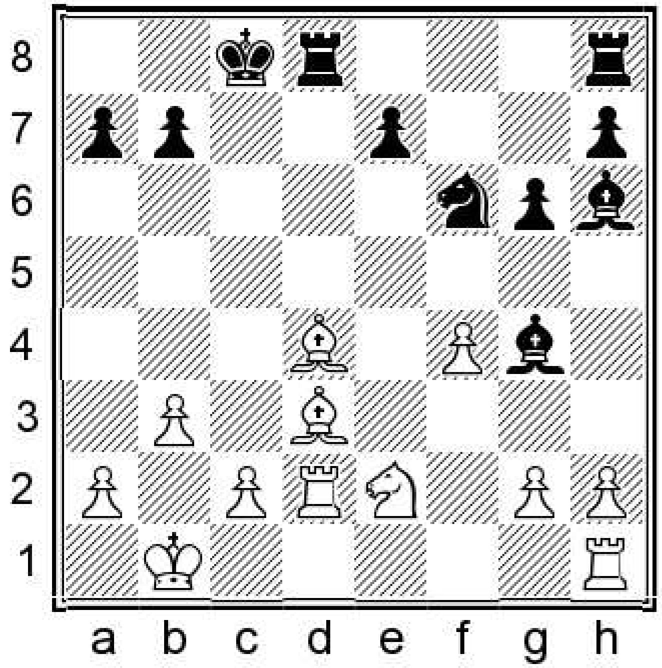
**7.f4 ♘f6** This is a proper choice in order to have a more complicated game.

7...e5? This weakens the d6 pawn, so White is able to use it to his advantage. 8.♘b5 ♗xf4 9.♕xd6 ♕xd6 10.♘xd6+ ♔f8 11.♗a3 ♘ge7 12.♗c4 f6 13.♘e2± Santos Ruiz,Miguel 2524 - Van Delft,Merijn 2386, Belgique 2019

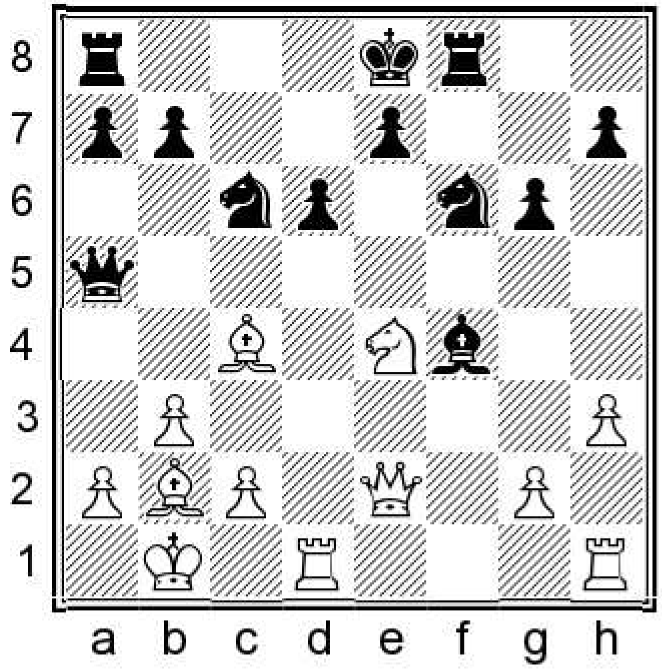
7...f5



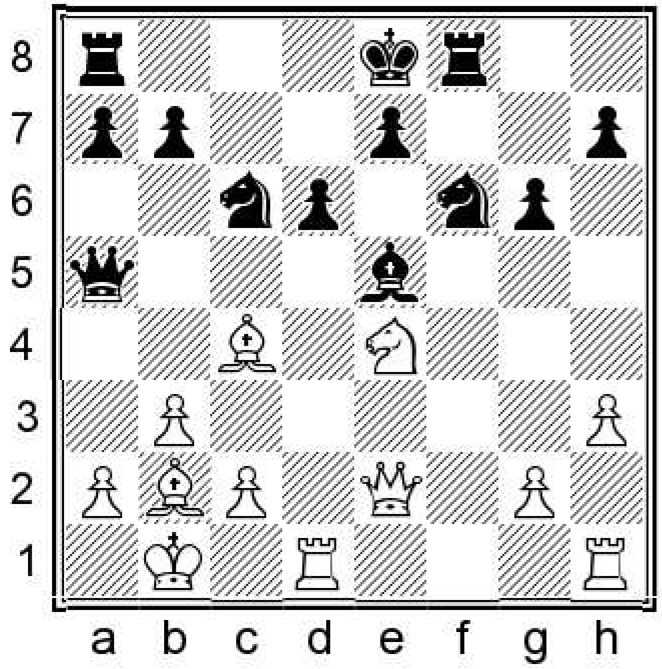
I believe this to be a bit safer than going for 7...Nf6. In the end it is a matter of taste. Anyway, both variations are playable. 8.♗b2 (8.♗d3 fxe4 9.♗xe4 ♘f6 10.♗xc6+? I do not see any point in this continuation: 10...bxc6 11.♗b2 O-O 12.♘ge2 e5∓ Later on Black did not play in the most accurate way, and after some point the position became unclear. However, that had nothing to do with the opening phase of the game. 13.O-O-O d5 14.♔b1 ♘g4 15.♘a4 d4∓ Lagarde,Maxime 2600 - Donchenko,Alexander 2595, France 2019) 8...♘f6 9.O-O-O (9.♗d3 keeping the tension 9...♕a5!? 10.exf5 (10.♘ge2 ♖f8 11.g3 fxe4 12.♘xe4 ♕xd2+ 13.♔xd2 (In case of 13.♘xd2 ♘b4∓ Gabrielian,Artur 2463 - Le,Quang Liem 2709, lichess.org (Internet-blitz) 2020) 13...♘xe4+ 14.♗xe4 ♗f5 15.♗xf5 ♖xf5 16.♖af1 e5= 17.g4 ♗xf4+ 18.♘xf4 ♖xf4 19.♖xf4 exf4 20.♖f1 g5 21.h4 1/2 : 1/2 Paichadze,Luka 2570 - Aravindh,Chithambaram VR 2607, Abu Dhabi 2019) 10...♗xf5 11.♘ge2 O-O-O 12.a3 (12.O-O-O d5 (12...e5 13.♗xf5+ gxf5 14.♔b1 ♖he8 15.♖hf1 d5 16.♕d3 e4 17.♕h3 ♘g4∞ Andriasian, Zaven 2611 - Kulaots,Kaido 2538, Tallinn (rapid) 2019) 13.♔b1 d4 14.♘b5 ♕xd2 15.♖xd2 ♗g4 16.♘bxd4 ♘xd4 17.♗xd4



17...♖xd4! 18.♘xd4 ♗xf4 19.♖e2 ♗xe2 20.♘xe2 ♗e5= Le,Quang Liem 2713 - Vaibhav,Suri 2593, Gibraltar 2020) 12...♗xd3 13.♕xd3 ♕f5 I believe that Black has no problems here. The game continued with: 14.♖d1 ♗g7 15.♘e4 ♕xe4 16.♕xe4 ♘xe4 17.♗xg7 ♖hg8 18.♗b2 ♖gf8 19.O-O e6 20.♖f3 d5∞ Khismatullin,Denis 2618 - Sarana,Alexey 2641, Russia 2019; 9.exf5 ♗xf5 10.O-O-O (10.♘f3 ♖f8 11.g3 ♕a5 12.O-O-O O-O-O 13.♔b1 e5 14.a3 exf4 15.♘d4 ♘xd4 16.♕xd4 f3↑ Xu,Xiangyu 2582 - Sasikiran,Krishnan 2656, Moscow (blitz) 2019) 10...♖f8 11.g3 (11.♗b5 ♕b6 12.♘ge2 ♘e4 13.♘xe4 ♗xe4 14.♗xc6+ ♕xc6 15.♔b1 e5 16.♖he1 O-O-O∞ So, Wesley 2767 - Volokitin,Andrei 2627, Douglas 2019) 11...♕a5 12.♘ge2 O-O-O 13.♗g2 e5⇄ Koykka,Pekka 2402 - Kenneskog,Theodor 2284, Pardubice 2019) 9...fxe4 10.♔b1 ♕a5 (10...♗e6 11.h3 ♕a5 12.g4 ♗g7 13.♘xe4 ♕xd2 14.♘xd2 O-O 15.♖e1 ♗f7 16.♘e2 a5 17.a4 ♖ac8 18.c4 ♘d7⇄ Kostenko,Petr 2473 - Ter-Sahakyan,Samvel 2611, Taleigao 2019) 11.♗c4 ♖f8 12.♘ge2 ♗g4 13.h3 ♗xe2 14.♕xe2 ♗xf4 15.♘xe4



15...♘xe4! (15...♗e5?



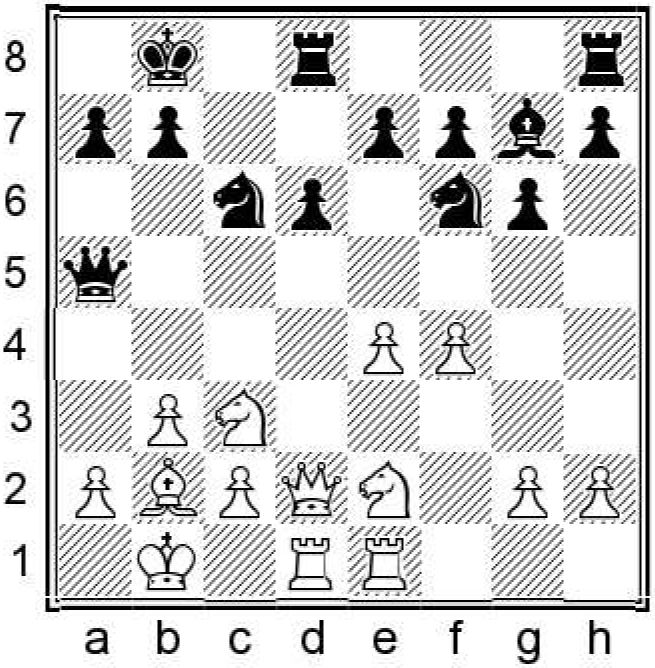
(Andreikin,Dmitry 2719 - Firouzja,Alireza 2607, Saint Petersburg (blitz) 2018) 16.♗c3! ♕c7 17.♗xe5 ♘xe4 18.♗g7! ♘g3 19.♕e6 ♕d7□ 20.♕e1! ♘xh1 21.♗e6 ♕d8 22.♗xf8 ♔xf8 23.♕c3 ♘e5 24.♖xh1± With the powerfull bishop on e6 White has the perfect play just for a pawn.) 16.♕xe4 ♗e5 17.♗xe5 ♕xe5 18.♕h4 ♕h5 19.♕e4 ♕e5 could end in a draw.

**8.♗b2 O-O** This is the main move for Black. Later, Black will have chance to choose which path he prefers, continuations with ...a5 or without ...a5.

8...♗e6?! Once again, Black plays in the spirit of the Dragon Variation. But, as I mentioned it earlier, it is not such a good idea against White's setup. 9.O-O-O ♕a5 10.g3 O-O-O 11.♗g2 ♖he8 12.♘ge2

♔b8 13.♔b1 ♗c8 14.♘d5± White got advantage out of the opening, and position will be very similar to Nd5! line in the ...Bg7 system. This versionone is even better. Later on White lost the game, but that result has nothing to do with the opening phase. 14...♕xd2 15.♖xd2 ♘xd5 16.exd5 ♘e5 17.♘d4 ♘g4 18.♖e2± Kazakov,Konstantin 2369 - Ismagambetov,Anuar 2554, Kazakhstan (ch) 2019

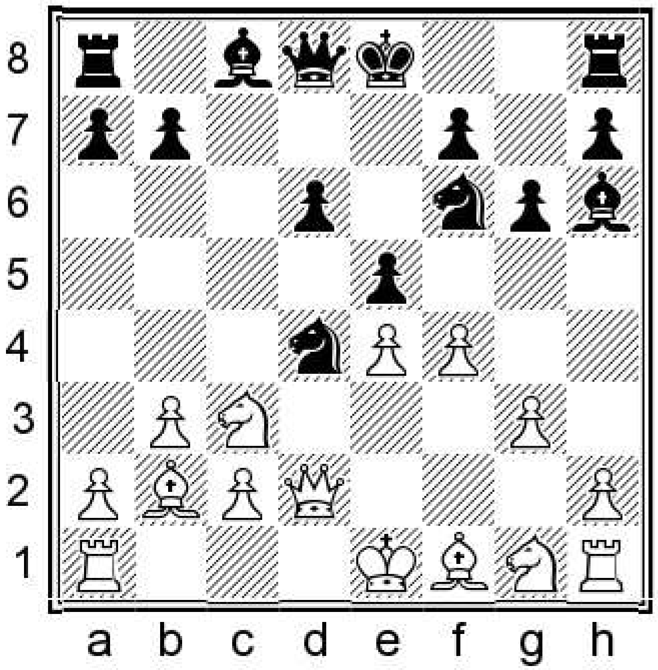
8...♕a5?! 9.O-O-O ♗g4 10.♗e2 ♗xe2 11.♘gxe2 O-O-O 12.♔b1 (12.♘d5!? Maybe not neccesary but still gives a slightly better position to White. 12...♕xd2+ 13.♔xd2 ♘xe4+ 14.♔e3 f5 (14...♘f6? 15.♘xe7+ ♘xe7 16.♗xf6±) 15.♗xh8 ♖xh8 16.♘ec3 ♘xc3 17.♘xc3± Rook vs Bishop and a pawn situation arose on the board. White is slightly better, but Black has his chances to save the game.) 12...♗g7 13.♖he1 ♔b8



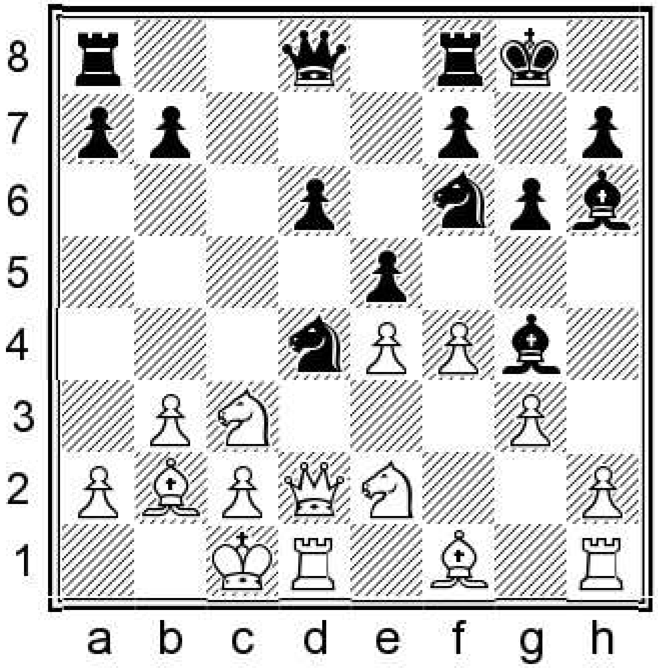
14.♘g1! is a very nice move as White tries to remanoeuvre his forces. 14...♘d7 15.♘f3± Iljiushenok,Ilia 2539 - Timofeev,Artyom 2580, Russia 2018

8...a5!? 9.O-O-O O-O transposes to 8...0-0

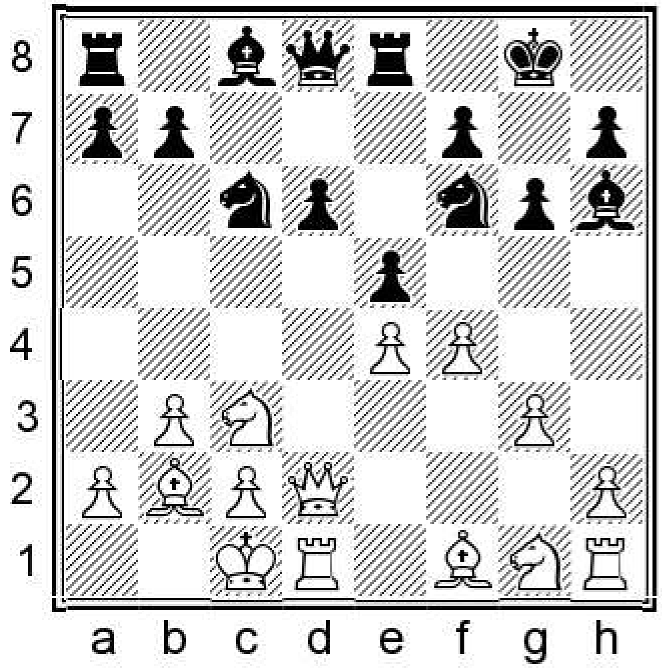
8...e5!? 9.g3 O-O (9...a5 transposes to the main move 8...0-0, but gives White an extra option, therefore it is not the move order I would suggest. If you want to go for both options (...e5, ...a5) first you need to castle, the push ...a5, and only after that ...e5 not to give this extra option to White. 10.O-O-O O-O 11.a4 transposes to 8...0-0 (11.♔b1!? this is an extra option for White at this point.; 11.♗g2 ♗e6∞ Paravyan,David 2631 - Ofitserian,Boris 2414, Russia (ch) 2018 - 136/(50)); 9...♘d4



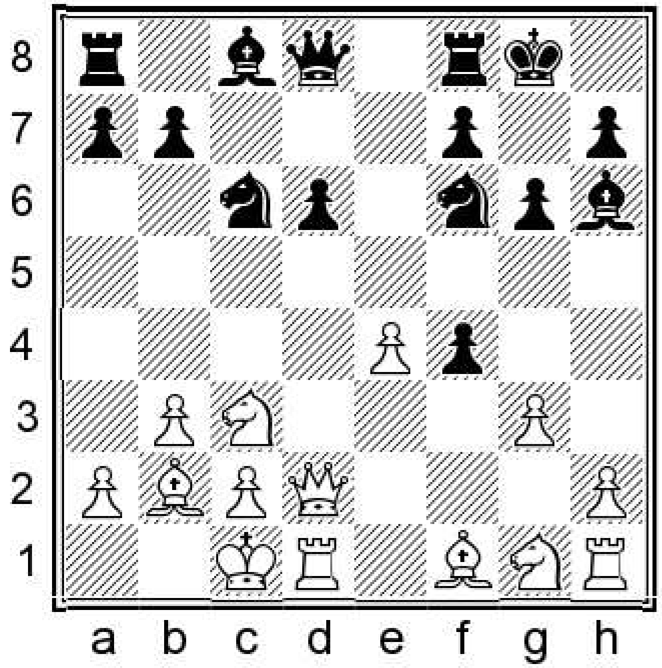
10.O-O-O! (10.♗g2 Going for short castle is a bit slow. Therefore I will suggest the move long castle. 10...O-O 11.♘ge2 (11.♘f3 ♘e6 (11...♗h3?! 12.O-O-O!±) 12.O-O-O exf4 13.♔b1=∞) 11...♗h3 12.O-O ♗xg2 13.♔xg2 ♘xe2 14.♕xe2 exf4 15.gxf4 ♖c8∓ Black is slightly better, and later went on to win the game, Quesada Perez, Yasser 2558 - Albornoz Cabrera,Carlos Daniel 2507, La Habana 2018 - 136/50) 10...O-O Now we transposed back to the main line 11.♘ge2 White should immediately play against the knight on d4 with a tempo which should give him some time to develop his forces faster, and there should not be any problem with the centre anymore. 11...♗g4



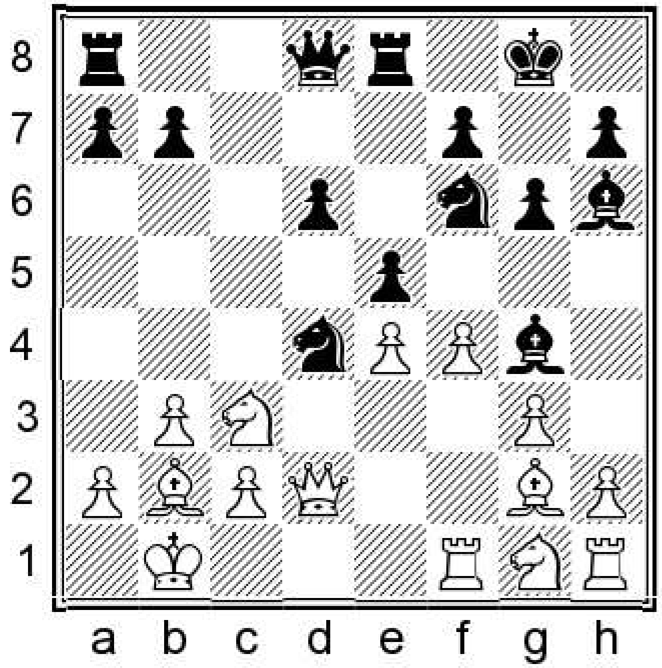
is the only move if Black intends not to end up in a bad position. (11...♘xe2+ 12.♗xe2±) 12.♘xd4! (12.♔b1 gives Black a very nice oportunity to to crash the centre. 12...d5! 13.exd5 ♘xd5 14.♘xd4 ♘xc3+ 15.♕xc3 ♗xd1 16.fxe5 ♗g4 17.♗c4 White threatens to push e6 and win the game, therefore the only move is: 17...♗g7 18.♕e3 White has compensation for the material but nothing more.) 12...exd4! (12...♗xd1?! 13.♕xd1 exd4 14.♕xd4 ♗g7 15.♘d5! ♘h5 16.♕b4 ♗xb2+ 17.♔xb2 ♘f6 18.♘c3±) 13.♕xd4 ♗xd1 14.♘xd1 ♗g7 15.♘e3± if we compare this position with the position which arises after 12.Kb1 we can conclude that the material count is the same. White has a light-squared bishop and the pawn against Black's rook. However, there is a very big difference now since the e4 and d6 pawns are on the board. I believe that White can hope for more than equality.) 10.O-O-O ♖e8!



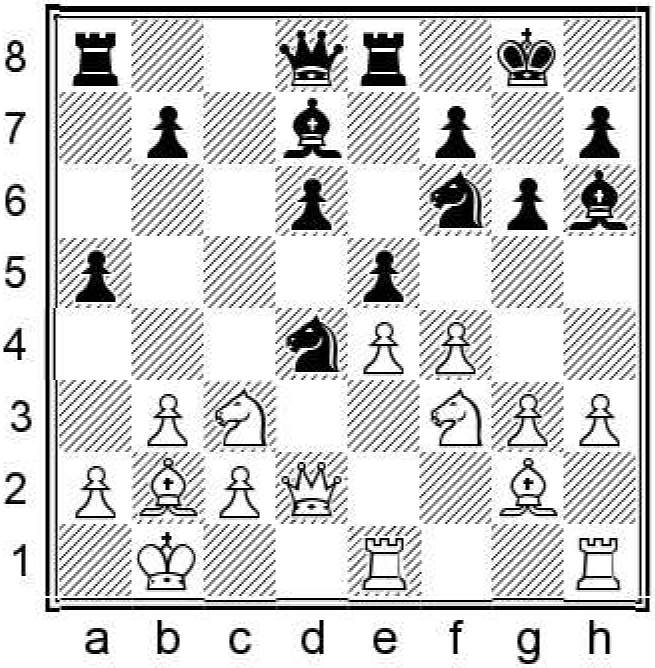
This is another way to attack central pawns compared to the Banikas' game. (10...a5 We already examined this continuation.; 10...♗e6 This is not the way I suggest Black should play. Instead, I believe that Black should attack the centeral pawns directly, and not allow White to consolidate his structure. 11.♔b1 a5 12.a4 ♕b6 13.♗h3 ♖ad8 14.♗xe6 fxe6 15.♕g2± Iljiushenok,Ilia 2533 - Sarana,Alexey 2618, Russia (ch-rapid) 2018; 10...exf4!



played just once by Banikas, and it gives very nice play to Black. 11.gxf4 (11.♔b1 White is not in hurry to take back to pawn. If Black finds good moves he will not have any problems. 11...♗g4! Black had no other useful move to play. (11...♘h5? 12.♘d5±) 12.♘ge2 ♗f3 13.♖g1 ♖e8! (13...♘xe4 14.♘xe4 ♗xe4 15.gxf4 ♗g7 16.♗xg7 ♔xg7 17.♘g3 d5 18.f5 White has the initiative.) 14.gxf4 ♕a5 15.♗g2 ♗xe2 16.♕xe2 ♗xf4 17.♘b5 ♗e5 18.♘xd6 ♗xb2 19.♘xe8 ♖xe8 20.♔xb2 ♕e5+ 21.c3 ♕xh2 22.♖h1 ♕e5∓ Black has very nice control over the dark squares and centre thanks to his powerful knights. White's light-squared bishop is very bad and I do not see any way to improve it. I prefer Black's position.) 11...♘h5 12.♘ge2 ♕h4 13.♘d5 ♗e6 14.♔b1 ♗xd5 15.exd5 ♘e5 and Black had no problems: 16.♕b4 ♖fd8 17.♕xb7 ♘g4∞ Vallejo Pons,Francisco 2687 - Banikas,Hristos 2601, Greece 2019) 11.♗g2 (11.♔b1 ♘d4 12.♗g2 ♗g4 13.♖e1 (13.♖f1



13...d5! 14.exd5 ♗f5 15.♖c1 b5↑ Di Nicolantonio,Lucas 2408 - Lamard,Guillaume 2452, Paris 2019) 13...a5 14.h3 ♗d7 15.♘f3

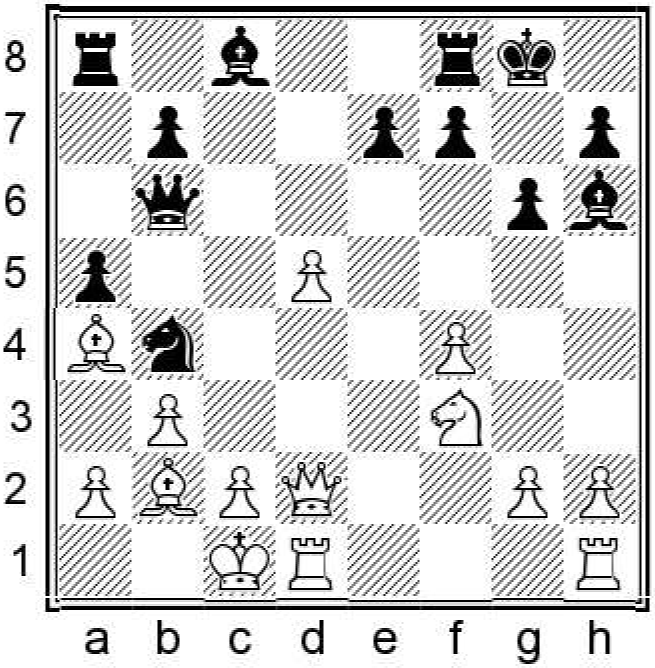


15...♘b5! 16.♘xb5 (16.♕d3?! ♘xc3+ 17.♗xc3 ♕c7 18.♗d2 ♗g7∓ Sethuraman,SP 2638 - Narayanan,SL 2626, Sitges 2019) 16...♗xb5 17.a4 ♗c6∞) 11...♗g4 12.♖e1 (12.♖f1? is a very bad looking move. 12...a5! 13.♔b1 a4 14.♘xa4 b5 15.♘c3 b4 16.♘a4 ♗e6 17.♘e2 ♖xa4! 18.bxa4 ♕a5 White is in a really big trouble.; 12.♘f3!? would be surely better than the game continuation. 12...♖c8 13.♔b1 ♗g7 14.h3 ♗xf3 15.♗xf3 ♘d4 I believe that Black solved all the opening problems, since having a powerful knight on d4 is very useful. The position is interesting to play, as both side have some chances.) 12...♘d4 13.h3 ♗d7 14.♔b1 ♖c8 15.♘f3 ♘b5 16.♘xb5 ♗xb5 17.♘g5 ♗g7 18.h4 h6 19.♘h3 ♕c7∞ Loeffler,Markus 2343 - Lagarde,Maxime 2655, Zuerich 2019

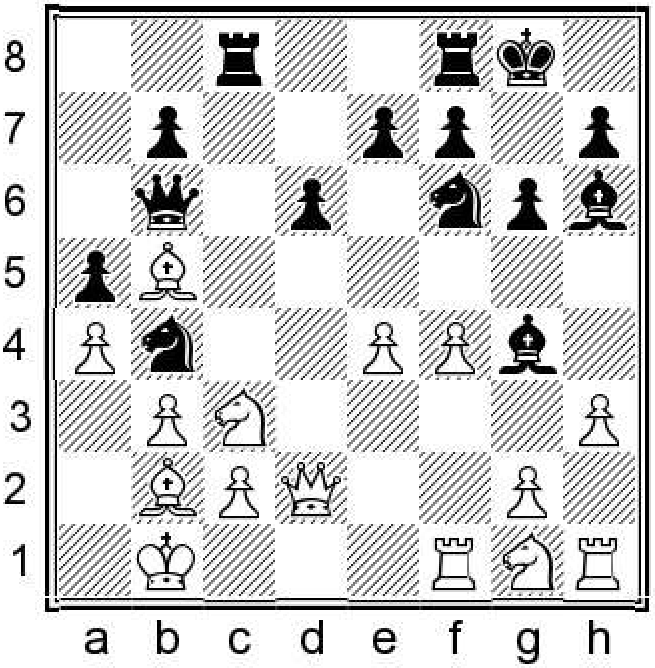
**9.O-O-O a5 10.a4** is the best way to stop the a4 push.

10.♔b1? gives Black chance to push the a-pawn: 10...a4 11.♘xa4 ♘xe4 12.♕e3 ♘f6 13.♘f3 ♕a5∓ Black is better, and later went on to win the game. 14.♘d4 ♘xd4 15.♕xd4 ♗g4 16.♗c3 ♕c7∓ Bivol,Alina 2403 - Kevlishvili,Robby 2451, Saint Louis 2018

10.♗b5 is another move that stops the ...a4 push of Black. 10...♕b6 But now pushing a4 is more or less forced. 11.a4 (11.♗a4? Golubov played this move with White in a rapid game. 11...d5! (11...♗g4∞ Golubov,Saveliy 2482 - YeletskyIvan 2406, Moscow (ch-rapid) 2018) 12.♘xd5 ♘xd5 13.exd5 ♘b4 14.♘f3



and now a very nice move is coming. 14...♘xc2!! 15.♕xc2 ♗f5∓ Rook will come to c8, and White will have to give some material back.) 11...♘b4 12.♔b1 ♗g4 13.♖f1?! ♖ac8! 14.h3



Another nice combination: 14...♘xe4! 15.♘xe4 ♗f5! 16.♘c3 ♗xc2+ 17.♔a1 ♗xb3 Black is much better having a very powerful attack.

**10...e5 11.g3** In general, I believe that inclusion of ...a5 and a4 pushes favour White.

**11...♘b4** with the a4-pawn push White gives Black a chance to use the b4-square for his knight.

11...exf4 12.gxf4 ♘h5 13.♘ge2 (13.♘d5!? White has an interesting compensation for the pawn. 13...♗e6 14.♔b1 ♗xd5 15.exd5 ♘b4 16.♘f3⯹) 13...♕h4 14.♘d5 ♗e6 Black had no problems here, even though he eventually lost te game. 15.♔b1 ♗xd5 16.exd5 ♘e5 17.♕d4 ♘xf4 18.♕b6 ♕e7 19.♘g3 f5 20.h4 ♗g7∞ Deepan Chakkravarthy J 2534 - Yilmaz, Mustafa Enes 2636, Dubai 2019

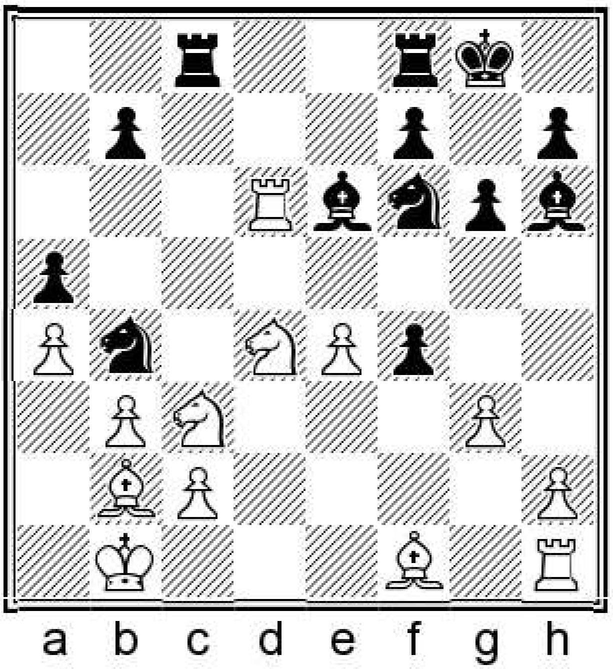
11...♖e8 12.♔b1 ♗g4 13.♗e2 ♗xe2 14.♘gxe2 exf4 15.♘xf4 ♘xe4 16.♘xe4 ♖xe4 17.♕d3 ♖e8 18.h4! and it would be very difficult to stop White's attack.

11...♕b6 12.♔b1 ♗e6 13.♗h3 This is transposition to the game on 8...e5!?: Iljiushenok,Ilia 2533 - Sarana,Alexey 2618, Russia (ch-rapid) 2018

**12.♘f3**

12.♗h3? exf4 13.♔b1 (Brkic,Ante 2572 - Arsovic,Goran 2374, Bosna i Hercegovina 2019) 13...♖e8! 14.♕xd6 ♕xd6 15.♖xd6 ♘g4∓ Black has some advantage.

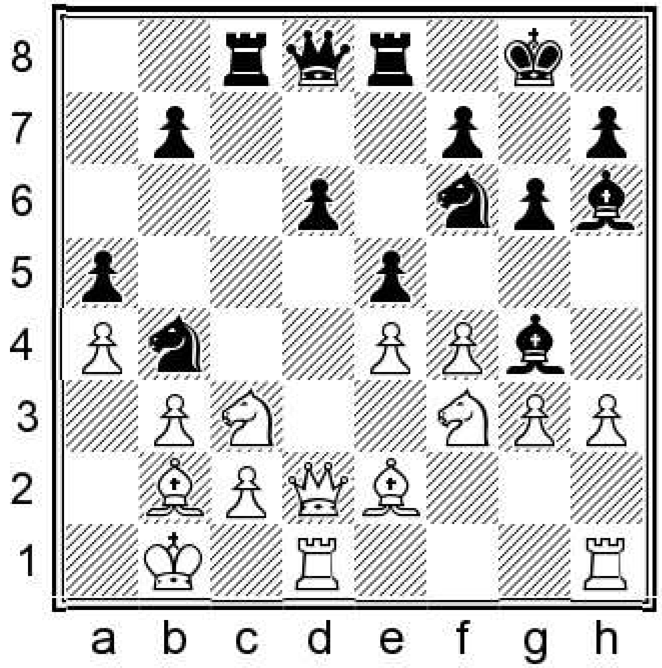
12.♔b1 exf4! (12...d5 13.♘f3 ♗g4 14.♗e2 ♘xe4 15.♘xe4 dxe4 16.♘xe5 ♕xd2 17.♖xd2 ♗xe2 18.♖xe2 f5 19.♖d1 ♖fd8 20.♖ed2 ♖xd2 21.♖xd2± Gutenev,Alexander 2456 - Sivuk,Vitaly 2552, Chelyabinsk 2019; 12...♗e6!? 13.♘f3 ♖c8 14.♕xd6 (14.♘g5 ♗g4 15.♖c1 (White should avoid 15.♖e1? d5! 16.h3 ♗d7 17.exd5 ♗f5 18.♖c1 exf4 19.gxf4 ♘fxd5∓ Gabrielian,Artur 2458 - Xiong,Jeffery 2709, chess.com (Internet-blitz) 2020) 15...♖xc3! 16.♗xc3 ♗xg5 17.♗xb4 (17.fxg5? ♘xe4-+) 17...♘xe4 18.♕e1 ♗f3 19.♗xa5 b6 20.fxg5 bxa5 21.♖g1 ♕b6 22.♗d3 ♘xg5⯹) 14...♕xd6 15.♖xd6 exf4 16.♘d4



16...♖xc3! 17.♗xc3 ♘xe4 18.♗xb4 axb4 19.♘xe6 fxe6 20.♖xe6 ♘c3+ 21.♔b2 f3⯹) 13.gxf4 ♖e8⇄

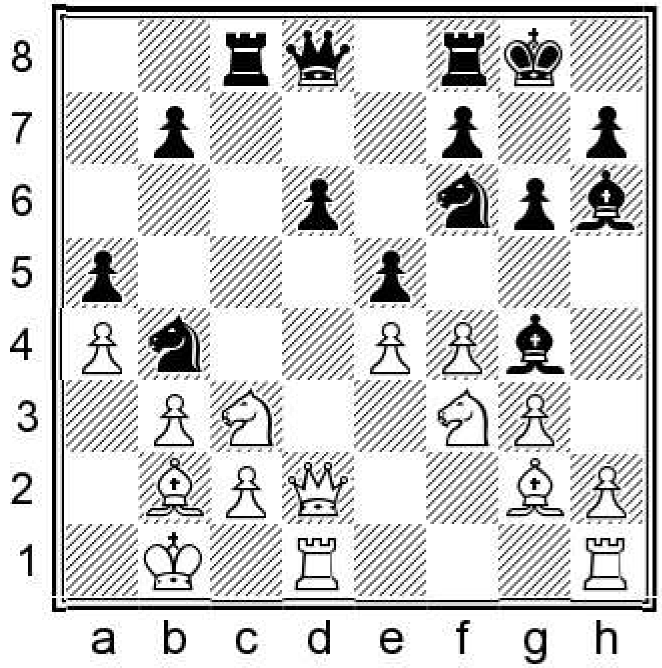
**12...♗g4 13.♗g2**

13.♗e2 ♖c8 14.♔b1 ♖e8 15.h3



15...♖xc3! 16.♕xc3 ♘xe4 17.♕e1 ♕c8 18.♖c1 ♗d7∞ Meissner,Felix 2376 - Ftacnik,Lubomir 2520, Hamburg 2019

**13...♖c8 14.♔b1** (Meissner,Felix 2354 - Boruchovsky,Avital 2558, Pardubice 2018)



**14...d5!?** This seems logical to me. Black's pieces are better coordinated than White's, c2 is a very weak spot, and the c3N is not ideally placed. If Black manages to attack c2 point White will be in serious problems.

**15.exd5 ♗f5 16.♖c1 ♘fxd5 17.♘xd5 ♗xc2+ 18.♔a1 ♕xd5 19.♕xd5 ♘xd5 20.♘xe5 ♖fd8** Black has no problems at all.

# SUCCESSFULLY CORNERED KNIGHTS

By GM Kannappan Priyadharshan

The famous saying by Dr. Tarrasch "Knight on the rim is dim" inspired me to write this article. I will not debate if this particular principle is obsolete in modern chess, as there are enough examples to show how the knight ends up poorly on a rim square. I wanted to share my perspective on situations when putting the knight on the worst possible square, which is the corner squares on a chessboard (a1, a8, h1, h8), can be a good idea.

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I am going to support my hypothesis with a few instructive examples. A very important criteria I had when searching for examples was to include only those games where the knight went to the corner squares voluntarily, and not by force (when the knight has to capture a piece, or when the knight is being attacked with no other good square being available).

Of course, the corner squares are the worst squares for a knight because it can control only 2 squares from there, and it must have moved from one of those squares earlier. For example, if you play ♘a1, you control c2 and b3 squares with your knight, but to reach a1, the knight had to be on squares b3 or c2.

The concept of backward knight moves is least explored with very little literary work on this topic. If you would like to learn more about backward knight moves I suggest you read the chapter written by GM Ivan Sokolov in his *Chess Middlegame Strategies* book and a blog post written in ChessMood by GM Avetik Grigoryan.

Join me in this journey of figuring out how to gallop our knight backwards in order to secure some strategic wins!

We are starting with a game where Black plays ♘a8 in a theoretical line.

**D76**
**Gelfand, Boris (2720) - Ponomariov, Ruslan (2718)**
**Moscow (blitz), 2008**

**1.d4** Let's quickly go from the opening to the middlegame transition point of this game.

**1...♘f6 2.c4 g6 3.♘f3 ♗g7 4.g3 O-O 5.♗g2 d5 6.cxd5 ♘xd5** We have got a Gruenfeld on the board, which is considered to be one of the most solid setups for Black against 1.d4.

**7.O-O ♘b6 8.♘c3** As White has fianchettoed, he doesn't get his broad centre as he usually in the Gruenfeld.

**8...♘c6 9.e3 ♖e8 10.d5** Gelfand rushes to get more control of the centre, which is so typical in the Gruenfeld. This drawback of this plan is that it gives Black's g7 bishop complete control of the a1-h8 diagonal.

The more popular move for White is 10.♖e1 a5 11.♕e2 ♗e6 12.♘d2 ♘b4 13.♖d1 c6 Black has solidified his grip on the d5-square, and we are still in theoretical discussion with more than 125 games in my online database.

**10...♘a5**

10...♘e5?! It makes less sense to block the g7-bishop's view. 11.♘d4 ♗g4 12.f3 ♗d7 13.f4 ♗g4 14.♕c2 ♘ec4 15.h3 ♗xd4 16.exd4 ♗f5 17.♕d1± Strong control of the centre, weak squares near the black king give White a solid edge in this position.

**11.♘d4** Restricting the g7-bishop, and also giving few additional square control for the g2-bishop.

**11...♗d7□**

11...♘ac4? 12.a4 a5 13.b3 ♘d6 14.♗a3±

**12.e4**

12.b4!? Some of you may have thought the idea to go 11. Nd4 would have been to follow up with 12.b4, but this move doesn't make a big impact as we are only pushing the knight on the rim more towards the centre with this move. 12...♘ac4 13.a4 a5 14.b5 ♕c8!= I think Black is doing perfectly fine in this position.

**12...c6!** A typical Gruenfeld idea to chip on the White's extended centre.

**13.♖e1** The former World Championship Challenger is a very principled player, so he keeps the game in the mainline.

**13...cxd5 14.exd5** Black has to make a critical decision here, as there are two good moves for him, leading to contrasting positions.

**14...♖c8**

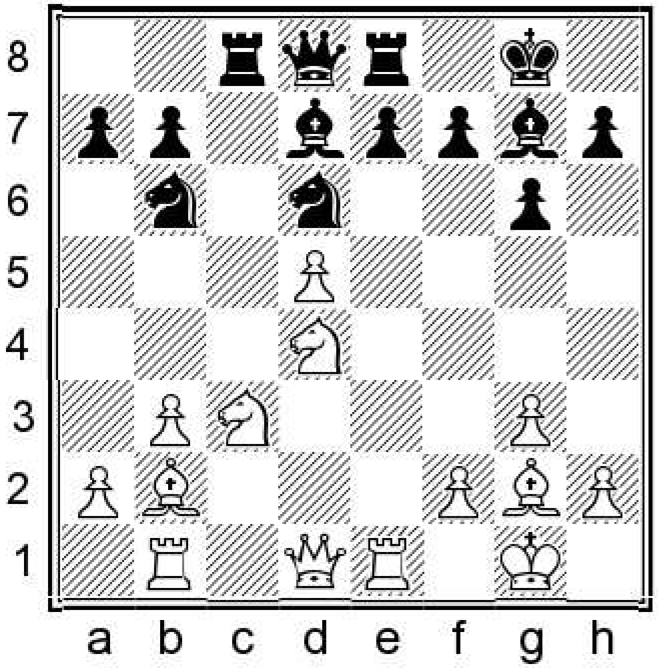
14...♕c8!? 15.♗e3!? A novelty in over the board play. It has been tested quite a few times in the correspondence games. 15...♘ac4 16.♖c1! ♘xe3 17.fxe3 ♕b8 18.♘e4 ♕e5 19.♘c5∓ From a practical point of view, Black's play seems far more natural for an over the board game. I think in a correspondence game, White can hold a draw with precise play.

**15.♖b1** Gelfand plays a semi-waiting move as he prophylactically defends the b2-pawn to free up the c1-bishop to move without worrying about Black's knight jumping to c4.

15.♗f4 This is played more often than 15.Rb1. 15...♘ac4 16.b3 ♘d6 17.♕d2 ♘f5 I want the readers to see the journey of the knight to f5. It's started on b8, and its route was c6-a5-c4-d6-f5 and has now helped to weaken the a1-h8 diagonal further. 18.♘de2 h6∞

**15...♘ac4 16.b3 ♘d6** A strong blockade has been established on d6, and you must be thinking when one of the knights will jump to the corner square. I must say the move is not far-off!

**17.♗b2** If you are not the black side Gruenfeld player, this move will come as a surprise to you, but if you do know this theoretical line, then the upcoming move shouldn't come as a surprise.



**17...♘a8!** Here we have the move of our topic in this article.

The idea behind this corner knight move is to give access to b6 and a5 squares for the Black queen and then redevelop the knight from a8, and by doing this Black would increase pressure on the c3-knight and the a2, d5-pawns.

This alternative for Black was tried a few times by strong players, but the rook is a bit oddly placed on c5 and can come under pressure at any point. 17...♖c5?! 18.♖c1 ♘f5 (18...♕c8 19.♕d2±) 19.♘xf5 ♗xf5 20.g4 ♗d7 21.h3±;

17...♘f5 18.♘ce2 ♕c7 19.♘xf5 ♗xf5 20.♗xg7 ♔xg7 21.♕d4+ ♔g8 22.♖bc1±

**18.♘ce2** White plays prophylactically and removes the knight from being a pressure point.

**18...♕b6** This queen move was a novelty when this game was played in 2008.

This idea is to pressure the d4-knight and develop the knight from a8 to c7, but one minor drawback is that the c8-rook would be blocked when the knight lands on c7.

I find this move more natural than the text move, as the queen is pressuring the pawns on a2 and d5 at the same time. 18...♕a5 19.a4 ♘b6 20.♘f4∞

**19.♘f4**

19.♕d2!? ♘c7 20.♖bc1∞

**19...♘c7** The manoeuvring is completed, and I would request the viewers to compare the position after 17. Bb2 and how Black has manoeuvred his pieces and given them much more active roles.

**20.♕d2** When your pieces reach the optimal square, the standard idea is to change the pawn structure, and that's what Ponomariov decides to do here.

**20...a5** Black's main plan seems to be pressurising the dark squares (d4-c5-b4).

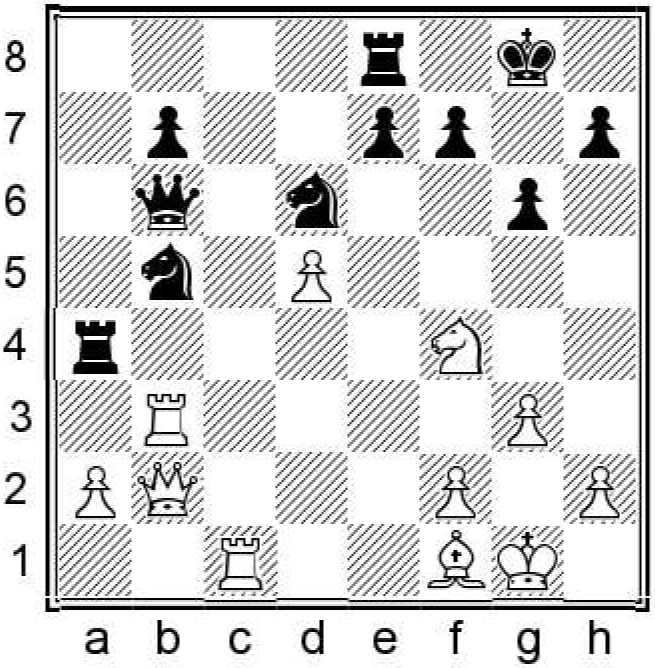
20...♘cb5 21.♘xb5 ♘xb5 22.♗xg7 ♔xg7 23.♖bd1 ♗f5∞

**21.♖bc1**

21.h4!? ♘cb5 22.♘xb5 ♘xb5∞

**21...♘a6**

It would have made more sense for Black to continue with his plan on the queenside by pushing the a-pawn 21...a4!? 22.bxa4 ♖a8 23.♖e3 ♖xa4 24.♖b3 ♗b5 25.♘xb5 ♘cxb5 26.♗xg7 ♔xg7 27.♕b2+ ♔g8 28.♗f1

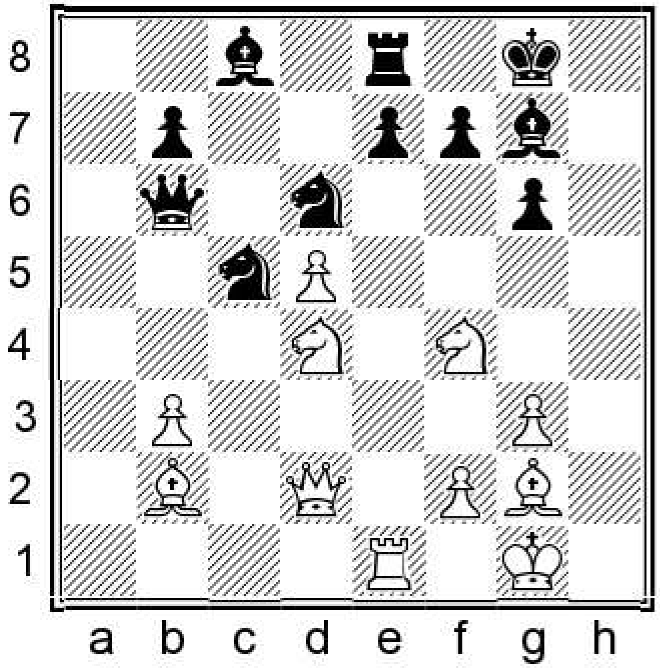


28...♕a7! This key move saves Black from losing the knight, as he creates counterattack on a2. 29.♗xb5 ♖xa2 30.♗xe8 ♖xb2 31.♗xf7+ ♔xf7 32.♖xb2 ♕d4∞

**22.♖xc8 ♗xc8 23.h4 a4 24.h5 axb3 25.axb3** The b3-pawn is weak now, so it's time to spring the knight on a6 into an attacking role.

**25...♘c5** The path of the knight is something to note! It started on g8 and went on a long journey from f6-d5-b6-a8-c7-a6-c5, and now the knight on c5 is a powerful force.

**26.hxg6 hxg6**



**27.♖e3?!** How can Black seize the initiative now?

27.b4! Creates two weakness on a4 and c4, but White has a tactical way to justify these weaknesses. 27...♘a4 (27...♘d7 28.♗c3 ♘c4∞) 28.♗a1 ♘c4 29.♕c1 ♘ab2 (29...♕xb4?? 30.♘d3+-; 29...♗xd4 30.♗xd4 ♕xd4 31.♖e4 ♕c3 32.♖xc4 ♕xc1+ 33.♖xc1 ♘b6=) 30.♘de6 fxe6 31.dxe6 ♕xb4=

**27...♗d7** This is a very logical move, as Black wants to improve his bishop and keep the 8th rank open for the black rook to move to a8 or c8.

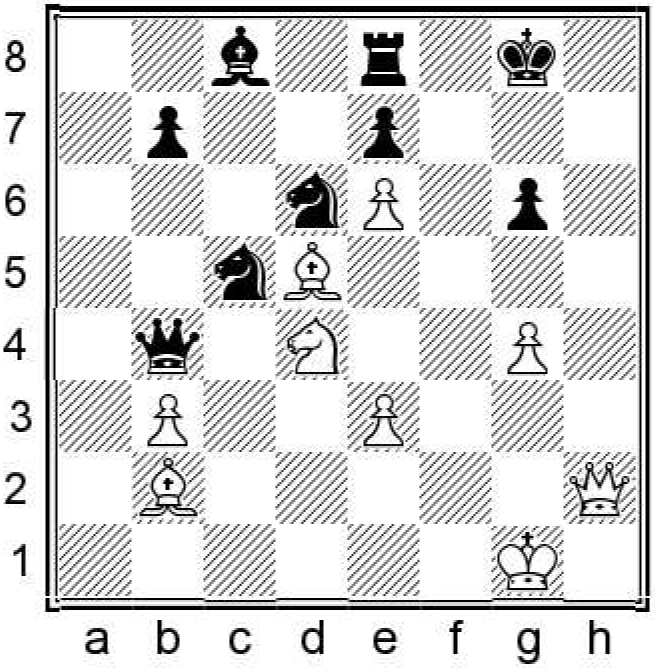
White has a sharp way to complicate things in this position, and I hope you have calculated this line in depth.

27...♗g4! Honestly, this is a tough move to explain! Why on earth would you want to plop your bishop on g4 with no concrete threat?

The one way I could try to justify this move is to provoke White to attack the bishop, and in the process, the white position would deteriorate further. 28.♖e1 ♗f6∓

**28.♕e1**

28.♘fe6 Bam! The fireworks that could have happened, but this is a very tough line to calculate in a classical game, and in a blitz game it makes it nearly impossible to calculate all the variations. 28...fxe6 (28...♗h6 29.♕c3! ♗xe3 30.♘xc5 ♗d2□ 31.♕xd2 ♕xc5 32.♕h6→) 29.dxe6 ♗c8? White has to play a series of only moves, and always at the end of the tunnel there is light; In such way at the end of series White gets a winning advantage. (29...♗b5 30.♘xb5 ♕xb5 31.♗xg7 ♔xg7 32.♕d4+ ♔g8 33.♕g4 ♔g7 34.♕d4+=; 29...♗a4!?) 30.♕c2! ♔h7 (30...♖f8 31.♕xg6 ♖f6 32.♕g4 ♕a5 33.♘f5 ♘xf5 34.♗xf6 ♘xe6 35.♖c3 ♗d7 36.♖d3+-) 31.g4! Makes logical sense as White wants to include the rook in the attack 31...♗h6 32.♗d5!! (Good enough to get an advantage 32.g5 ♘xe6 33.♘xe6 ♘f5 34.♕c3 ♖g8 35.♘c5 ♘xe3 36.♕xe3→) 32...♗xe3 33.fxe3 ♕b4 34.♕h2+ ♔g8



35.♕h4!! The white attack is so strong that he plays a quiet move to cover the g4 and e1 square, before continuing his attack by moving the knight away from d4. 35...♘a4 36.♘c2 ♕c3 37.♗xc3 ♘xc3 38.♕h6+-

**28...♗f6** White cannot create any threats or put together a good plan right now.

**29.♕e2?**

29.♕d2!?

**29...♕a6?**

29...♖a8 30.♖xe7 ♖a2! 31.♖e3 ♗xd4-+

**30.♘f3?** A surprising blunder by White, as he does not get any compensation for the pawn.

30.♕xa6 ♘xa6 31.♘d3 ♖a8∓

**30...♕xe2 31.♖xe2 ♘xb3-+** Having an extra passed pawn helps Black to win this game quickly.

**32.♘e5**

32.♗xf6 exf6 33.♖b2 ♗a4-+

**32...♗b5 33.♖e3 ♘a5 34.♗c3 ♘ac4 35.♘xc4 ♘xc4 36.♖f3 ♗xc3 37.♖xc3 ♘d6 38.♗f1 ♗xf1 39.♔xf1 ♖a8 40.♔e2 ♔f8 41.♖b3 ♔e8 42.♔f3 ♖a5 43.♖d3 ♔d7 44.♘e2 ♘c4 45.♔e4 ♖a4 46.♘d4 ♘d6+ 47.♔f3 ♖c4 48.♔e3 ♖c5 49.♘e2 ♘f5+ 50.♔f3 b5 51.♘c3 ♘d6 52.♔e3 b4 53.♘a4 0-1**

White resigns after making his move. There is no way for White to create any active play.

Ponomariov played a model game with continuous improvement of pieces and exploited Gelfand's mistakes to win the game.

**B41**
**Ivanchuk, Vassily (2725) - Short, Nigel D (2660)**
**Dortmund, 1997**

**1.e4 c5 2.♘f3 e6 3.d4 cxd4 4.♘xd4 ♕b6!?** Not the most popular move for Black. The idea of 4...Qb6 is to pressurise the d4 knight immediately.

**5.♘c3**

White's most popular response is 5.♘b3 ♕c7 6.♘c3 a6

**5...♗c5**

5...♘c6? 6.♘db5! ♗c5 7.♕d2+- White's threatening to play Na4 and Black is in big trouble.

**6.♘a4 ♕a5+ 7.c3 ♗xd4 8.♕xd4 ♘f6 9.♘c5±** A very unusual set of opening moves as both sides have moved their queens early on in the opening. Also, both players moved the same pieces multiple times.

I like White fundamentally in this position, as the dark square weakness on d6 would bother me a lot if I had the Black pieces.

**9...b6** This move was a new idea in 1997 when this game was played.

9...♘c6 10.♕d6 b6 11.♘b3 ♘xe4 12.♕xc6 dxc6 13.♘xa5 bxa5 14.♗e3± Bishop pair and the broken black pawn structure gives White a good advantage.

9...O-O 10.f3! White is creating a breathing square for his queen on f2. 10...♘c6 11.♕f2 d5 12.♗g5±

**10.♘b3 ♕h5 11.f3 O-O 12.♗f4** As I mentioned in the notes to the 9th move, the weakness on d6 is the highlight of this position.

**12...♘c6 13.♕e3 e5** Black tries to cover his d6 weakness with this move, but in the process creates a new weak outpost square on d5 for White.

When you have a terrible position and try to cover your weakness, you often create new weak spots in your position.

**14.♗g5 ♘e8 15.g4 ♕g6 16.O-O-O** We have reached the middlegame as both sides have completed castling and have developed most of their pieces.

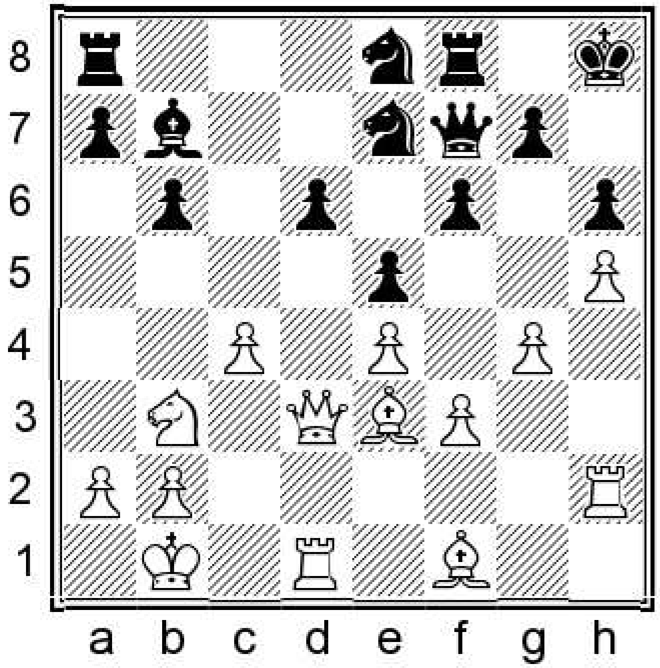
White has strong control over the d-file, and I am sure the readers are starting to connect the dots and understand how the b3-knight will play a role in this game!

**16...♕e6 17.♔b1 ♗b7 18.♕d3** Simple chess! Exploiting the drawback of Black's previous move.

**18...d6 19.h4 ♔h8 20.♖h2! f6 21.♗e3 ♘e7** Black is now ready to play ...d5 and get rid of his weak d6 pawn. What should White do now?

**22.c4!** Stopping Black's plan and the d6-pawn remains weak.

**22...♕f7 23.h5 h6**



White should come up with a plan to increase his advantage here. When I looked at this position for the first time, I thought that if I could transfer the bishop from f1 to a4 and exchange it for the e8-knight, I would get a good advantage as the d6 pawn would lose its defender.

I decided to look again deeper to find more possibilities, and then I realised that the worst piece for White here is not the f1-bishop but the b3-knight, so how should we bring it into the game?

**24.♘a1!!** We have our move! Ivanchuk decides to manoeuvre the knight from b3 to, most likely, d5 via c2-e3 or c2-b4.

The key difference between 24.Na1, and 24.Nc1 is that 24.Na1 doesn't block the squares of other white pieces (24.Nc1-e2 would block the access of the f1-bishop and the h2 rook).

24.♘c1 ♖c8! Black's temporarily stopping the Ne2-c3 idea. 25.♖hd2 ♖c7 26.♕a3 ♗c8 27.b3+- White will execute his Ne2-c3 plan and then a breakthrough in the position.

**24...♘c6 25.♖hd2** Is the rook and queen formation on d-file to be called "Reverse Alekhine's Gun"?

**25...♖d8 26.♘c2 ♕e6** Nigel Short is shoring up his defences on the d6 pawn, as he plans to play ...Rf7-d7.

**27.♗f2!** Clearing the e3 square.

**27...♖f7 28.♘e3 ♕c8**

28...♘d4? Black doesn't get anything as White has 29.♘d5+-

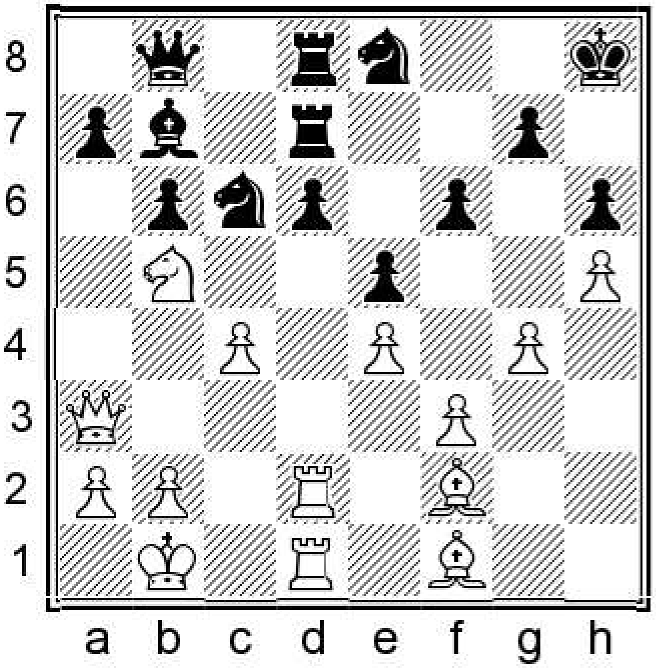
**29.♕a3!** I understand that if you put pressure on something from multiple angles, that object has a higher chance to crack than putting pressure from one angle.

The queen on a3 is primarily aiming at the d6-pawn, but it has put some sneaky pressure on a7 too.

**29...♘d4 30.♘d5 ♘c6 31.♘c3** White is manoeuvring once again as now the white knight aims for the b5-square.

**31...♕b8 32.♘b5** The knight which started the game on b1 took 10 moves to land on b5, on 32nd move. That's persistent manoeuvring to achieve greatness.

**32...♖fd7** The white pieces are placed on optimal squares, so it's time to change the pawn structure.



**33.c5!** The breakthrough!

**33...bxc5 34.♗xc5 ♗c8**

34...a6 35.♘xd6 ♘xd6 36.♗xd6+-

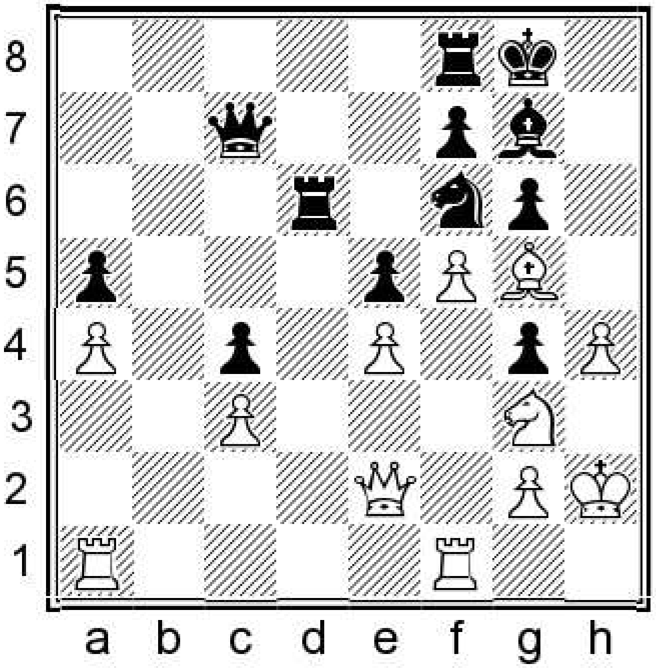
**35.♘xd6 ♘xd6 36.♖xd6 ♖xd6 37.♖xd6 ♗e6!?** Going for tricks.

**38.♖xe6 ♖d1+ 39.♔c2 ♖xf1 40.♖xc6 ♕b5 41.♕a6** White kills all counterplay, and the game is over. **1-0**

This is a model game on how to improve your pieces consistently, and it also shows how a weak square can decide the game if the opponent knows how to exploit it.

RR This game was published in Chess Informant 70/156 with Ivanchuk's annotations.

**Movsesian, Sergei (2645) - Chernin, Alexander (2598)**
**Espana, 2005**



White's in a dominating position as he is about to pick up the g4-pawn.

**26.♗xf6**

26.♖ad1

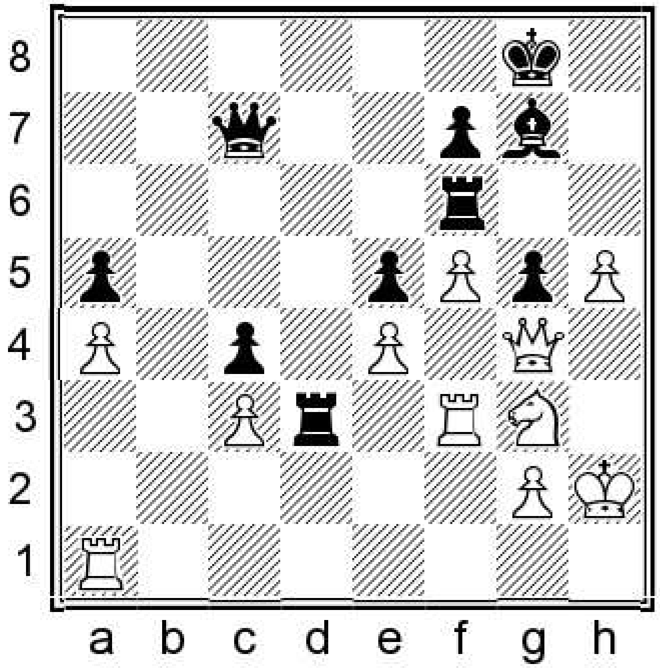
**26...♖xf6?!**

26...♗xf6 27.♕xg4 ♕d7 28.♔h3!+-

**27.♕xg4 ♖d8 28.h5 g5 29.♖f3**

White could capture another pawn but decides to play it slowly as the position is winning. 29.♕xg5 ♔h7 30.♖ab1 ♖g8+-

**29...♖d3** It's time to move the knight to the corner of the board, as the knight will manoeuvre to g4 square and then White will push the f6 pawn.



**30.♘h1! ♖xf3 31.♕xf3 ♖d6 32.♘f2 ♕b6 33.♖f1 ♕b3 34.♘g4+-** It's game over now as f6 or h6 is coming up and the black king will get checkmated.

**34...♖d3**

34...f6 35.h6 ♖d3 36.♕f2+-

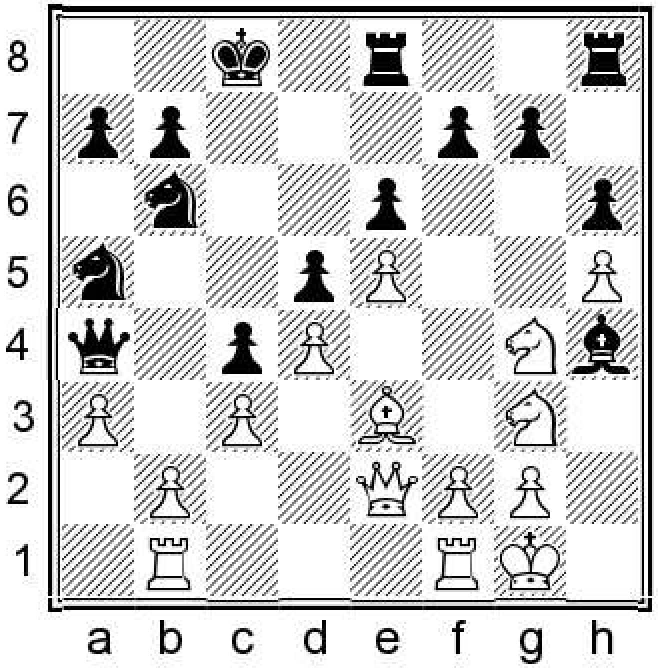
**35.♕f2 ♕xc3 36.h6** Black resigned here.

36.h6 ♗h8 (36...♗f8 37.♕a7) 37.f6 ♕d2 38.h7+ ♔xh7 39.♕f5+ ♔g8 40.♘h6+ ♔f8 41.♕h7

**1-0**

White started with an advantage and the plan to go Rf3 followed by Nh1 helped to win the game quickly.

**Nakamura, Hikaru (2745) - Duda, Jan Krzysztof (2730)**
**chess.com (Internet-m/5-blitz), 2019**



One of the activities that I often do with my students is to ask them to guess the opening based on the pawn structure.

When I ask them about this position, they would say it's French Defence, and they would be surprised to know that this came from an Anti-Sicilian in the Najdorf!

If we observe the position, White has scope to expand on the kingside and create a breakthrough, whereas Black has to play more of a waiting game.

**24.♔h2! ♘d7 25.♔h3** Using the king as an aggressive piece is an excellent plan by Nakamura, especially in a blitz game.

**25...♗e7 26.f4 f5?** A knee-jerk reaction fearing that White would steamroll his position with the f5-pawn push.

26...g6!? Opening up the kingside: 27.♗f2 ♘c6 28.♔h2 ♔b8 29.♖h1±

**27.exf6 ♘xf6**

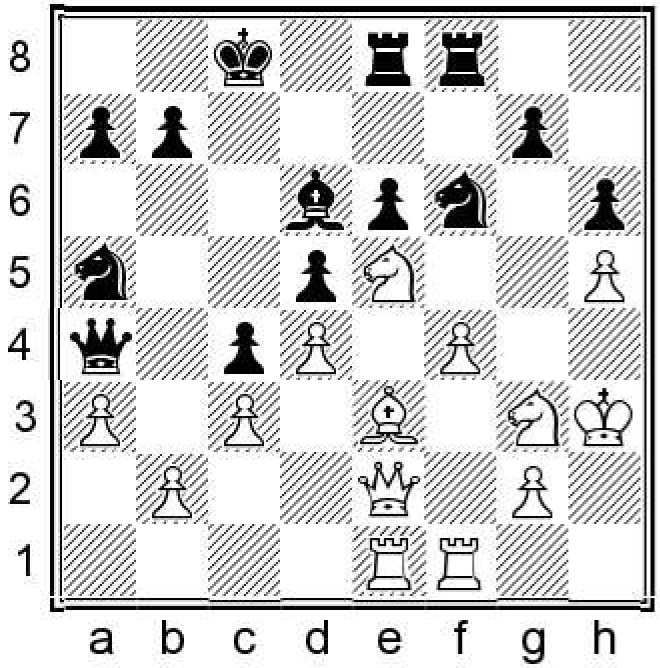
27...gxf6 28.f5 e5 29.dxe5 ♘xe5 30.♘xe5 fxe5 31.f6 ♕d7+ 32.♕g4 ♕xg4+ 33.♔xg4+-;

27...♗xf6 28.♕f3 ♕c6 29.f5 e5 30.dxe5 ♘xe5 31.♘xe5 ♗xe5 32.♖bd1+-

**28.♘e5** A really strong outpost for the knight.

28.f5 exf5 29.♘xf5 ♕d7 30.♘e5 ♕e6 31.g4+-

**28...♖hf8 29.♖be1 ♗d6**



**30.♘h1!** We got the move that's the subject of discussion in this topic.

This corner move aims to start rolling the g-pawn and gain more space on the kingside.

It's furthermore impressive that this idea was played in a blitz game.

**30...♔b8**

30...♘e4 31.♘g6 ♖f7 32.g4 ♘c6 33.♘f2+-

**31.g4 ♘e4 32.♘f2 ♘xf2+ 33.♗xf2 ♘c6**

33...♖xf4 34.♗g3 ♖xf1 35.♕xf1 ♔c7 36.♕f7+ ♖e7 37.♕f8 ♕e8 38.♖f1+- White is a pawn down, but has a complete domination and shows why better-placed pieces are more important than having material advantage.

**34.♘g6** The knight manoeuvre helped the knight to reach a beautiful outpost square on g6.

White misses a simple tactic: 34.♘d7+ ♔c7 35.♘xf8 ♖xf8 36.♗g3+-

**34...♖f7 35.f5!**

35.♗h4

**35...♘d8 36.♗h4** Planning to get rid of the defending d8-knight.

**36...♕d7 37.♗xd8 ♕xd8 38.fxe6 ♖f6 39.e7 ♕b6 40.♖xf6 gxf6 41.♕f2 ♗c7 42.♖e3 a6 43.♖f3 ♕e6 44.♖xf6 ♕e4 45.♕f3 ♕e1 46.♖f8 1-0**

The idea to move the knight to h1 was here out of neccesity as White had to build activity on the kingside and for that it required the g-pawn to participate. The knight had to make room for the pawn advance.

Moving backwards with your pieces is not always a defensive plan, as sometimes it could be to propel your position fast forward like pulling back on a slingshot to get faster speed going forward!

**B48**
**Timman, Jan H (2593) - Van Kampen, Robin (2615)**
**Wijk aan Zee II, 2015**

This game is the clash of generations in Dutch Chess!

**1.e4 c5 2.♘f3 e6 3.d4 cxd4 4.♘xd4 ♘c6 5.♘c3 ♕c7 6.♗e3 a6** We got the Taimanov Sicilian on the board.

**7.♕f3** The modern mainline.

**7...♗d6** The plan is to centralise the bishop on e5 and keep the game going.

**8.O-O-O ♗e5**

8...♘f6?? 9.♘db5 axb5 10.♘xb5+-

**9.♘xc6 bxc6 10.♗d4 ♘f6 11.♗xe5 ♕xe5 12.♕e3±** A new move in over-the-board game in the database back in 2015. I like White's position here as the dark squares such as d6 and c5 are pretty weak.

12.♕g3 ♕xg3 13.hxg3 d5=

**12...♘g4 13.♕e1 ♕c5?!**

13...♖b8 14.f3 ♘f6 15.♕g3 ♕xg3 16.hxg3 d5 17.g4 ♘d7 18.g5±;

13...♘f6 14.♕e3 ♘g4=

**14.♖d2 ♖b8 15.♕e2?!**

15.f3 This would have given a big advantage for White. 15...♘e3 (15...♘f6 16.♕g3 ♕b4 17.♗b5 ♖xb5 18.♘xb5 axb5 19.♕xg7+-) 16.♕f2 ♕b6 17.♘a4 ♕b4 18.♕xe3 ♕xa4 19.a3± The bishop on c8 is very passive, giving White a big development advantage.

**15...♘e5**

15...♕b4 16.♘d1 ♘f6 17.e5 ♘d5 18.a3 ♕b6 19.c4 ♘e7 20.♕g4 O-O 21.♗d3± Black needs more defence to save his king, and I don't think the black forces are coming to help in time.

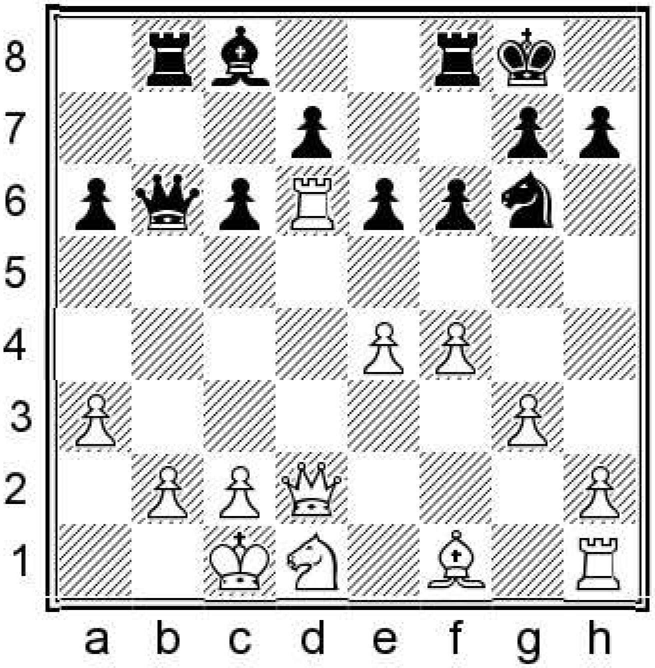
**16.f4 ♘g6 17.g3 ♕b4 18.♘d1 O-O 19.a3 ♕b6 20.♖d6?!** A very tempting move, but it was unnecessary. The rook seems to be in a dominating position, so Robin has to push the rook away from d6.

20.♕e3 ♕xe3 21.♘xe3 d5 22.♗g2±;

20.e5 f6 21.h4 ♘e7 22.h5± White increases the grip on the position

**20...f6!?** Van Kampen comes up with an ingenious idea which most likely Timman hasn't yet spotted. Timman could have thought the idea of f6 was to stop the e5 pawn push, but there is another secret idea for Black.

**21.♕d2**



**21...♘h8!** We have our "knight in the corner" move, and the key idea is that Black gets to dislodge the rook from d6 and push the pawn to d5.

**22.c4?** Bad idea to weaken the queenside where the white king is trying to hide.

22.♖d4 ♘f7 23.♖b4 ♕c7 24.♖xb8 ♕xb8±

**22...♘f7**

Pushing the rook away **23.♖d3 d5!** Robin opens up the position with the idea to gain the initiative. The bishop on c8 will now have a life!

**24.♕c3?**

24.cxd5 exd5 25.♕f2! The queen trade would reduce the pressure on the white king. (25.exd5 ♗f5 26.♖d4 ♘d6∓ White is in deep trouble.) 25...dxe4 26.♕xb6 ♖xb6∞

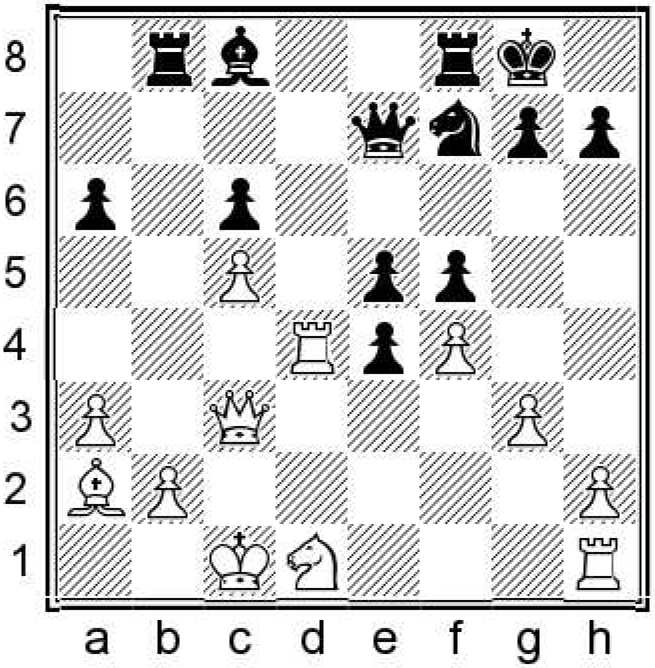
**24...dxe4**

24...c5!? 25.exd5 exd5 26.cxd5 ♘d6∓

**25.c5 ♕c7 26.♖d4 f5**

26...e5 27.♖xe4 ♗e6∓

**27.♗c4 ♕e7∓ 28.♗a2 e5?**



Giving life to the a2-bishop right now is not a good idea as the black king comes under a lot of pressure.

28...h6 Creating a luft for the king. 29.♘e3 ♔h7 30.♖hd1 e5∓

**29.♖d6!** Not allowing Be6 is the right idea.

**29...exf4 30.gxf4 ♔h8 31.♖xc6∞ ♘d8 32.♖d6 ♗e6 33.♕e5 ♖e8 34.♗xe6 ♘xe6 35.♘c3**

35.♕xf5?? ♘xc5 36.♕xc5 ♖ec8-+

**35...♕f7?!**

35...♖bc8 36.c6 ♘f8 37.♕xe7 ♖xe7 38.♖hd1 ♖ec7=

**36.♖g1?**

36.c6 ♖bc8 37.♖hd1 ♘d8 38.♕c5±

**36...♖bc8 37.c6 ♘d8 38.♕c5??** White misses a simple tactic, and the re-manoeuvered knight decides the game.

**38...♘b7! 39.♖d7 ♕xd7 40.cxd7 ♘xc5 0-1**

A topsy turvy game where White had edge in various stages of the game but failed to convert the advantage into a win and ended up blundering in the end.

The knight going to h8 in this game was out of creative desperation, and it worked very well for Robin!

**C54**
**Wei, Yi (2721) - Anton Guijarro, David (2674)**
**Khanty-Mansiysk (m/1), 2019**

**1.e4 e5 2.♘f3 ♘c6 3.♗c4** The fashionable move!

**3...♗c5 4.d3 ♘f6 5.h3 d6 6.c3 a5** One of the new ideas that have changed the landscape of the Giuoco Piano for black side.

**7.O-O O-O 8.♖e1 h6 9.♘bd2 ♗e6 10.b3!?** Tested heavily in the correspondence world, and then the novelty found its way to over-the-board games at the elite level.

The most popular continuation for White: 10.♗b5 ♕b8 An important theoretical tabiya in the The Giuoco Piano.

**10...♗b6** A new idea for over-the-board games.

**11.♘f1 a4**

11...d5 12.exd5 ♘xd5 13.♗d2 ♕f6 14.♘1h2 ♖ad8∞

**12.♗d2**

12.♗xe6 fxe6 13.b4 ♘h5∞

**12...axb3 13.axb3 ♖xa1 14.♕xa1 ♕d7** A quiet position, as there seems to be no weakness on either side and there seems to be no good pawn break on the board. It's time now for both sides to continuously manoeuvre the pieces and place them on best possible squares.

**15.♗e3**

15.♘g3 d5 16.exd5 ♗xd5 17.♕d1 ♖e8=

**15...♗xe3 16.♘xe3 ♘e7 17.♗xe6** White pieces seem to be bit clueless, so Wei Yi decides to swap a pair of knights on g4. Therefore he makes a preparatory move.

17.♕a7 b6 18.♕b7 ♘g6 19.♖a1 ♘f4 20.♖a7 ♗xc4 21.dxc4 ♘e2+ 22.♔f1 ♘xc3 23.♘d2∞

**17...fxe6!** Anton makes a practical decision to change the pawn structure and create some pressure on the f-file.

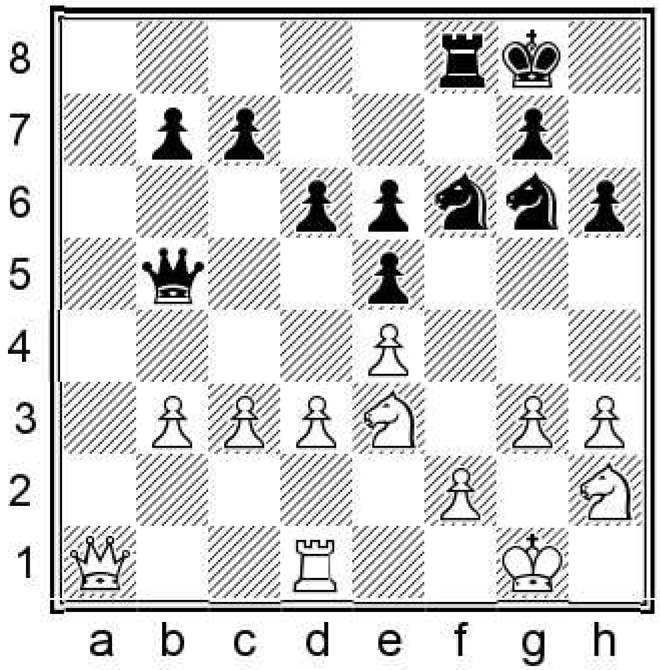
This recapture would have kept the symmetrical pawn structure intact increasing the chances of a draw. 17...♕xe6 18.c4=

**18.♘h2 ♘g6** It's evident we are not going to see Na1 or Na8 in this game, so that means somewhere soon we will see Nh1 or Nh8 on the board!

**19.g3 ♕b5**

19...♘h8!? A bit early. 20.b4 ♘f7 21.h4 d5∞

**20.♖d1**



**20...♔h7!** When you don't have a clear plan, improve your pieces!

20...♕xb3?? 21.♖b1+- The queen is trapped!

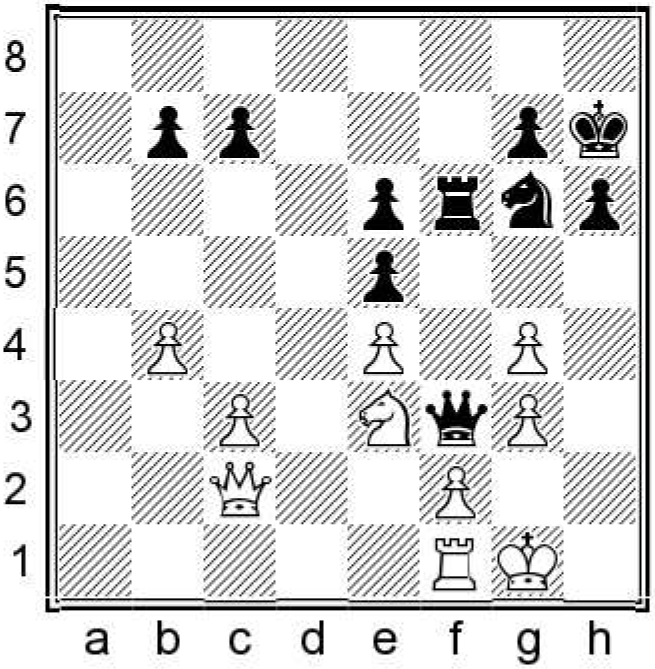
20...d5!?

**21.b4?!**

21.♕a2 This is a multi-tasking move, as it defends the f2 and b3 pawns, and keeps control of the a-file and at the same time puts some indirect pressure on the e6-pawn. 21...d5 22.♘hg4=

**21...d5 22.♘hg4 ♘xg4 23.hxg4 dxe4 24.dxe4 ♕e2 25.♖f1 ♕f3** White's treading on thin ice of equality now, and one slip here would give Black a significant advantage.

**26.♕a2 ♖f6 27.♕c2**



Let's talk to the black pieces and see how they feel:

*Queen* - I am in the most active square I can be on the board.

*Rook* - I am multitasking as I am defending weakness on e6, and putting some pressure on the d-file.

*Knight* - I need some purpose for my existence, and I am not doing much right now.

*King* - I am safe, what else I need!?

**27...♘h8!** Anton listened to his knight's whispers and made a great move.

**28.♖d1??**

28.g5! A deep tactical idea to equalise! 28...hxg5 29.♕d1 ♕xe4 Two pawns have been sacrificed, so what's the idea? 30.♘g4 The point being - Black's extra pawns are too weak, so White can liquidate to a pawn down, but drawn endgame. 30...♖f5 31.♖e1 ♕f3 32.c4! ♘f7 33.♕xf3 ♖xf3 34.♘xe5 ♘xe5 35.♖xe5 ♖c3 36.♖c5 c6 37.b5 cxb5 38.♖xb5 ♖xc4 39.♖xb7=

**28...♘f7 29.♖d3 ♖g6!** Getting away from all the knight jump ideas, and also giving a cover for the king. A big threat for Black is now to play ...Ng5.

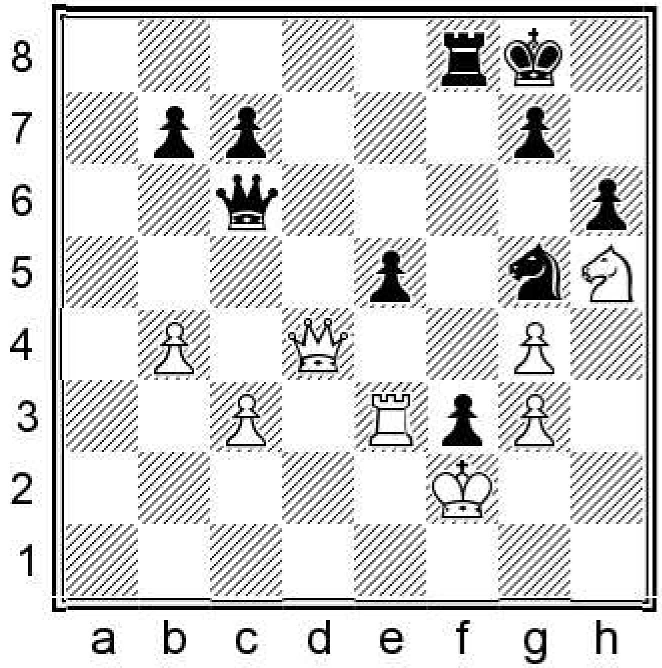
I believe Wei Yi considered this logical move for Black and missed the Black's 29...Rg6! 29...♘g5? 30.♘d5 ♘h3+ 31.♔h2 ♕xf2+ 32.♕xf2 ♖xf2+ 33.♔xh3 exd5=;

29...♕xe4? 30.♖d7 ♕xc2 31.♘xc2 ♘g5 32.♖xc7 ♘h3+ 33.♔g2 ♘xf2 34.♘e3 ♘e4 35.♘d1=

**30.♕d1 ♕xe4-+ 31.f3 ♕c6 32.♘g2 e4!** White's position is crumbling.

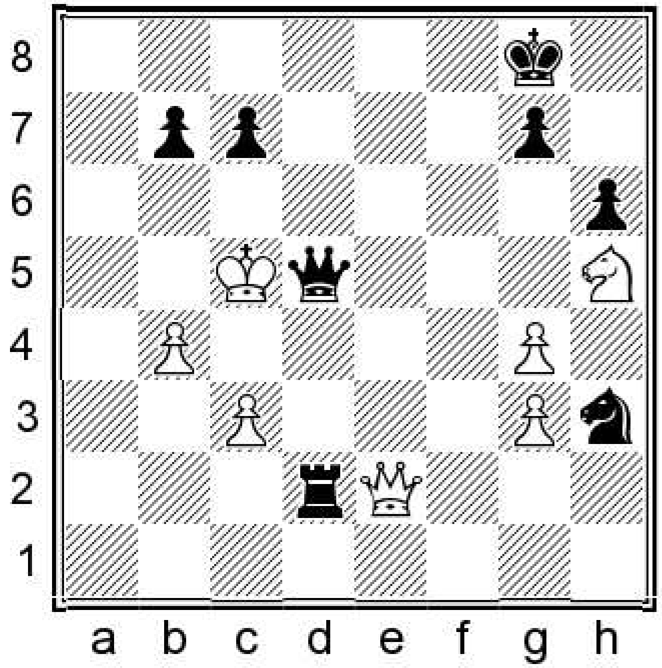
**33.♖e3 exf3 34.♘f4 ♖f6 35.♔f2 ♘g5** Mission accomplished. Now let's quickly look at the route taken by this knight which started its journey on b8. Nb8-c6-e7-g6-h8-f7-g5 and the knight arrived at its winning destination!

**36.♕d3+ ♔g8 37.♘h5 ♖f8 38.♕d4 e5!?**



**39.♖xe5**

39.♕xe5 ♘h3+ 40.♔f1 (40.♔e1 A quick test for the viewers! Can you calculate the mate in 11 here? 40...f2+ 41.♔d2 ♖d8+ 42.♔c1 (42.♔c2 ♕a4+ 43.♔b2 ♖d2+ 44.♔c1 ♕c2#) 42...♕h1+ 43.♔b2 ♖d2+ 44.♔b3 ♕b1+ 45.♔c4 ♕a2+ 46.♔c5 ♕a7+ 47.♔c4 f1=Q+ 48.♖e2 ♕xe2+ 49.♕xe2 ♕a2+ 50.♔c5 ♕d5#



and that's how you do a checkmate in 11!) 40...♕c4+ 41.♔e1 f2+

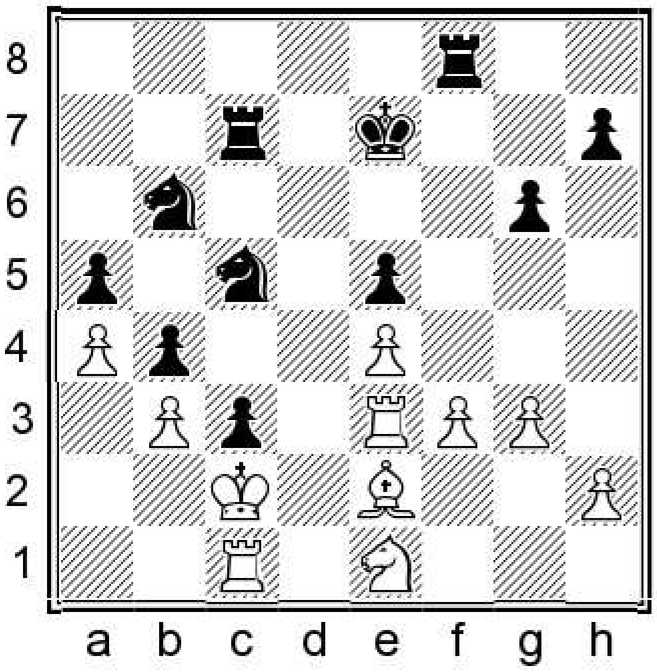
**39...♘h3+ 40.♔f1**

40.♔e3 f2 41.♖f5 ♕e6+ 42.♔d2 ♕a2+ 43.♔d3 ♕b1+ 44.♔c4 f1=Q+ 45.♖xf1 ♕xf1+

**40...f2 41.♖e4 ♕a6+ 42.c4 ♕g6 43.♕a1 ♖f7 44.♖e8+ ♔h7 45.♕d1 ♖d7 0-1**

A game that seemed uneventful at the beginning ended up in sharp play after a series of manoeuvres. White made a bunch of minor inaccuracies and got himself in a tough spot and then through a series of clever manoeuvring starting with ...Kh7 and ...Rf6... and the key ...Nh8-f7-g5 Black won the game!

**Zherebukh, Yaroslav (2595) - Kannappan, Priyadharshan (2484)**
**Philadelphia, 2016**

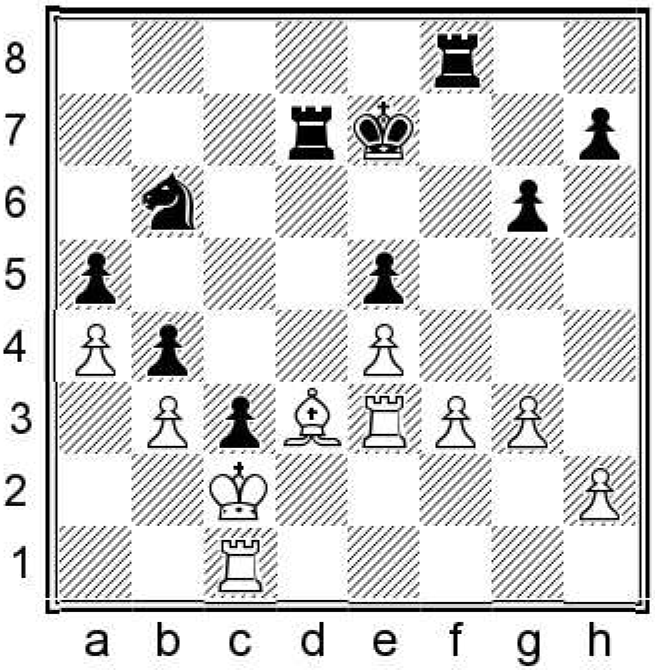


This is a special game for me. This win was one of the most crucial that helped me score my final Grandmaster norm and the Grandmaster title.

**34...♖d7** Black's completely dominating with his active pieces.

**35.♘d3 ♘xd3 36.♗xd3** When you have great positions, you get this incredible feeling of joy on the board, as you see so many attractive winning continuations.

I had around 10 minutes on the clock, and I talked to my pieces as advised by GM Jonathan Rowson in his *Seven Deadly Chess Sins*, and my knight whispered that he wanted to land on d4 and c5 and that's how I got the idea!



**36...♘a8!** I could get to d4 in many ways, but I wanted to go to e6 so that I will have the option to go to d4 or c5.

**37.♔d1**

37.♖d1 ♖fd8 38.♖ee1 ♘c7 39.♗c4 ♖d2+ 40.♔c1 ♖xh2-+

**37...♘c7 38.♔e2 ♘e6** Mission accomplished.

**39.♔f2 ♘c5 40.♗c4 ♖d2+**

40...♖d2+ 41.♔g1 ♖fd8 42.♗d5 ♘d3 Moving the knight to corner of the board was more of a technical finesse and not anything spectacular. However, the idea of making good pieces into great pieces is the takeaway that I offer the readers!

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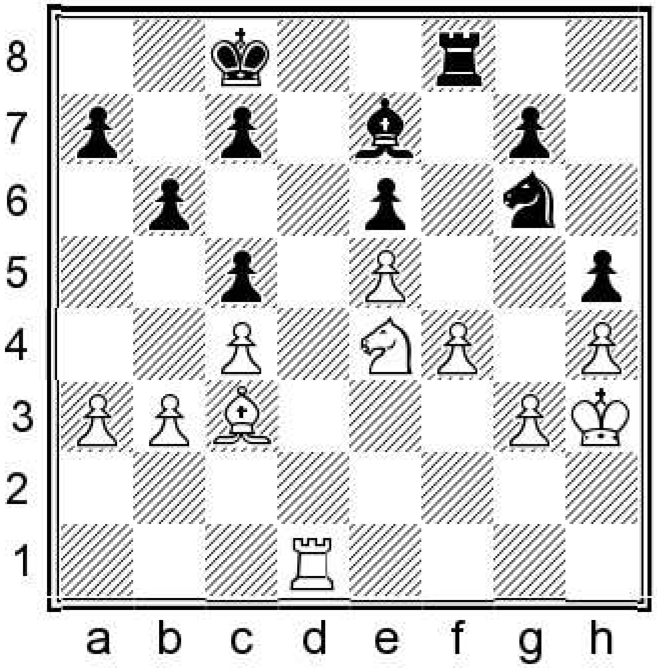
**Popilski, Gil - Kannappan, Priyadharshan (2063)**
**Chalkidiki, 2003**



Looking at the pawn structure many of you would guess that this game came out of the Berlin endgame. This was my first ever Berlin endgame, and the move that I played here was so memorable for me that I ended up falling in love with Berlin Defense for Black, that I even published a book *The Modernized Berlin Wall Defense* in 2019.

Let's have a look at the position, and we can instantly recognise that the knight on g6 is poorly placed, and we have some great outpost squares on f5, g4 that the knight would love to position itself at. Then I came up with the following knight manoeuvring strategy.

**28...♘h8!** The knight to the corner, as I am aiming to manoeuvre the knight to f5.

**29.♖d2**

29.b4 with more complications: 29...cxb4 30.axb4 ♘f7 31.b5 ♘h6 32.♗e1∞

**29...♘f7 30.♘g5 ♗xg5 31.hxg5**

31.fxg5 ♘d8 32.♔g2 ♘c6∞ I like Black's chances in this position.

**31...g6** The pawn structure is pretty much fixed, and the centre is closed, making the white bishop useless in this position.

**32.♔g2?!** White isn't taking the Black's manoeuvring plan seriously.

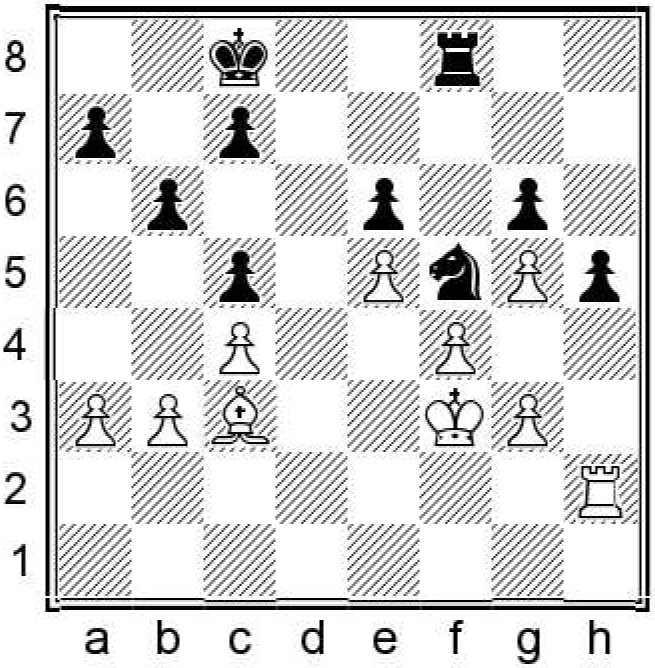
32.g4 hxg4+ 33.♔xg4 ♖h8 34.b4 ♖h1 35.bxc5 bxc5 36.♖d3=

**32...♘d8 33.♔f3 ♘c6 34.♔e4 ♘e7 35.♖h2?**

35.♖d1= keeps the balance.

**35...♘f5∓** The knight has landed on a dream outpost after doing a lengthy sojourn, and this knight manoeuvre is something that I am really proud of!

**36.♔f3**



**36...♖d8!** Black's pieces are getting into the White's territory!

**37.♖c2?**

37.♖d2 ♖xd2 38.♗xd2 ♘d4+ 39.♔e4 ♘xb3 40.♗c3 ♔d7-+

**37...♖d3+-+ 38.♔e2 ♖xg3 39.b4 ♖g2+ 40.♔d3 ♖xc2 41.♔xc2 h4 42.bxc5 h3 43.cxb6 axb6 0-1**

I hope all these examples have convinced you to move the knight to the corner of the board if the position demands playing such a extravagant manoeuvre.

# Dr. TARRASCH'S NIGHTMARE

By GM Michael Prusikin

## “SPRINGER AM RAND BRINGT KUMMER UND SCHAND”

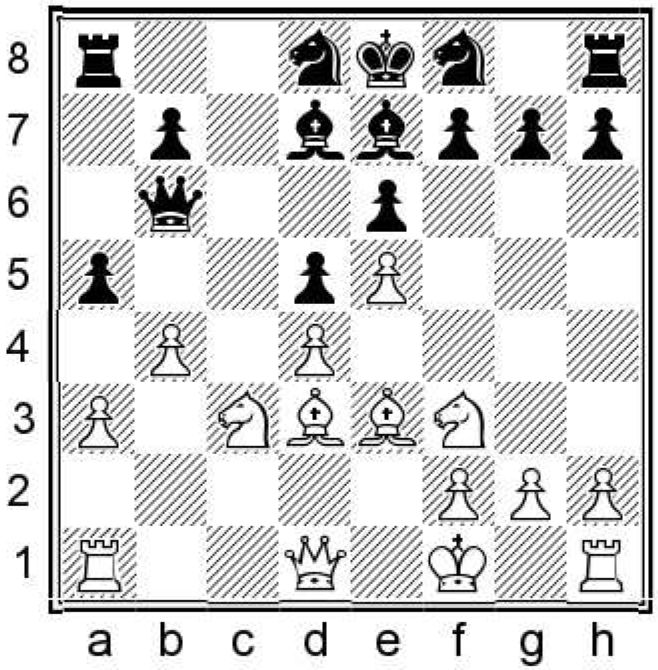
"Springer am Rand bringt Kummer und Schand" is how the famous chess saying sounds in German original. "A knight on the rim is dim!" is the most common English translation of the well-known quote by Dr. Tarrasch. Obviously, the German maestro was absolutely right - in most cases a knight needs a central outpost to develop his full strength, and it is badly placed at the edge of the board. But the topic of this article are some typical exceptions to this rule, which might be very useful in some practical situations.

Let us start with a classical game:

**Alekhine, Alexander - Capablanca, Jose Raul**
**Nederland, 1938**

**Michael Prusikin**

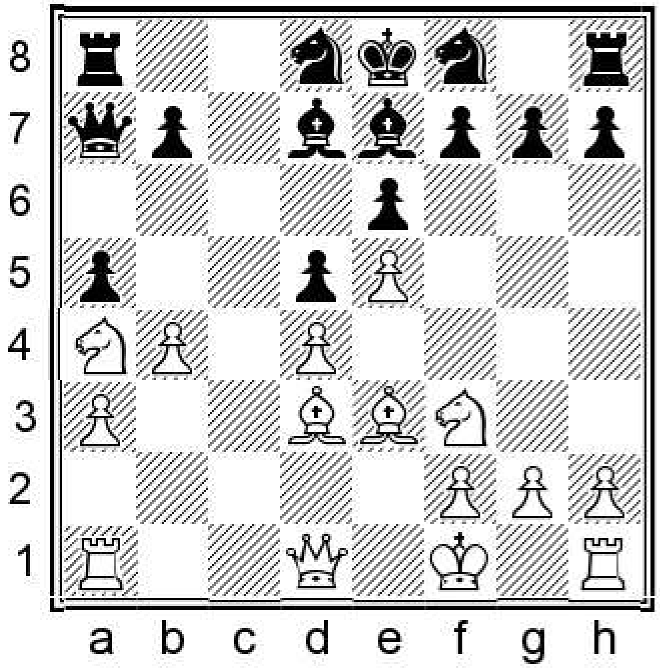
- **Country:** Germany
- **Born:** 1978
- **Rating:** 2547
- **Peak rating:** 2571
- **Title:** Grandmaster since 2004



**15.♘a4** - good enough, but an even better implementation of the same idea was to start with 15.b5!

15.b5!

**15...♕a7**



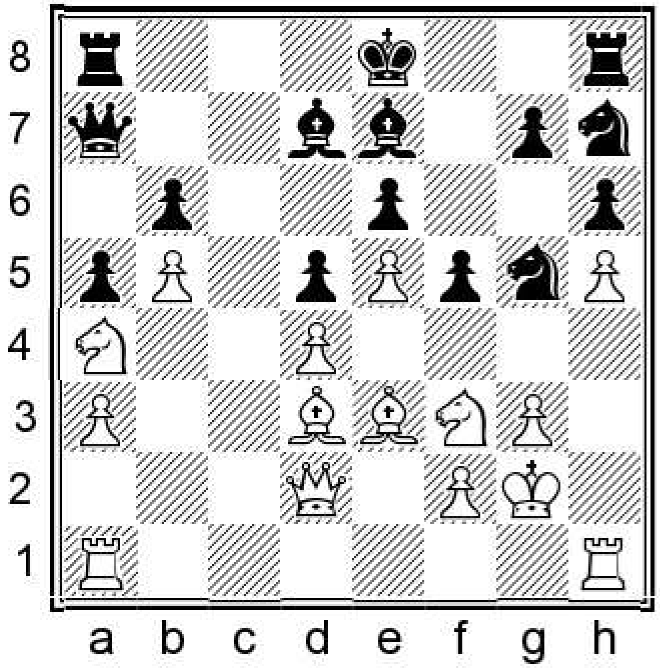
15...♗xa4 was called for, even though White is clearly better after 16.♕xa4+ ♘d7 17.♗d2±

**16.b5!** This move creates a strong outpost for the white knight. The fact that the outpost is located on the edge of the bord is not a bug, but a feature: the knight is perfectly placed on a4, attacking the weak pawn on b6.

**16...b6** Let me introduce a new weakness! Although, this move was forced White was threatening 17.b6.

**17.g3 f5 18.♔g2 ♘f7 19.♕d2 h6 20.h4!** Gaining even more space by preventing g5.

**20...♘h7 21.h5 ♘fg5**

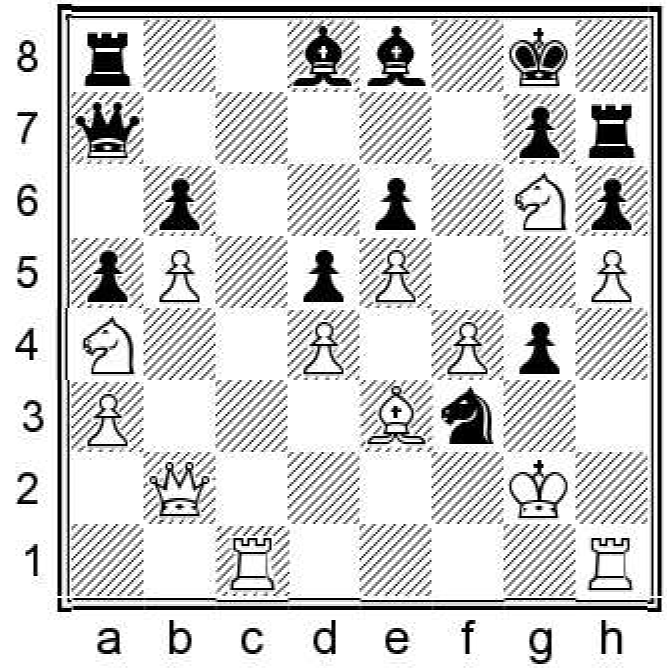


**22.♘h4!** Black's pieces are crammed together on the 7th and 8th ranks. Therefore the fourth World Champion avoids any unnecessary exchanges.

**22...♘e4 23.♕b2 ♔f7 24.f3 ♘eg5 25.g4!** The beginning of the end. Due to his poorly placed pieces Black has no chance to survive the opening of the position.

**25...fxg4 26.♗g6+ ♔g8 27.f4 ♘f3 28.♗xh7+!** This particular exchange is quite sensible because Black's rook will be stuck on h7.

**28...♖xh7 29.♘g6 ♗d8 30.♖ac1 ♗e8**

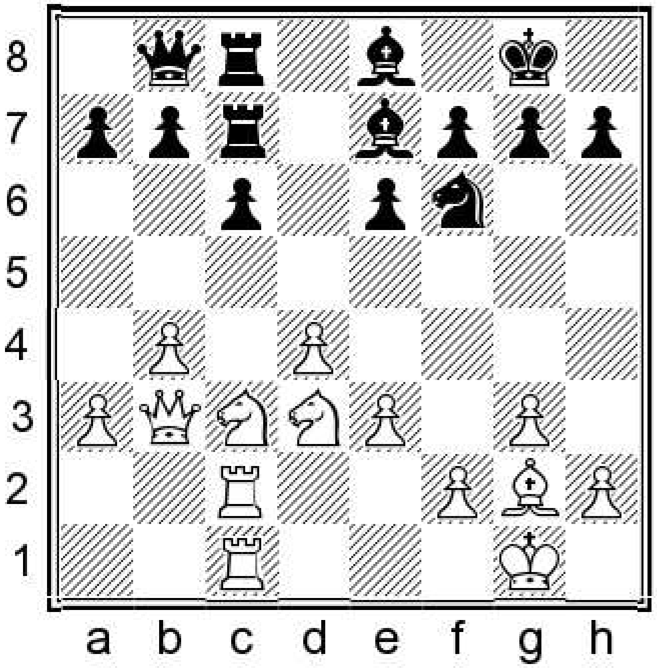


**31.♔g3!** A nice finish: His Majesty personally leads his army into the final battle.

**31...♕f7 32.♔xg4 ♘h4 33.♘xh4 ♕xh5+ 34.♔g3 ♕f7 35.♘f3 1-0**

We proceed with a modern implementation of Alekhine's idea:

**L'Ami, Erwin (2611) - Naiditsch, Arkadij (2702)**
**Deutschland, 2018**



Both sides have finished development. White has some space advantage, but Black's position is very solid and in the long run his bishop pair could become dangerous. First, he should manage to open the position by playing c5 or e5 at some point. Now it is time for White to choose a plan.

**21.a4!?** A logical approach. L'Ami gains even more space on the queenside and plans to fix his opponents paws by playing a5.

**21...b6** Preventing the idea mentioned above and planing to push c5.

21...a6 22.a5 ♘d5 23.♘a4±

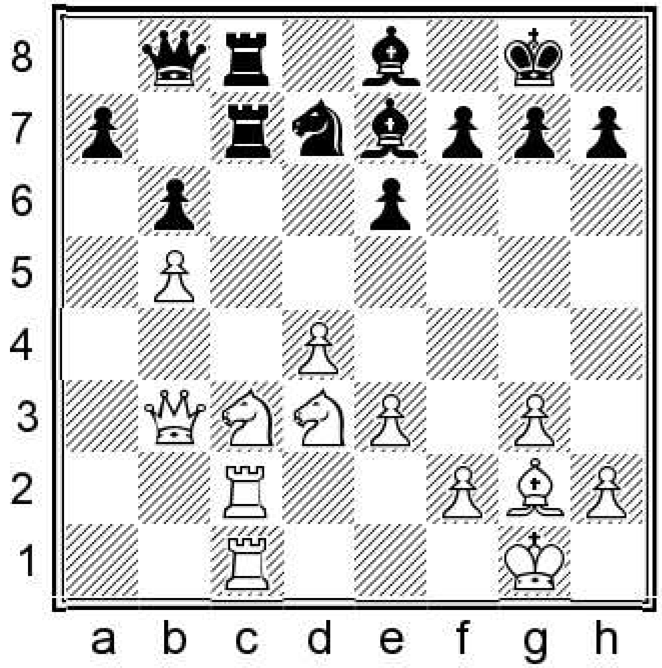
**22.b5!** With his last move, Naiditsch weakened the c6 square. The Dutchman immediately acquires a new target.

**22...cxb5**

22...c5?! was not better: 23.♘e5 cxd4 24.exd4± ×c6

**23.axb5 ♘d7**

*Stockfish* suggestion is 23...♗d6 This does not make much sence from the human point of view, and it does not solve Black's problems. 24.e4±



**24.♗c6!** A surprising and very strong move!

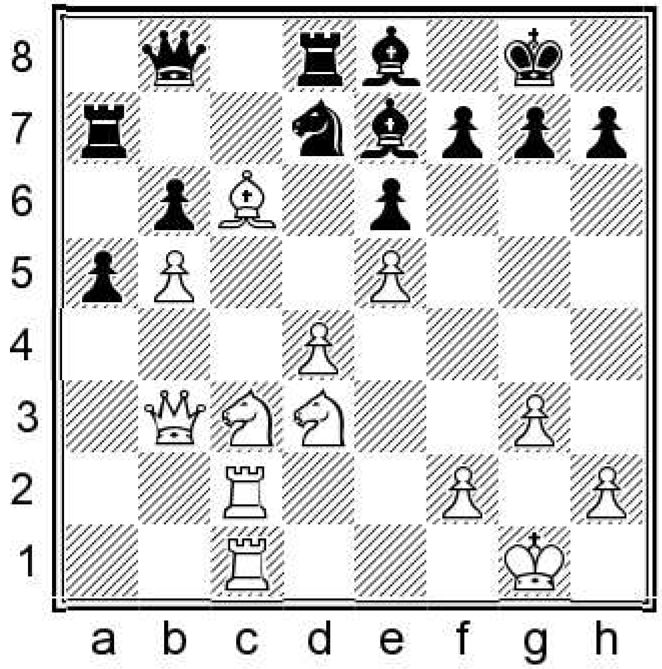
**24...a5** This move is an improvement for the a-pawn, but at the same time it creates a new weakness on b6.

24...♘f8 25.♗xe8 ♖xe8 26.♘e5+-;

24...♖xc6 This logical looking exchange sacrifice has a tactical refutation: 25.bxc6 ♖xc6 26.♘d5!+-

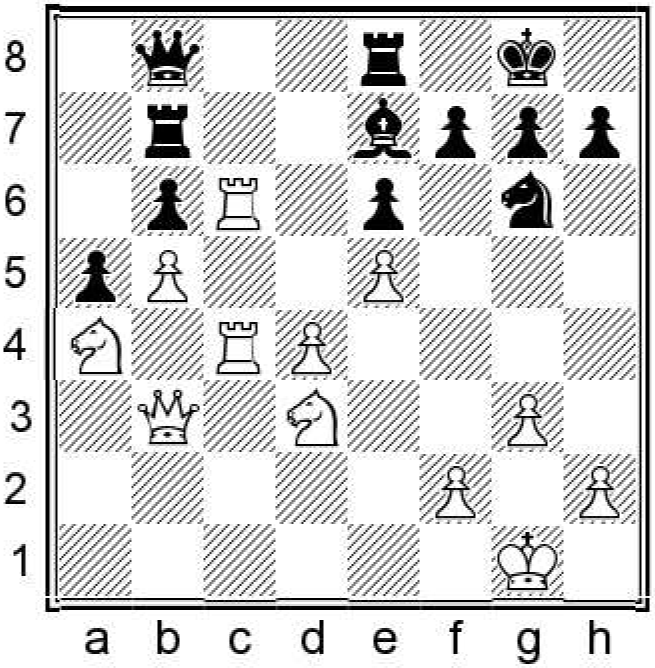
**25.e4!** Extending the space advantage even further.

**25...♖d8 26.e5 ♖a7**



**27.♘a4!±** Here it is - the "Alekhine knight"! Just like in the previous game, the a4 square appears to be a "dream square" for the knight. From there it stops the opponent's passed pawn and attacks the weakness on b6 at the same time.

**27...♘f8 28.♗xe8 ♖xe8 29.♖c6 ♖b7 30.♖1c4 ♘g6**



**31.♘f4!** The final accuracy. This move eliminates the last source of counterplay by exchanging the the black knight, which was on his way to d5.

**31...♘xf4 32.gxf4+-** Now White's position is strategically winning.

**32...♕d8 33.♕f3!** A kind of double attack: Black cannot prevent both threats 34.Rc8 and 34.f5.

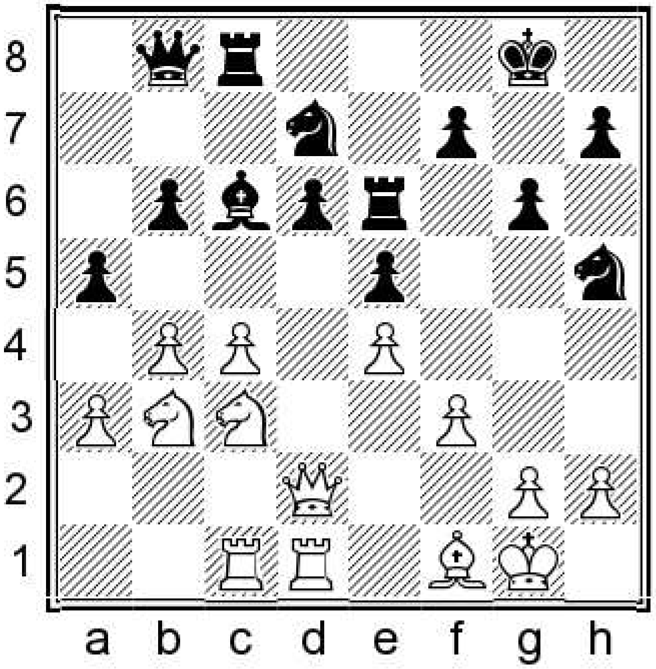
**33...♖b8**

33...g6 34.♖c8+-

**34.f5! exf5 35.♕xf5+-** Now White has a winning position. L'Ami converted convincingly.

**35...♗b4 36.♖c7 ♖f8 37.♖d7 g6 38.♖xd8 gxf5 39.♖xb8 ♖xb8 40.♔g2 ♔f8 41.♔f3 f6 42.♔f4 fxe5+ 43.dxe5 ♖d8 44.♘xb6 ♖d2 45.♔xf5 ♖xf2+ 46.♔e6 1-0**

**Hart, Terry - Stringer, Ivan M**
**corr, 2019**



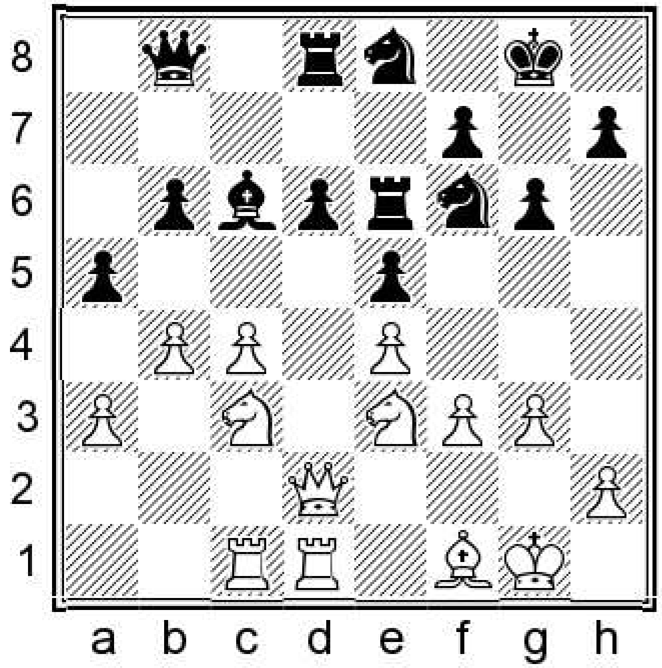
White is enjoying a huge advantage because of his superior pawn structure and better placed pieces. But, how can he make progress?

**25.♘a1!** "One step back, two steps forward", as V. I. Lenin put it. No, sorry, it was the other way round.

**25...♖d8 26.♘c2 ♘g7 27.♘e3** This is only the half of this knight's journey. Here it is perfectly placed, controlling a bunch of important squares, especially the central outpost d5.

**27...♘e8 28.g3!** Preparing to activate the bishop via h3.

**28...♘df6**



**29.b5!** This is a strange looking move, at a first glance: White fixes his pawns on the colour of his bishop and gives up the control over the important square c5. But, we are already familiar with the strategic idea. Hart creates an outpost for his knight on the edge of the board!

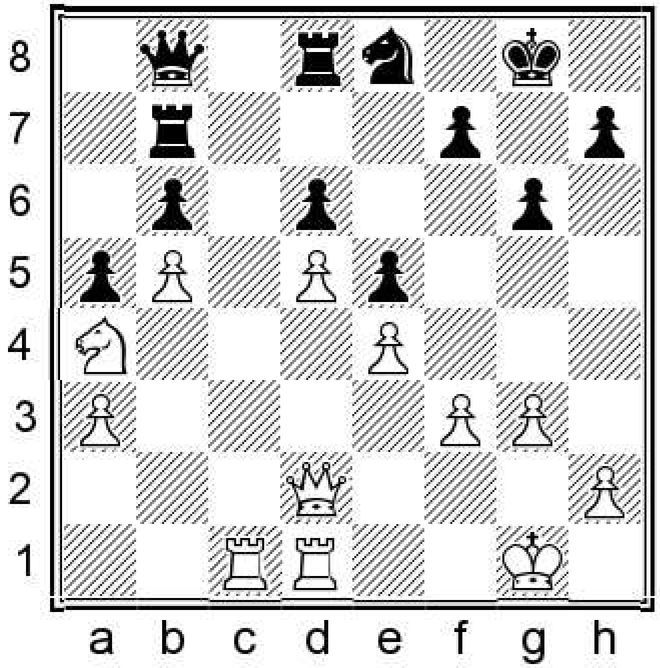
**29...♗a8 30.♘a4** The famous "Alekhine knight" is installed!

**30...♘d7 31.♗h3 ♖e7 32.♗xd7 ♖exd7 33.♘d5!** Forcing Black to open the c-file by taking on d5.

**33...♗xd5**

33...♖b7 34.♕e3+-

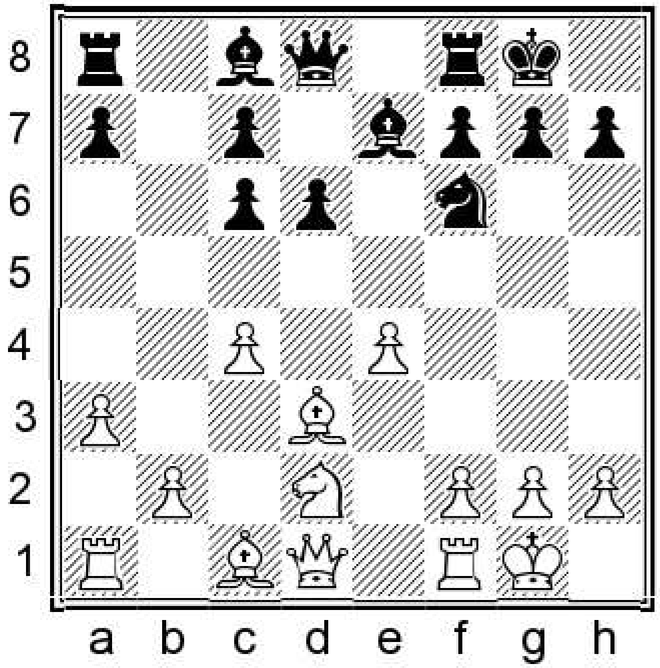
**34.cxd5 ♖b7**



**35.♖c6** "Occupying the outpost with a rook" was the topic of my article for the previous issue of the *Chess Informant* - a funny coincidence. Black is alredy completely lost because of the two weaknesses on b6 and d6.

**35...♘c7 36.♖b1 ♖f8 37.♕e3 ♘a8 38.♘b2 ♔g7 39.♘c4 ♖d8 40.f4 f6 41.♖f1 ♖f7 42.a4 1-0**

**Nakamura, Hikaru (2764) - Jobava, Baadur (2717)**
**Tashkent, 2014**



A complicated position arose from a rare opening line. White should be slightly better thanks to his better pawn structure and the control of the centre, but Black has good chances to equalise. To keep some pressure it is neccecary to prevent black from reaching the pawn setup with his pawns on a5 and c5, which would create a backward b2 pawn for White.

**11.♘b3!**

11.b4?! would have allowed Black to exchange his isolated a-pawn: 11...a5 12.♗b2 axb4 13.axb4 ♖b8 14.♖a4 ♘d7 15.♕a1 ♗f6=

**11...♖e8**

11...a5?! is positionally sound, but bad because Black would just lose the pawn: 12.♗d2! a4 13.♘a5 c5 14.♕xa4+-;

11...c5 12.♘a5 ♗d7 was probably more stubborn, although White's position remains preferable after 13.f4 (13.b4!?±) 13...♖b8 14.♕f3 g6 15.♖b1 ♘h5 16.♗d2±

**12.♘a5** This is an excellent position for the knight! Here it stops the a-pawn, attacks the weak pawn (or square!) and prevents the light-squared bishop from developing to b7.

**12...♗d7 13.♗f4** There is no reason at all to criticise this logical developing move, but some more forcing approach like

13.c5!?± looks even stronger.

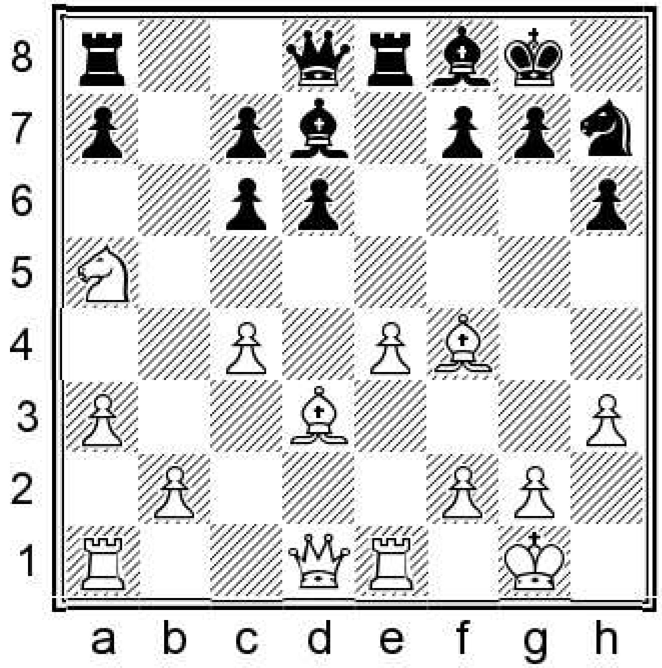
**13...♗f8 14.♖e1 h6?!** Baadur played this game in a really passive manner.

14...♘g4 15.♕d2 c5 was called for, as Sagar Shah already admitted. But even here there are no doubts about White's advantage. For example: 16.b4 ♘e5 17.♗f1 ♕f6 18.♖ab1±

**15.h3**

This is a good prophylactical move, which keeps Black's pieces away from g4, but 15.c5!? was still a very tempting option.

**15...♘h7** Once again Black chooses the most modest option.



15...c5 was not nice, but necessary.

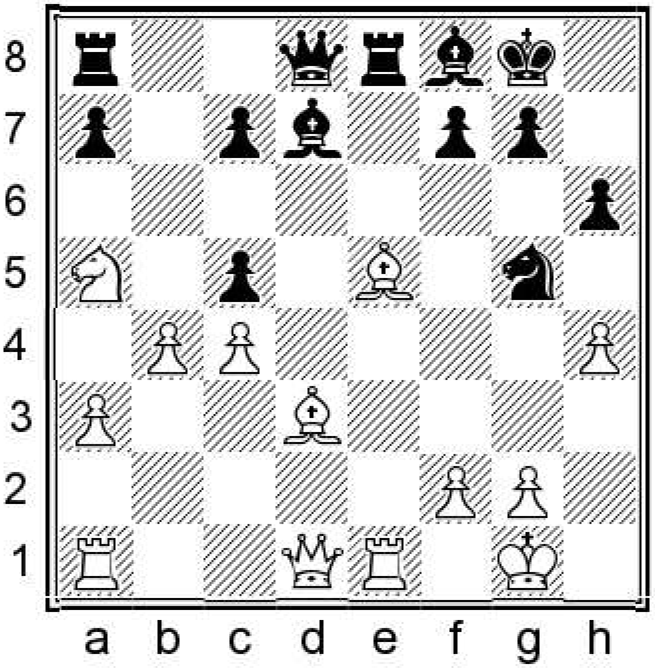
**16.e5!+-** This move destroys opponent's pawn structure and gives Nakamura a strategically winning position.

**16...♘g5** Finally, Jobava tries to create some counterplay.

The endgame would have been completely lost: 16...dxe5 17.♗xe5 c5 18.♗e4 ♖b8 19.♘c6 ♗xc6 20.♗xc6 ♕xd1 21.♖axd1 ♖e7 22.♔f1+-

**17.b4 dxe5 18.♗xe5 c5 19.h4** This move allows some counterplay.

19.b5+- was more precise.



**19...cxb4!** Not sufficient to save the game, but clearly the best try.

19...♘e6 20.♗e4 ♖b8 21.b5+-

**20.hxg5 ♕xg5 21.♗e4! ♗g4 22.♕b1! ♖xe5 23.♗xa8 bxa3**

23...♖xe1+ 24.♕xe1 ♕xa5 25.♗d5+-

**24.♖xe5 ♕xe5 25.♘b3?!** Good enough.

But 25.♕e1!+- was much easier.

**25...♗f5 26.♕c1 ♕b2 27.♘d2 ♗b4 28.♘e4 ♕xc1+**

28...♕d4!? was much more stubborn and would have forced Nakamura to find several difficult moves in a row to win the game: 29.♕d1! ♕e5 30.♘g3 ♗c2 31.♕c1 ♕b2 32.♗e4 ♕xc1+ (32...♗xe4 33.♘xe4 f5 34.♘g3 ♗c3 35.♕xb2 axb2 36.♖b1 a5 37.♘xf5 a4 38.♘e7+ ♔f7 39.♘d5 ♗d4 40.♘b4+-) 33.♖xc1 ♗b3 34.♘e2 a2 35.♗d3 a5 36.♖a1 a4 37.♘c1 ♗c3 38.♖xa2 ♗xa2 39.♘xa2 ♗d4 40.♔f1+-

**29.♖xc1 a5 30.♔f1 ♗d7 31.♔e2 ♗a4 32.♔d3 ♗b3 33.♘c3 a2 34.♖a1 1-0**

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## We will conclude this article with some exerices:

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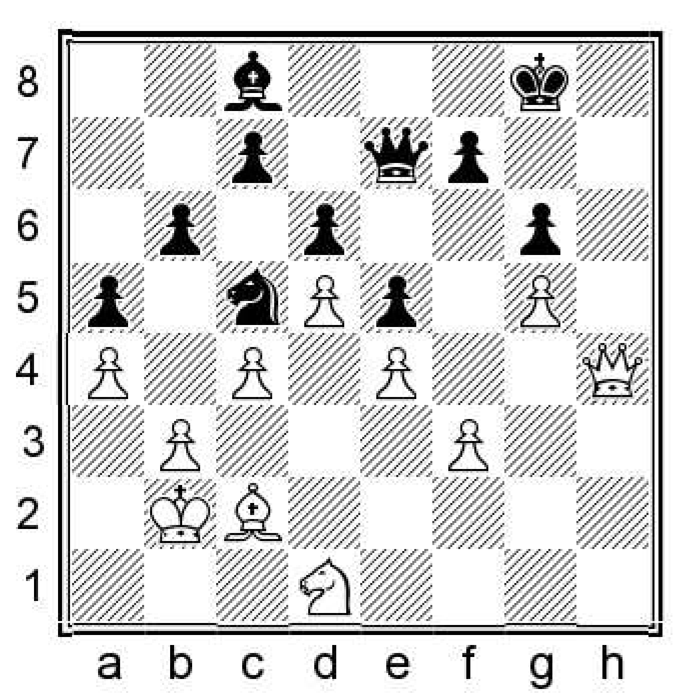
**La Habana, 1952**



What is the best plan for Black?

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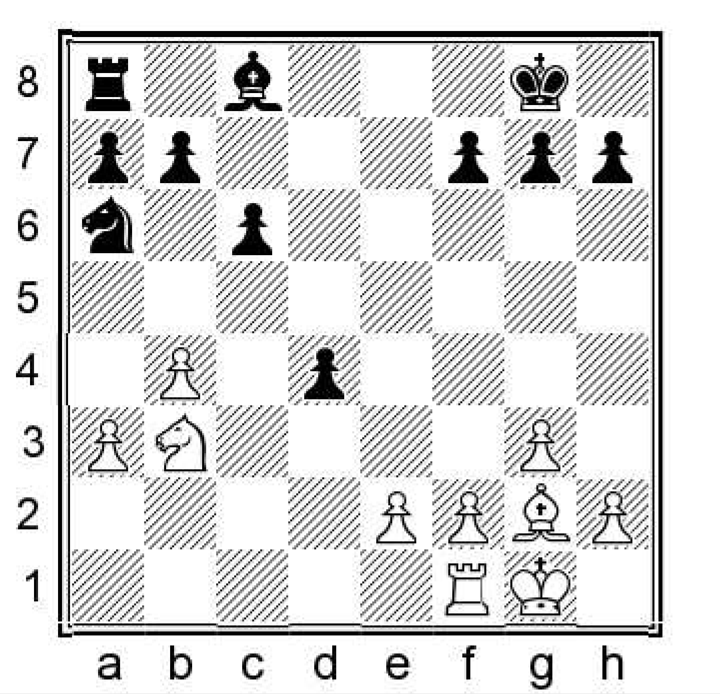
**32...♘d7!** The knight starts his journey to h7, aiming to pick up the white pawn on g5. Surprisingly, White has no defence against this simple plan: **33.♘e3 ♘f8-+**

**Prusikin, Michael (2519) - Skripchenko, Almira (2456)**
**Pulvermuehle, 2004**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Find the best setup for White.

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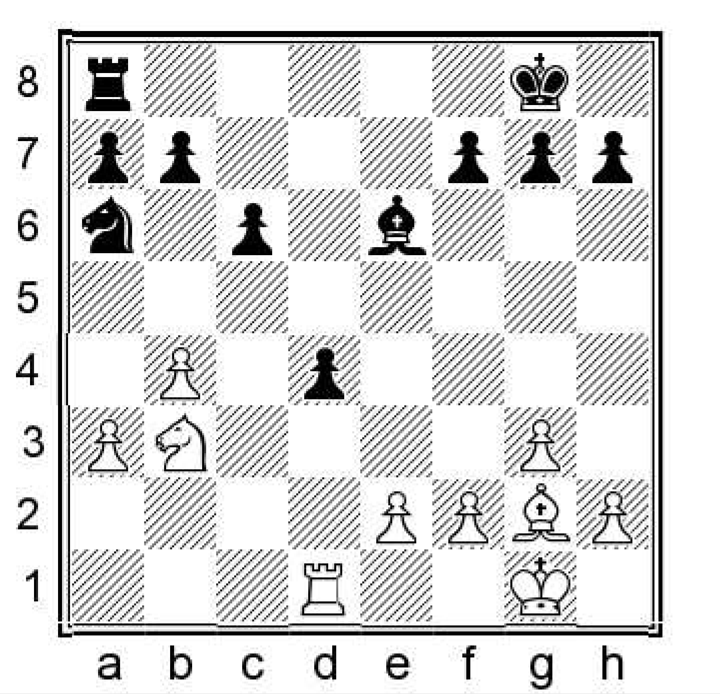
**24.♖d1 ♗e6**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**25.♘a5!** The point of 24.Rd1. The knight is perfectly placed on a5, where it attacks the black pawn on b7 and forces Black to protect it with the rook, which is obviously misplaced on b8. **25...♖b8 26.♖xd4 ♔f8**

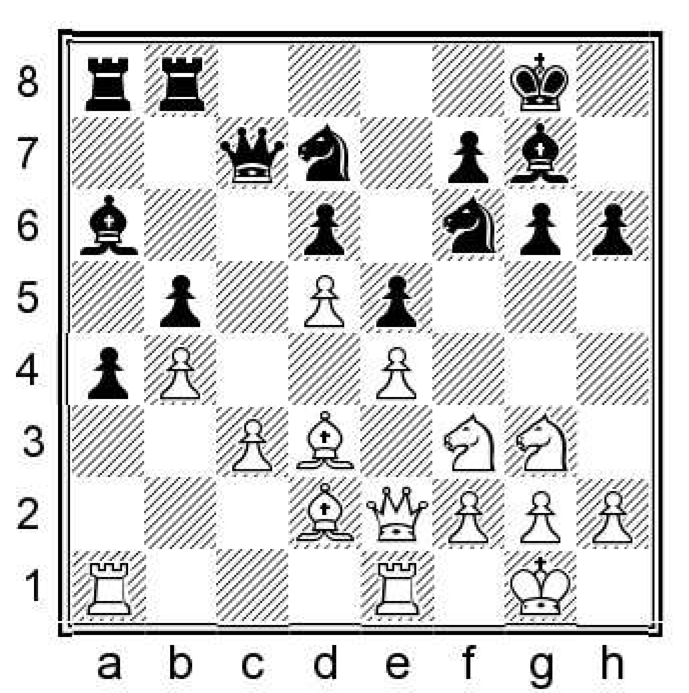
26...c5? 27.bxc5 ♘xc5 28.♘xb7!+-

**27.♖d3!** This is a good prophylactical move, aiming to prevent c5.

27.f4?! c5 28.bxc5 ♘xc5 29.f5 ♘b3 30.♘xb3 ♗xb3 31.♖d7 ♔e8 32.♖c7 ♔d8 33.♖xb7 ♖xb7 34.♗xb7 ♔c7=

**27...♘c7 28.f4 g6 29.♔f2 f5 30.h3±** White is slightly better. I managed to win the game after a long fight.

**Singer, Christoph (2334) - Wozniak, Mariola (2166)**
**Wien, 2016**



How to improve White's position?

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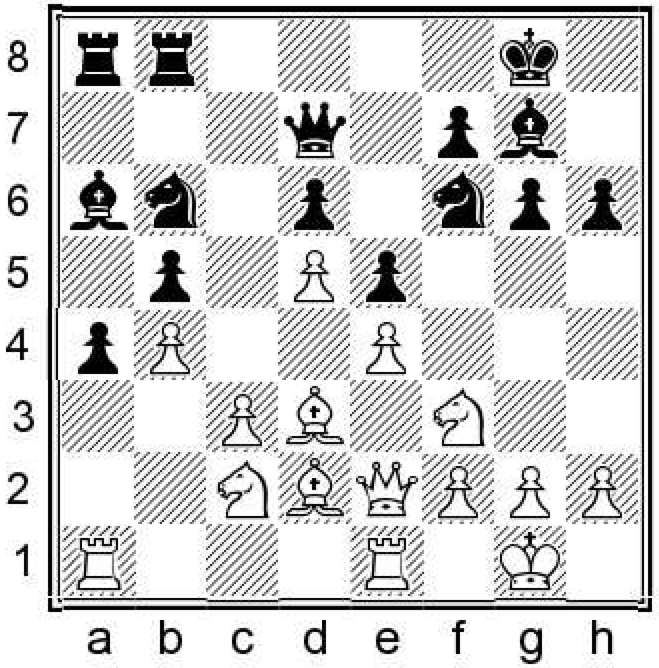
**21.♘f1!** - transfering the knight to a3! **21...♘b6 22.♘e3 ♕d7 23.♘c2?**



This is an impatient move, which allows a surprising counterplay. After something like

23.♘h4!? White would still threaten Nc2-a3, and he would also be able to attack on the kingside. But, first of all, he would stop any counterplay by Black.

**23...♘e8?** With

23...♖e8!! Black could have created a strong threat 24...Nd5, equalising immediately: 24.♘a3 (Even 24.♘e3 does not stop Black from taking on d5: 24...♘bxd5! 25.♘xd5 ♘xd5 26.exd5 e4 27.♗xe4 f5 28.♗xf5 ♕xf5 29.♕xe8+ ♖xe8 30.♖xe8+ ♔f7 31.♖ae1 ♕d7=) 24...♘bxd5 25.exd5 e4 26.♗xb5 ♗xb5 27.♕xb5 exf3 28.♕xd7 ♘xd7 29.♖xe8+ ♖xe8 30.gxf3 ♘b6=

**24.♘a3± f5 25.♘h4! fxe4?! 26.♕xe4 ♘f6 27.♕xg6+-** Surprisingly, white failed to win this position. Game ended in a draw.

# ROGERS' REMINISCENCES
# The Past is a Foreign Country

By GM Ian Rogers

## SYDNEY 2000

### FIDE'S Invisible Olympic Chess Exhibition

"Don't you know who I am?" FIDE Chairman Florencio Campomanes demanded of the VIP accreditation officer the day before the opening ceremony of the Sydney Olympic Games.

20 minutes of fast talking later, including prominent mention of his "good friend" International Olympic Committee President Juan Antonio Samaranch, Campomanes had achieved more than he expected. The former FIDE President was driven from the accreditation office to the Hyatt Hotel by a limousine with his personal chauffeur, his hand grasping a golden ticket providing entry to each and every Olympic event, from athletics to handball, plus seats at the opening and closing ceremonies.

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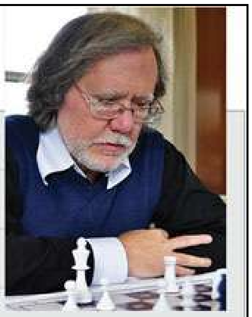


- **Country:** Australia
- **Born:** 1960
- **Rating:** 2545
- **Peak rating:** 2618
- **Title:** Grandmaster since 1985

In late 2020, the International Olympic Committee selected four new sports for the 2024 Paris Olympics. The four sports chosen - surfing, skateboarding, climbing and break-dancing - and the reasons given for choosing them, made obvious something that the chess world had been reluctant to accept for decades. Chess is unlikely to be a serious candidate for inclusion in future Olympics.

Back in 2000, optimism in the chess world about chess' Olympic prospects abounded. A year earlier chess had been recognised as a sport by the International Olympic Committee, a move which helped some countries join their local Olympic Committee for the first time and consequently receive government funding.

*Olympic Torch Relay ACF President Graeme Gardiner, Gold Coast 2000*

However to take the next step and become a sport taking part in the Olympic Games, Summer or Winter, chess needed support from IOC members. By the time of the 2000 Sydney Olympics chess had fewer than ten supporters - and one of them - the co-sponsor of the 1993 FIDE World Championship match between Karpov and Timman, Bob Hasan, was soon forced to resign after being sent to jail for corruption.

Nevertheless, that optimism led FIDE to organise one of the strangest events I have ever witnessed: the chess exhibition at the Sydney Olympics Athletes Village.

## Advertising and Reality

Chess! At the Olympics! The story went around the chess world quickly - there was to be a chess spectacle during the Sydney Olympic Games. A fortnight before the start of the Olympics, one fifth of the world's population were told about it:

> ### FIDE Tries to Gain Olympic Berth for Chess
>
> The International Chess Federation (FIDE) will hold two high-profile exhibition matches during the Sydney Games in a bid to show that the sport deserves to enter the Olympic family.
>
> Ilyumzhinov said the first match will feature a cross-sex battle between Men's World Champion Alexander Khalifman and Women's World Champion Xie Jun, while the second will be played between world #3 Viswanathan Anand of India and world #4 (sic) Alexei Shirov.
>
> China *People's Daily*, September 1 2000

The FIDE President, Kirsan Ilyumzhinov, had a vivid imagination. The Xie - Khalifman match was probably invented to keep *Xinhua* happy, as the Sydney organisers never knew anything about it. Later FIDE would begin promoting the participation of Alexandra Kosteniuk and Australian GM Darryl Johansen, and continue long after the players had declared their unavailability.

However, Anand and Shirov were happy to make a whirlwind trip to Sydney, and it was hoped that these two stars would attract a large audience of chess fans.

Anand was on a very tight schedule. He was competing at the World Cup in Shenyang which concluded two days before the Sydney Olympics began. Anand was due to fly home to Chennai before Sydney and knew that if he was not knocked out early he would have little time at home.

As might be expected given Anand's extraordinary record in knockout events - the Indian star won the FIDE Knockout World Championship a few months after the Sydney Olympics - Anand survived all the way to the final where he convincingly defeated Evgeny Bareev.

**C11**
**Anand, Viswanathan (2762) - Bareev, Evgeny (2702)**
**Shenyang (m/2) 79/254, 2000**

**1.e4 e6 2.d4 d5 3.♘c3 ♘f6 4.e5 ♘fd7 5.♘ce2 c5 6.c3 cxd4 7.cxd4 f6 8.♘f4 ♗b4+ 9.♗d2 ♕b6! 10.♗xb4 ♕xb4+ 11.♕d2 ♕xd2+ 12.♔xd2 ♔e7 13.exf6+ gxf6 14.♖e1 ♘b6 15.♘f3N**

15.♗d3 Bezgodov,Alexei 2576 - Sakaev,Konstantin 2648, Russia (ch-m/ 3) 1999 - 77/271

**15...♘c6 16.♗b5 ♗d7**

16...♘a5 Δ a6

16...♘d8 Δ a6

**17.♗xc6 bxc6 18.♖e2! ♖ae8**

18...♖ab8 19.♘xe6 (19.♖he1 ♘a8 20.b3 (20.♖xe6+ ♗xe6 21.♖xe6+ ♔f7 22.b3 ♖bc8 23.♘h4 ♖he8 24.♖d6 ♖e4) 20...♘c7) 19...♘c4+ 20.♔c3 ♗xe6 21.♖he1

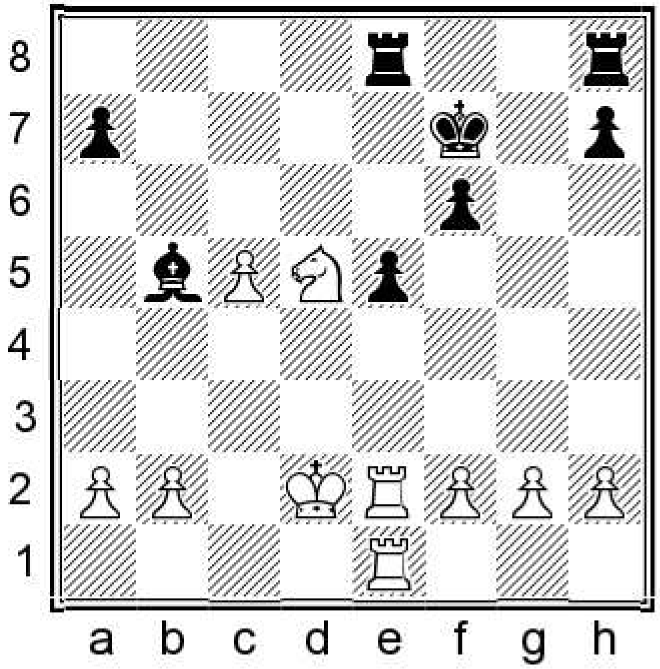
**19.♖he1 ♔f7**

19...♔d6! 20.♘h5 ♖ef8! (20...♖hf8 21.♘g7! ♖e7 22.♘f5++-) 21.♘g7 ♘c4+ 22.♔c3 e5 23.b3 ♖hg8! (23...e4 24.bxc4 exf3 25.c5+ ♔c7 26.gxf3+-) 24.bxc4 ♖xg7 25.dxe5+ fxe5 26.♘xe5 ♖xg2 27.♘xd7 ♔xd7

**20.♔c1⩲ ♘c4 21.♘d2! ♘xd2 22.♔xd2 c5 23.dxc5 e5 24.♘xd5!**

24.♘d3=∞

**24...♗b5**



**25.♔c3! ♗xe2 26.♖xe2** [R 9/n] **26...♖c8?**

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**27.♔c4 ♔e6**

27...a5 28.a3 a4 29.♘b6

**28.b4! ♖hd8 29.♖d2 ♖d7 30.f4**

30.b5 ♖cd8=

**30...e4**

30...♖cd8 31.c6 ♖d6 32.f5+ ♔xf5 33.c7! ♖c8 34.♘e7+ ♔e6 35.♖xd6++-

**31.♖d4 f5 32.g4 ♖g7**

32...♖cd8 33.c6 ♖d6 34.gxf5+ ♔f7 35.b5! e3 36.c7 e2 37.♖e4!+- (37.cxd8=Q?? ♖xd8 38.♖e4 ♖e8)

**33.♘e3+- fxg4 34.♖d6+ ♔f7 35.♘f5 e3**

35...♖g6 36.♖xg6

**36.♘xg7 ♖e8 37.♘xe8 e2 38.♖f6+**

38.♖f6+ ♔e7 39.f5+-

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## Olympic Dreams

*Florencio Campomanes and Nona Gaprindashvili, Sydney 2000*

Those matches, which will be held at the Olympic Athletes Village in Sydney, "are aimed to speed up the process of chess being incorporated into the Olympic Games," Ilyumzhinov told *Xinhua*.

Indeed for much of his reign as FIDE President, Ilyumzhinov asserted that chess was just one or two steps away from becoming a full Olympic sport - and he repeated that so often that many believed him.

Alexei Shirov: "When I played Anand in Sydney in 2000 I thought that the inclusion of chess was more or less certain."

Viswanathan Anand: "I believe chess can be a demonstration sport in Athens 2004 and then come into the full Olympic fold from the next Games."

The campaign had strong support from Mark Hodler, a former IOC Vice President and strong advocate for bridge, who visited the chess exhibition. Hodler explained: "Chess and bridge are partners; the two great intellectual sports. We have already achieved some small steps: obtaining recognition by the IOC as official sports and hosting some events in the Olympic Museum in Lausanne.

The IOC has been trying to move some Summer Olympic sports such as fencing or basketball to the Winter Olympics. However that usually involves the host city building new [stadia]. With chess and bridge all you need is a ballroom or a theatre, so chess and bridge are much cheaper for the organisers."

*Florencio Campomanes and Zhao Zong-Yuan,*
*Sydney 2000*

Unfortunately by 2000 Hodler was on the outer at the IOC for having exposed corruption in the bidding for the 2002 Salt Lake City Winter Olympics. Indeed, in 2002 the Olympic Programme Commission, strongly supported by the Australian Olympic Committee, had recommended that chess and all other mind sports not be eligible for any future Olympic competitions, and that this rule should be incorporated into the Olympic Charter.

Fortunately the IOC, while ruling out chess and bridge as eligible for the 2008 Beijing Olympic Games did not incorporate the ban on mind sports into the 2004 Olympic Charter and no such formal rule exists today. However chess and bridge, while still associate Olympic sports, are as far away as ever from being part of the Summer or Winter Olympics.

## The Invisible Exhibition

At first the chess exhibition had support from the Australian Olympic Committee, so long as the organisers made clear that chess was not an official Demonstration Sport. However later the AOC began sidelining the event, required a move from Darling Harbour in the centre of Sydney city to the isolated Athlete's Village "to avoid drawing attention away from the Olympics".

The AOC also kept changing the date: first September 25 and 26 were allowed, then only September 25 and finally, quite late, the exhibition was moved again to September 24. Sydney chess fans were also told that they were not welcome to attend without a personal invitation. (As the AOC had hoped, the match disappeared without a trace among the Olympic hype in the Australian media, though some coverage overseas was achieved.)

Athlete's Village was unsuitable for a picnic, let alone a chess exhibition. However on the morning of September 24, the organisers battled strong winds to erect a large white tent; enough to hold a chessboard, Anand and Shirov, plus some transmission equipment. To enable power and internet, 30 metre cables were connected to the nearest residence block. Add some tables and chairs for a simultaneous exhibition, some extra chairs for spectators and the Sydney 2000 chess exhibition was ready to go.

While few local fans were allowed to witness the event, FIDE officials (and their wives) came by the dozen.

All were using the chess exhibition as an excuse to get an all-expenses paid trip to the Olympics, but FIDE Chairman Florencio Campomanes went one better, as he was happy to relate afterwards.

The Filipino who had been deposed as FIDE President in 1995 and received the new title Chairman as compensation, arrived in Sydney early, just before the start of the Olympics, and immediately made a beeline for the Sydney Organising Committee office. Campomanes announced himself as the head of one of the IOC's biggest - in member nations - sporting bodies and that he wished to be accredited in the appropriate manner.

"Your name is not on our list," an embarrassed official replied, but Campomanes was not going to take no for an answer: "There must be a mistake - talk to my good friend (IOC President Juan Antonio) Samaranch!" he responded.

Exactly whom the Sydney official spoke to is unclear, but Campomanes left the office with a gold pass to attend all events at the Olympics, plus a limousine and driver at his service for the Olympic fortnight!

So, on the sunny afternoon of September 24, 2000, a few dozen people gathered in the middle of a deserted Athlete's Village to watch Anand and Shirov: a handful of journalists, two IOC officials - Holder and IOC Sports Director Gilbert Felli - some well-connected Australian chess fans and a junket of FIDE officials.

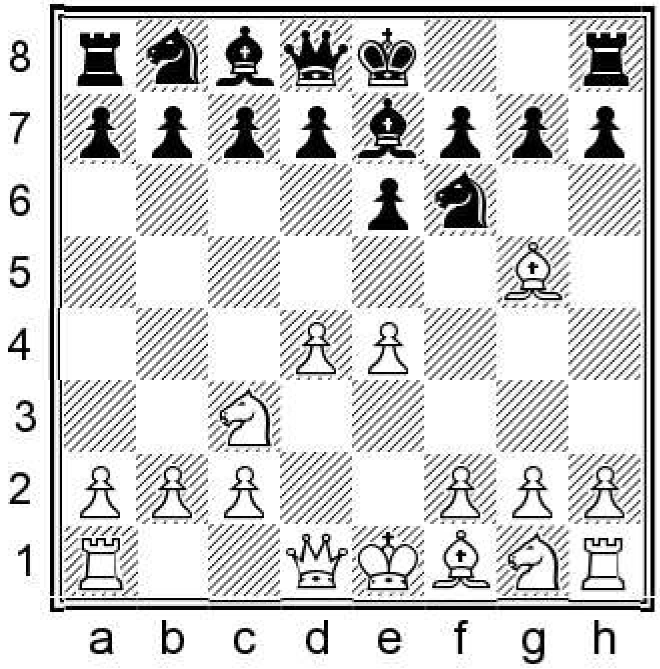
Half a dozen athletes whose Olympic programmes had finished also noticed the exhibition and wandered over to observe. Only one, from the Caribbean, asked what was going on and he ended up playing in a simultaneous exhibition against 14-year-old Zhao Zong-Yuan (later to become Australia's third Grandmaster with three GM norms in eight weeks in 2007/8).

Zhao Zong-Yuan, who had become Australia's youngest International Master a few months earlier, played 16 players in his Olympic simultaneous exhibition, mostly FIDE officials and Australian club players.

The following game was against an experienced tournament player who fails to take his chances when offered.

**A45**
**Zhao, Zong Yuan (2341) - Dunn, Paul**
**Sydney (sim), 2000**

**1.d4 ♘f6 2.♗g5 e6 3.e4 ♗e7 4.♘c3**



**4...O-O**

4...♘xe4!? is the critical continuation, leading after 5.♗xe7 ♘xc3 6.♗xd8 ♘xd1 7.♗xc7 ♘xb2 8.♗d6 to an endgame where White has good compensation for the pawn but nothing more.

**5.♗d3 h6 6.♗xf6**

Simple chess, but 6.♗e3 is more dangerous for Black.

**6...♗xf6 7.♘f3 d5 8.e5 ♗e7 9.♕e2 c5 10.dxc5 ♗xc5 11.O-O-O ♗d7 12.h4 a6?!** Too slow.

12...♕b6! 13.♖df1 ♖c8⇄ offers Black good counterattacking chances.

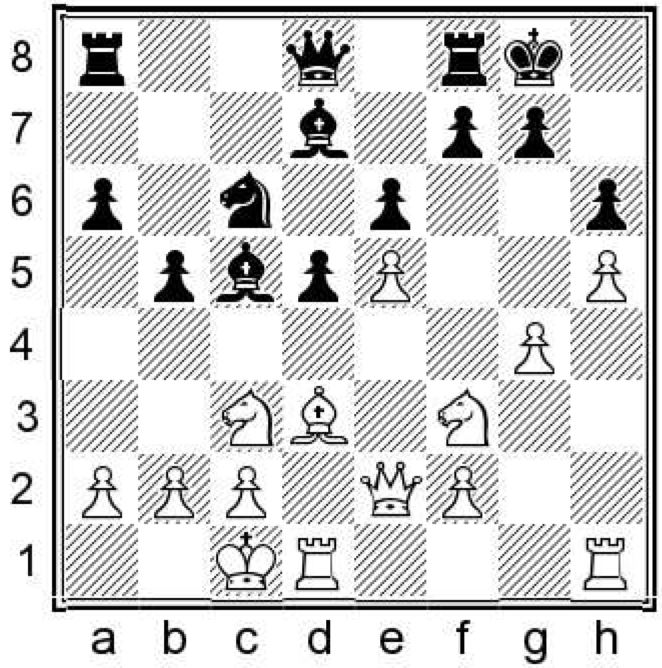
**13.g4 b5?!**

13...♘c6 maintains rough equality since White has no immediate breakthrough: 14.g5 h5 15.g6 fxg6 16.♗xg6 ♗e8! This is fine for Black because 17.♖dg1 walks into 17...♖xf3!

**14.h5?!**

After 14.g5 h5 15.g6!, Black is in trouble.

**14...♘c6!**



**15.g5 hxg5?**

Black needed to find 15...♘d4! 16.♘xd4 ♕xg5+!, when White's attack is faltering.

**16.♖dg1 f6**

16...♘d4 was best as now White crashes through.

**17.h6 gxh6?!**

17...g6 was the last chance.

**18.♖xh6 ♔f7 19.♖h7+ ♔e8**

On 19...♔g8 20.♘xg5! leads to mate.

**20.♗g6+ 1-0**

## Where's Alexei?

*Anands in Sydney 2000*

However while Anand was present at Athlete's Village, Shirov was nowhere to be seen...

The Latvian-Spaniard had suffered a nightmare trip to Australia, with cancelled and delayed flights, leading to a travel time of almost 40 hours. He arrived in Sydney early on the morning of the match, immediately went to his hotel in the city centre and started sleeping.

When a chauffeur came to pick Shirov up an hour before the first game, he was sound asleep and by the time he was ready to go it was close to game time.

Then, as the driver was speeding towards the Olympic complex with a sleepy Shirov, he called through to the organisers to say that the car was running out of petrol. Just keep going, the driver was told, and luckily the reserve tank lasted just long enough to bring Shirov to the front gate of Athlete's Village. A quick security check and a shuttle ride later and Shirov was sitting opposite Anand, albeit more than half an hour late.

World Cup Champion Anand arrived in Sydney from Chennai with his wife Aruna the day before the exhibition match and left two days later - "very rushed," recalled Anand. "Anyone who is thinking of visiting Australia for three days, I wouldn't tell them (to do the same as us). It was a ridiculously short stay for such a long trip."

As soon as Shirov managed to find his way to the tent, the match began...

Anand remembered: "It was a bizarre event. There seemed to be nothing (in Athletes Village) which would suggest that we could play any chess. Then suddenly [I was in a tent playing] this sharp high level Najdorf with Shirov!

"The match was over quickly, and then right back (to the hotel). I had no real idea what we were doing there and the event went by very fast. Then it was time to come back (to India)."

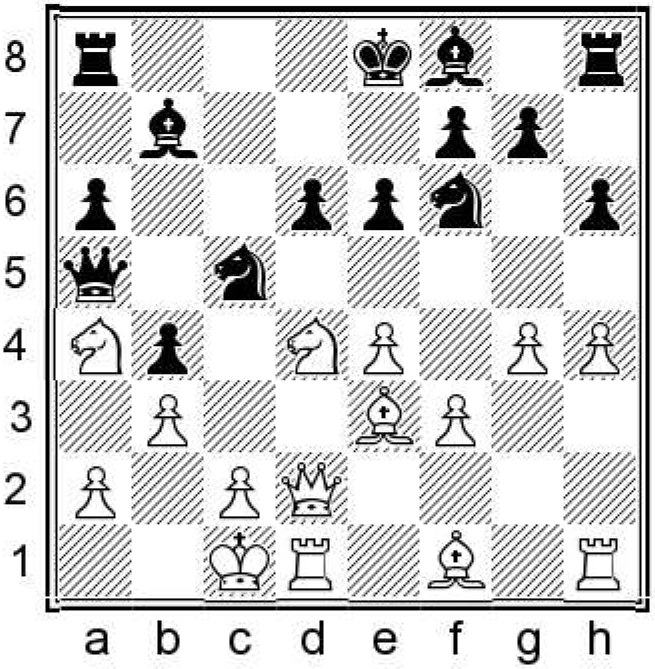
The first game was exciting, although most spectators on site at the Athletes Village did not see much of it. There was only one small television screen outside the tent showing the game, but in the bright sunlight it was hard to see the screen. So most people just sat in the sun or turned their attention to the simultaneous exhibition.

**B80**
**Shirov, Alexei (2746) - Anand, Viswanathan (2762)**
**Sydney (m/1-rapid), 2000**

**1.e4 c5 2.♘f3 d6 3.d4 cxd4 4.♘xd4 ♘f6 5.♘c3 a6 6.♗e3 e6 7.f3 b5 8.g4 h6 9.♕d2 ♘bd7 10.O-O-O ♗b7 11.h4 b4 12.♘a4**

An exceptionally trendy line at the time; by 2000, this move had almost completely replaced 12.♘b1 as the main line, thanks in large part to the efforts of a Russian junior named Alexander Grischuk.

**12...♕a5 13.b3 ♘c5**



**14.a3! ♘xa4**

The most natural move, but for a while Gelfand's 14...♖c8!? was thought to be Black's best try. However Anand, with White, used 15.♕xb4 (15.axb4?! ♘xb3+) 15...♕c7 16.♔b1! against Khalifman at the World Cup a few weeks before the Olympic exhibition and won comfortably (RR Anand,Viswanathan 2762 - Khalifman,Alexander 2667, Shenyang 2000 - 79/191). Then it was back to the drawing board for Gelfand. He found an improvement in the old line which he was able to use against Anand later in the World Cup and which Anand, now on the Black side, decides to follow here.

**15.axb4 ♕c7 16.bxa4 d5 17.e5 ♘d7**

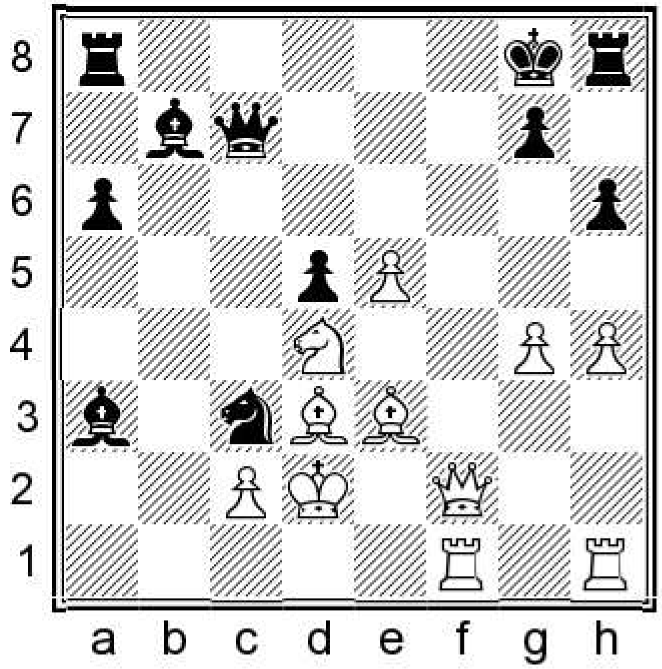
17...♕xe5 loses to 18.♗f4

**18.f4 ♘b6 19.f5**

19.f5 was Grischuk's novelty with which he had scored two victories in 1999 (RR Grischuk,Alexander 2549 - Popov,Valerij 2523, Saint Petersburg 1999 - 77/218; Grischuk,Alexander 2549 - Ibrahimov,Rasul 2396, Batumi 1999 - 77/219). Previously Black had been thought to be doing very well because of the game Topalov - Kasparov, Linares 1999, where Black held the edge after 19.a5 ♘c4 20.♕c3 ♕e7!? RR Topalov, Veselin 2700 - Kasparov,Garry 2812, Linares 1999 - 75/208

**19...♘xa4 20.fxe6 ♘c3! 21.exf7+** For a jet-lagged Shirov, it must have been a bonus to be able to play so many moves from memory!

**21...♔xf7 22.♗d3 ♗xb4 23.♖df1+ ♔g8 24.♕f2 ♗a3+ 25.♔d2**



**25...♘e4+!** This is the move which keeps Black alive.

25...♗b4 26.♕f5! gives Black severe problems.

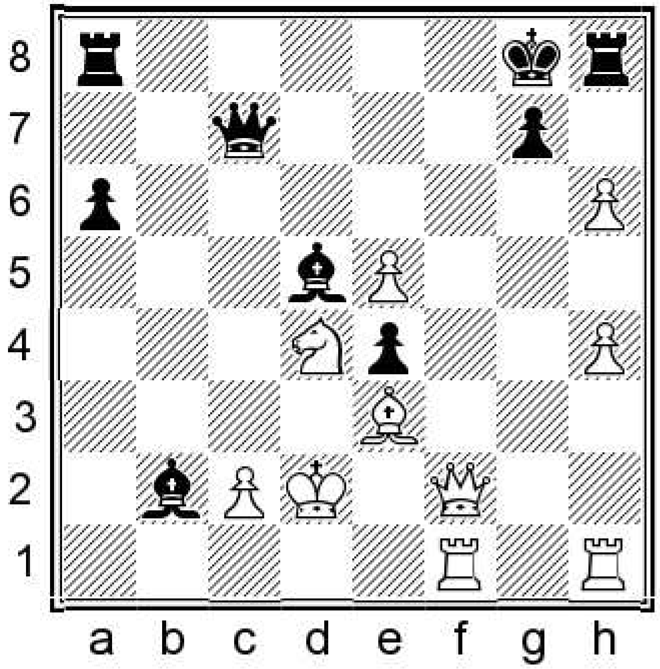
**26.♗xe4 dxe4 27.g5?!N** Shirov's attempted improvement.

On 27.♕f5 ♗b4+! 28.♔d1 ♕c4 29.♘e6 ♕d5+ 30.♔e2 ♕c4+ 31.♔d1 was agreed drawn in the aforementioned Anand - Gelfand game from the Shenyang World Cup. RR Anand,Viswanathan 2762 - Gelfand,Boris 2681, Shenyang (m/3) 2000 - 79/(189). Shirov's move was not new - it had previously been used in a correspondence game - but Anand comes well prepared.

**27...♗d5!**

27...♖f8? loses to 28.♕xf8+!; while 27...hxg5 28.♕f5! ♗b4+ 29.♔d1 also leaves Black in trouble.

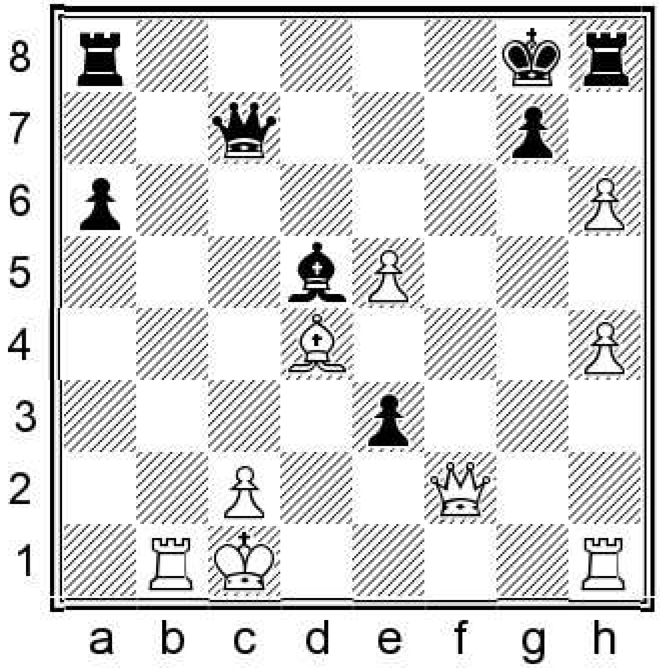
**28.gxh6 ♗b2**



**29.♖b1?!** The first new move, and a mistake.

On 29.hxg7 ♕a5+ forces 30.c3 when 30...♕xc3+ 31.♔d1 ♗b3+ 32.♘xb3 ♕xb3+ 33.♔e1 (On 33.♕c2? ♖d8+ 34.♗d2 ♖xd2+! wins for Black.) 33...♗c3+ 34.♗d2 ♕b1+ 35.♔e2 ♕d3+ is perpetual check.

**29...♗c3+! 30.♔c1? ♗xd4! 31.♗xd4 e3!**



**32.♕xe3!?**

Typical Shirov, sacrificing a whole rook because 32.♕g1 leaves Black with excellent attacking potential after 32...♖xh6! 33.♖h2 ♖f8! 34.♗xe3 ♖c6

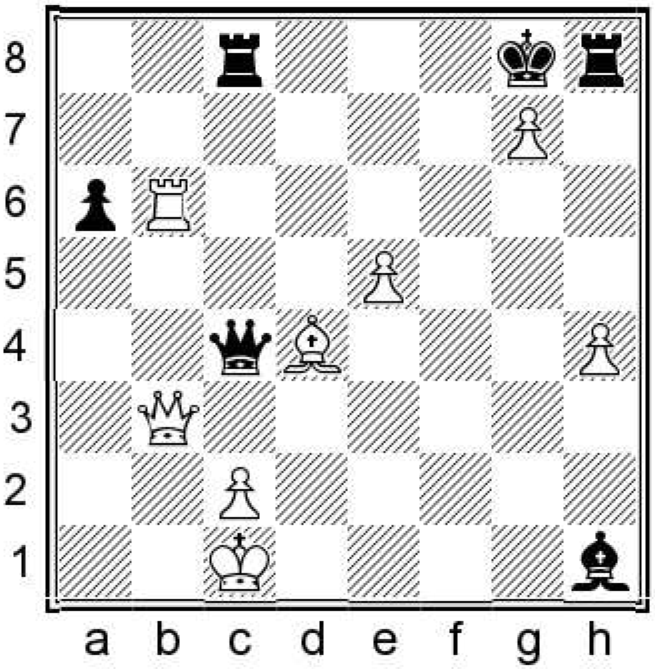
**32...♗xh1 33.♖b6!? ♖c8?**

As Anand later pointed out, 33...♗d5! 34.♖g6 ♖h7 35.e6 ♖c8 36.c3 ♕a5 would be winning for Black.

**34.♕b3+ ♕c4**

Anand later wondered whether he might have done better with 34...♕f7 but 35.hxg7 ♖xh4 36.♖b8 forces Black to transpose back into the game continuation.

**35.hxg7**



**35...♖xh4**

This leads to a forced draw, but 35...♔xg7 36.♕g3+→ leaves White with a winning attack.

However having seen this line, Anand failed to realise that 35...♖h5!? would negate the g3 check. At first the players thought this was winning but later analysis showed that after 36.♖b8 ♔xg7 37.♖xc8! ♕xc8 38.e6+ ♔h7 (38...♔f8?! 39.♗f6!) 39.e7 ♕e8 40.♕e6! White has just enough counterplay to force a draw.

**36.♖b8 ♕xb3 37.♖xc8+ ♔xg7 38.cxb3 ♖xd4 39.♖c7+!**

39.♖c7+ After 39...♔g8 40.♖a7, the last Black pawn falls and the draw is clear.

**1/2-1/2**

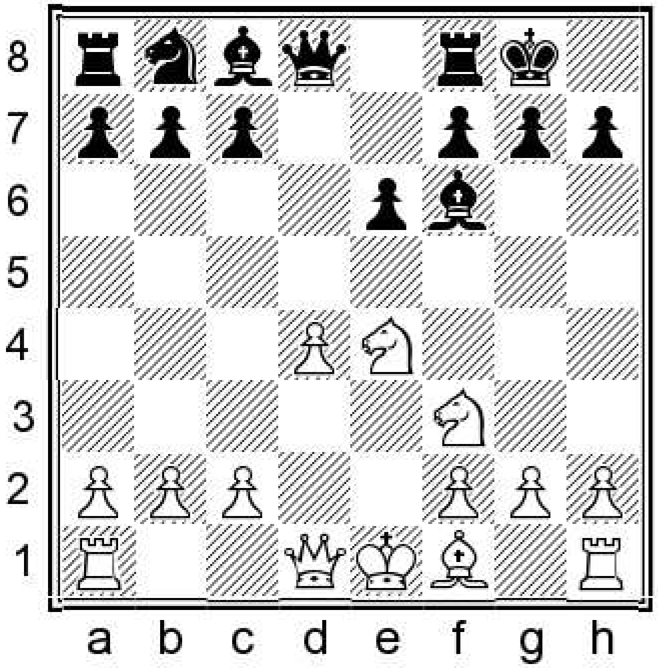
RR This game was published in *Chess Informant* 79/189 with Shirov's annotations.

After a ten minute break, during which the most common question to the players was "What happened?", the second game began. Anand played loosely and Shirov stood well, but he was happy to stay awake long enough to agree a draw on move 33.

**C13**

## Anand, Viswanathan (2762) - Shirov, Alexei (2746)
**Sydney (m/2-rapid), 2000**

**1.e4 e6 2.d4 d5 3.♘c3 ♘f6 4.♗g5 dxe4 5.♘xe4 ♗e7 6.♗xf6 ♗xf6 7.♘f3 O-O**



**8.♗c4** Not a particularly scary line for Black, though fashionable at the time.

It was three years later that Judit Polgar played 8.♕d2 against Berkes and won one of the greatest brilliancies of her career. 8...♘d7 RR Polgar, Judit 2715 - Berkes,Ferenc 2578, Budapest 2003 - 87/278

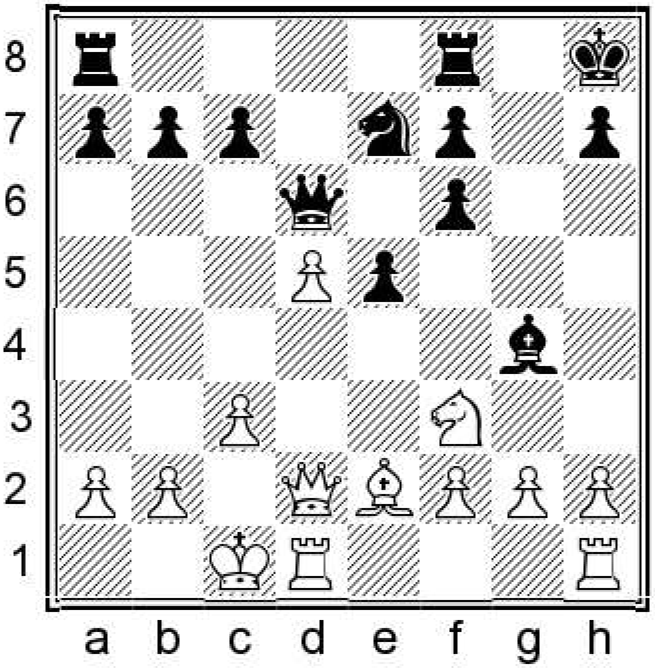
**8...♘c6 9.c3 e5 10.d5 ♘e7!?** A small surprise for Anand.

Shirov had already twice used 10...♘b8 that year with success (including a win against Leko), so a change was not expected. RR Leko,Peter 2725 - Shirov,Alexei 2751, Frankfurt (rapid) 2000 - 79/266; Hernandez Guerrero,Gilberto 2560 - Shirov, Alexei 2750, Merida 2000 - 79/(266)

**11.♘xf6+ gxf6 12.♕d2**

Three years later Shirov, with White, was to play the more dangerous 12.♘h4! ♘g6 13.♕h5 against Akopian and win convincingly. RR Shirov,Alexei 2697 - Akopian, Vladimir 2689, Kallithea 2002 - 86/295

**12...♔h8 13.O-O-O ♗g4 14.♗e2 ♕d6**



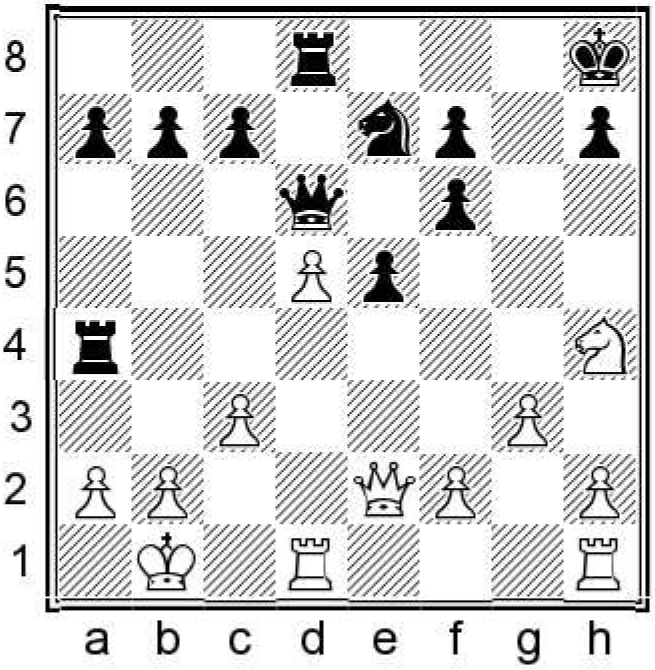
**15.♘h4!? ♖g8**

Accepting the sacrifice looks dangerous, especially in a rapid game, although after 15...♗xe2 16.♕xe2 ♘xd5 17.♕f3 c6 18.♘f5 ♕e6 19.g3 White has pressure for his pawn but not more.

**16.g3 ♖ad8 17.♗xg4 ♖xg4 18.♕e2?!**

18.♘g2!, headed for e3, kept a slight pull for White.

**18...♖a4 19.♔b1**



**19...♘xd5?!**

Safe enough, but with 19...♖a5! 20.c4 b5!, Shirov could have started a dangerous queenside attack.

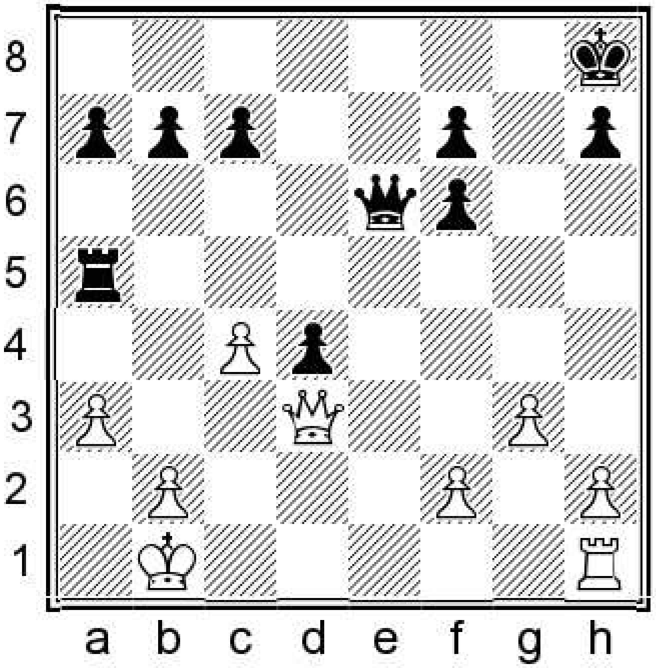
**20.♘f5?!**

20.c4? allows 20...♕a6!; but 20.♕b5! ♕c6 21.♕xc6 bxc6 should be fine for White, with even 22.♔c2!? ♖xa2 23.♖a1 ♖xa1 24.♖xa1 a viable option.

**20...♕e6 21.♘e3** Now White is simply a pawn down.

21.♕c2 b5 22.a3 offered some hopes to destabilise Black before he can consolidate.

**21...♖d6 22.♘xd5 ♖xd5 23.a3 ♖aa5 24.c4 ♖d4 25.♖xd4 exd4 26.♕d3**



**26...♖c5?!** Now jetlag starts to become apparent, perhaps for both players.

26...c5, followed by ...Ra6-d6, would have left Anand in big trouble.

**27.♕xd4?!**

27.♖c1 is already fine for White.

**27...♖xc4 28.♕d8+ ♔g7 29.♖d1 ♕f5+?!** Heading for a rook ending is completely unnecessary, given that Black's king is not faced with any serious threats.

**30.♕d3 ♕xd3+ 31.♖xd3 f5 32.♖d8 a5?** And now a blunder allowing Anand to draw immediately.

Instead 32...b6 retains the extra pawn and Anand would have to struggle long and hard to earn a draw.

**33.♖d5 a4** RR A fragment of this game was published in *Chess Informant* 79/(266) **1/2-1/2**

## Revenge

The evening after the exhibition, the players and FIDE officials, plus the local organisers, headed to the Golden Century restaurant for a lavish Chinese banquet.

At the end of the meal, many, including Ilyumzhinov, waited for a taxi back to their hotel. Campomanes called up his limousine and when the car and driver arrived, offered a stunned Iljumzhinov a ride. The FIDE President - ego bruised - declined.

The next day Ilyumzhinov hosted Shirov and the FIDE officials - but not Campomanes - at the boxing quarterfinals, where Kalmyk boxer Raimkul Malakhbekov was fighting (and winning).

Having discovered that the tickets he had organised to see the boxing were of little interest to Campomanes because he could go to any event he wanted, Ilyumzhinov plotted his revenge. He decided to head from Sydney to the Philippines the next day, and to require Campomanes to accompany him. Thus Ilyumzhinov might not have obtained a golden ticket for himself but at least he could prevent Campomanes from enjoying his for the final five days of the Olympics!

Mission completed, the Australian Chess Federation President Graeme Gardiner was sitting in a restaurant with his wife and friends, expressing satisfaction that the exhibition had been completed without incident. Gardiner had just finished watching local star Cathy Freeman win the 400m gold medal when his mobile telephone rang.

The caller was Emmanuel Omuku. The FIDE General Secretary explained that he and other FIDE officials were preparing to fly out of Sydney but needed to pay extras on their hotel bill. Would he mind giving Omuku the details of the ACF credit card, or, failing that, perhaps Gardiner's personal credit card? He promised that FIDE would pay the money back as soon as possible.

Gardiner, amused, outraged, but not really surprised, politely declined. This turned out to be a good decision; the reason Omuku was calling was because the FIDE treasurer David Jarrett had decided that too many extras - expensive phone calls in particular - had been put on some FIDE officials' room bills and he was refusing to cover them.

## Postscript

Over the next 18 years, chess as part of the Olympics was announced multiple times by FIDE President Ilyumzhinov but was never a realistic prospect. Meanwhile, many new sports were added to the Olympic programme, none of them mind sports.

Some chess federations have benefited from the 1999 IOC recognition by becoming part of their national Olympic committees. However Olympic recognition also brought drug testing to a sport where education about prohibited substances was and is non-existent. (FIDE's determination to protect strong players from doping infringements while penalising weaker ones compounded the disquiet with the testing regime.)

Ultimately, in 2021 there is no more chance of chessplayers marching in the opening ceremony of an Olympic Games than there was in 2000. However for one afternoon during the Sydney Olympics, chess fans could dream that that chance was higher than zero.

# FROM THE CHESS INFORMANT ARCHIVES

By Douglas Griffin

## Lubosh Kavalek (USA) v. Anatoly Karpov (USSR), 10th round, Caracas, 1st July 1970

This game was played in the Caracas tournament that was held during June and July of 1970. It was the event at which the 19-year-old Anatoly Karpov - then the reigning World Junior (Under-20) Champion - gained his grandmaster title. Later that year, he joined the world elite when he shared 1st-2nd place with Leonid Stein in the star-studded Alekhine Memorial tournament in Moscow, ahead of four World Champions.

Lubosh Kavalek took 1st place in Caracas, ahead of both Karpov and Stein. In his *Huffington Post* column of 13th July 2010, Kavalek wrote:

"I began the tournament in Caracas with the Czechoslovakian flag next to my chessboard, but in the middle of the event, at the United States Chess Federation's insistence, it was switched to the American flag. I started the *Presidente de la Republica* event as a Czech and won it as an American even before officially setting foot in my new adopted country. I arrived in New York one day after the tournament finished – on July 13, 1970 – exactly 40 years ago."

Kavalek defeated Karpov in their individual encounter, in an exceptionally fine game that he subsequently annotated for the American magazine *Chess Life & Review* (September, 1970) and for volume 10 of *Chess Informant*.

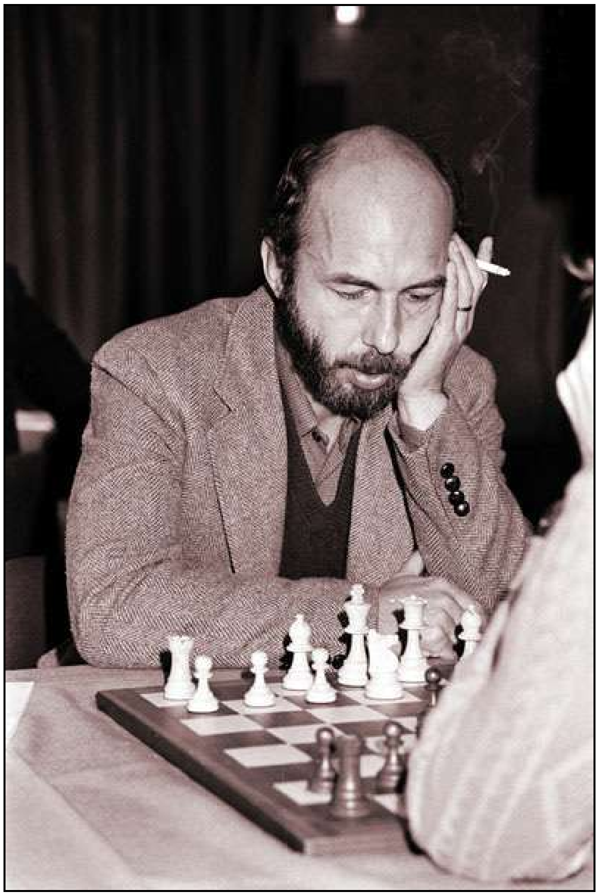
**C98**
**Kavalek, Lubomir - Karpov, Anatoly**
**Caracas 10/367, 1970**

*Lubosh Kavalek, pictured in play at Wijk aan Zee, 1982 (Photo: H. van Dijk, Anefo, via www.nationaalarchief.nl.)*

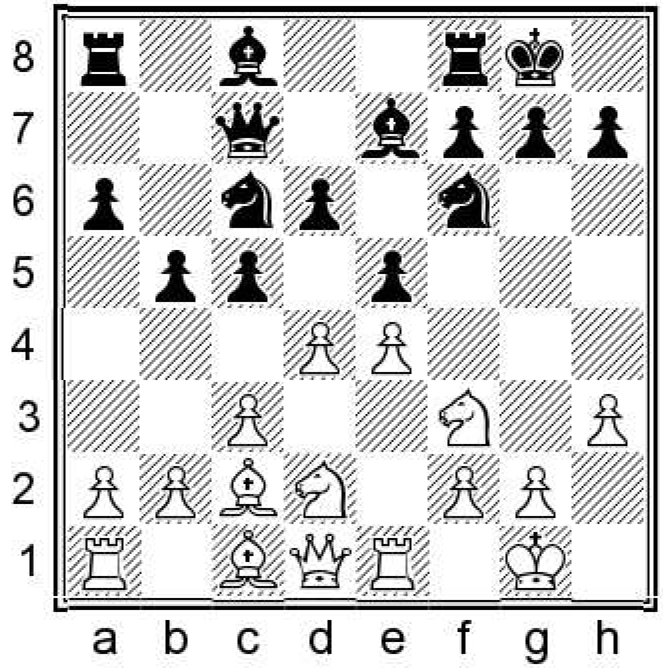
**1.e4 e5 2.♘f3 ♘c6 3.♗b5 a6 4.♗a4 ♘f6 5.O-O ♗e7 6.♖e1 b5 7.♗b3 d6 8.c3 O-O 9.h3 ♘a5** At that time this classical continuation was still considered to be the main line of the Spanish Game. Karpov had played this opening with either colour from very early in his career.

At the time of the present game, under the influence of his trainer Semyon Furman, he was in the process of switching to the system beginning with the move 9...♘b8 This was first popularised by the

Hungarian master Gyula Breyer, but it was subsequently refined by Furman and his Leningrad colleague Georgy Borisenko during the 1950s and 1960s.



**10.♗c2 c5 11.d4 ♕c7 12.♘bd2 ♘c6**



**13.dxc5** This idea is an old one that was popularised by the outstanding Soviet theoretician Vsevolod Rauzer. Though a revolutionary approach at the time, it subsequently became standard, employed in many games by the likes of Boleslavsky and Fischer. White exchanges in the centre, hoping to subsequently exploit the sensitive spots in Black's position at d5 and f5.

However, during the early 1970s satisfactory antidotes to it were finally found, and gradually White returned to the older continuation 13.d5

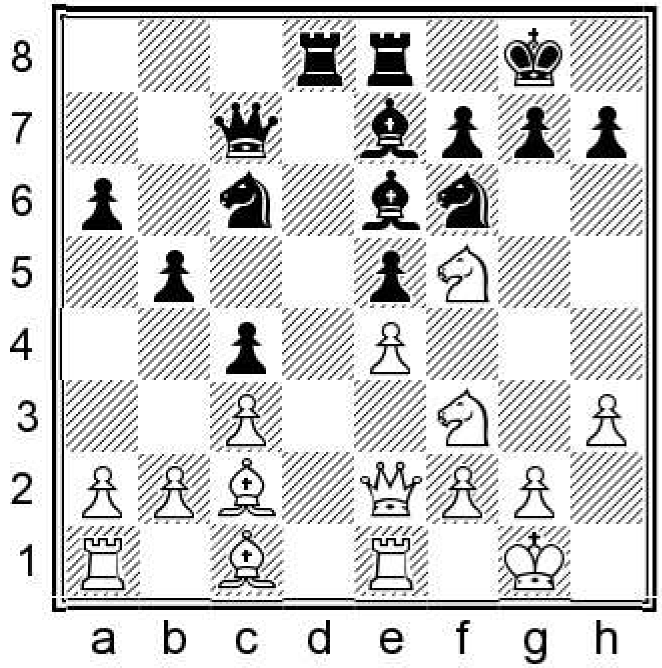
**13...dxc5 14.♘f1 ♗e6 15.♘e3 ♖ad8 16.♕e2 c4 17.♘f5** This was considered the critical line at the time.

Three years previously, v. Cuellar Gacharna at the Sousse Interzonal, Kavalek had preferred the continuation 17.♘g5 However, after 17...h6 18.♘xe6 fxe6 19.b3 (The famous game Fischer,Robert James - Kholmov,Ratmir D, La Habana (Capablanca Memorial Tournament) 1965, had continued instead 19.b4? ♘d4!) 19...♗c5! Black gained good play. The point is that after 20.bxc4 he continues 20...b4!, gaining control of the central dark squares. Kavalek, Lubomir - Cuellar Gacharna,Miguel, Sousse (izt) 1967 see *Chess Informant* vol. 4/337

**17...♖fe8**

17...♗xf5 18.exf5 Kavalek suggested the alternative 18...h6 (!), and indeed, Karpov subsequently made use of this recommendation: (18...♖fe8 had already been seen in many games here.) 19.♘d2 (19.♘xe5 ♘xe5 20.♕xe5 ♗d6 21.♕e2 ♖fe8 22.♗e3 ♘d5 had been seen in Karpov,Anatoly - Adorjan,Andras, Stockholm 1969, and would occur again in Kavalek,Lubomir 2625 - Spassky,Boris

2650, Solingen 1974; Black has full compensation for the missing pawn.) 19...♖fe8 20.♘e4 ♘b8 21.a4 ♘bd7 Ciocaltea,Victor 2460 - Karpov,Anatoly 2540, Hastings 1971/72 see *Chess Informant* vol. 13/328



*Kavalek (with the U.S. flag!) facing Karpov (photo:* ***Huffington Post)***

**18.♘3h4** "I think this is best. Why should I not be able to go to the wonderful square f5 twice?", Kavalek writes in *Chess Life & Review*.

In his notes in *The Huffington Post*, Kavalek states that this move was the idea of the Yugoslav grandmaster Bruno Parma, who was also playing in the tournament in Caracas.

The alternative 18.♗g5 had been played in many games, for instance in Reshevsky - Smyslov, "Match of the Century", Beograd 1970, which continued 18...♘d7 19.♗xe7 ♘xe7 20.♘g5 ♘g6 (This line promises White the better chances, but Kavalek was not satisfied with it on account of the alternative 20...♘f8 (!)) 21.g3 h6 22.♘xe6 fxe6 23.♘e3 Reshevsky,Samuel - Smyslov, Vassily, World - USSR 1970 see *Chess Informant* vol. 9/266

**18...♔h8!?** With the defensive plan of ...Ng8, followed by ... Bh4 and ...Nge7, to fight for the f5- and d5-squares.

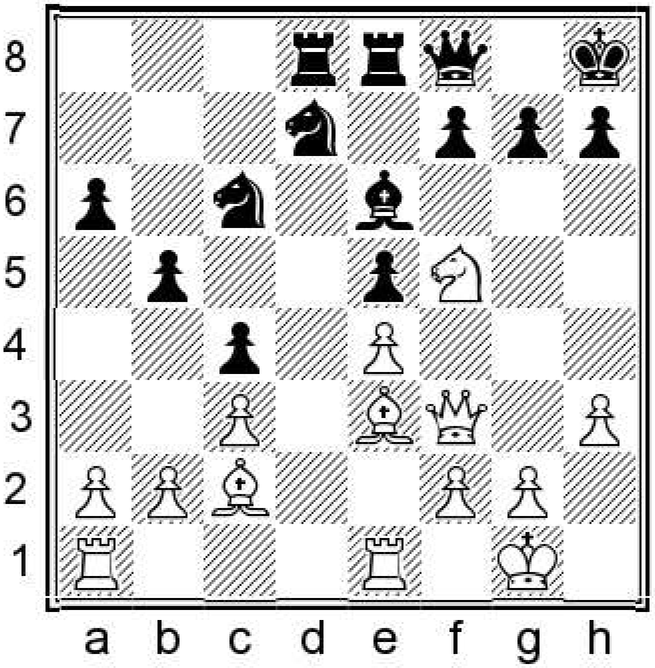
On 18...♘d7 White continues 19.♕g4

**19.♘xe7** Preventing Black from carrying out his idea. Subsequently, Black's dark squares proved to be seriously exposed.

**19...♕xe7**

On 19...♘xe7 White planned 20.f4!?

**20.♕f3 ♘d7 21.♘f5 ♕f8 22.♗e3**



**22...♘c5?** A blunder that White fails to exploit.

Correct is the immediate 22...f6 After 23.♖ed1 (As Kavalek points out in *The Huffington Post*, the alternative 23.♖ad1 is less precise: after 23...♘c5 24.♖d6 Black has the possibility of 24...♘d3! 25.♗xd3 ♖xd6 26.♘xd6 (26.♗c5 ♖xd3!) 26...♕xd6, when after 27.♗c2 White has only a slight advantage.) 23...♘c5 transposes to the continuation in the game 24.♖d6!

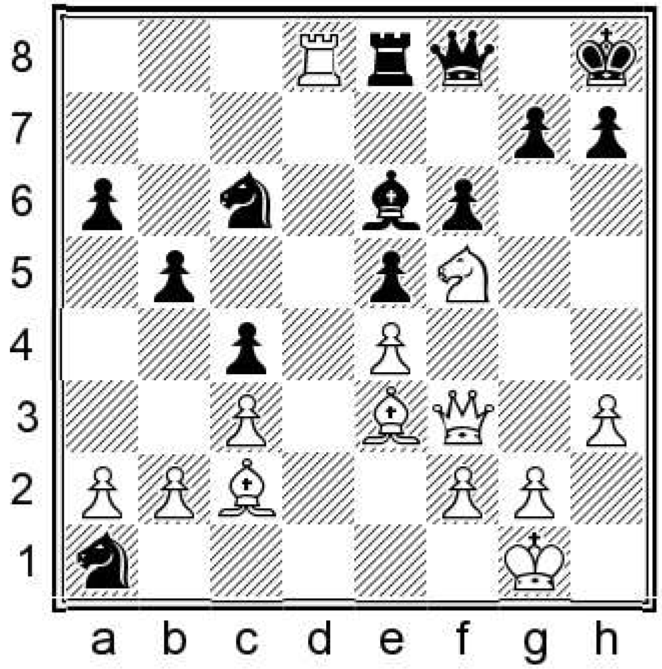
**23.♖ed1?** 40 years later, Kavalek recalled: "I remember being preoccupied with my rooks: which one should go on the square d1? Just as I was playing this move, Leonid Stein, the 3-time Soviet champion and tactician extraordinaire, walked by with a little devilish smile. It immediately dawned on me what I had done."

White wins by force after 23.♘xg7! (a combination on the dark squares), when after 23...♔xg7 (23...♕xg7 24.♗xc5) 24.♗h6+ ♔xh6 25.♕f6+ ♔h5 26.g4+ ♗xg4 27.hxg4+ ♔xg4 28.♖e3 mate is forced.

**23...f6 24.♖d6!** Again a dark square - d6 - proves to be the key to Black's position. Kavalek later called this "the opening salvo to one of my longest combinations, lasting nine moves".

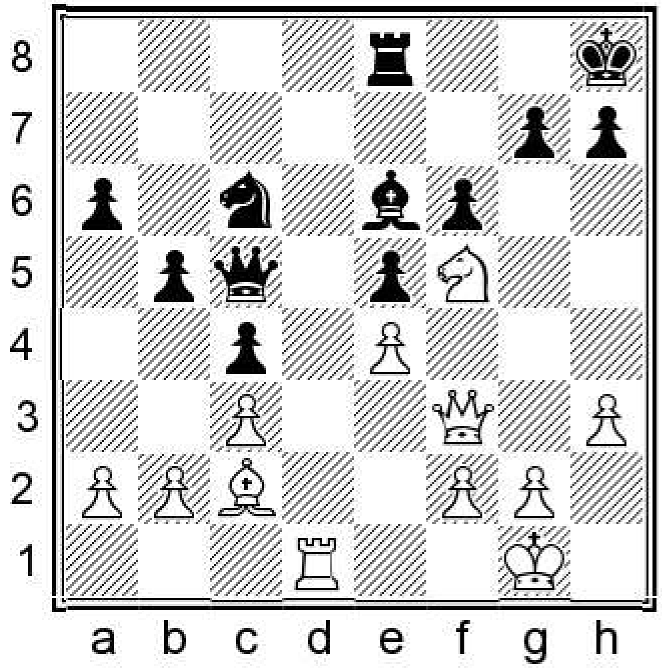
**24...♖xd6**

In his 2010 notes, Kavalek points out that the tricky 24...♘b3 fails to the even trickier 25.♖xd8 ♘xa1



26.♗c5! ♕g8 27.♘h6!

**25.♗xc5 ♖d1+ 26.♖xd1 ♕xc5**



**27.♖d6!!** Once again a rook lands on the d6-square. White now threatens to win by force after 28.Qh5 g6 29.Qh4 g5 30.Qh6, etc.

**27...♗f7**

After 27...♗xf5 White rescues the rook with 28.♖d5 ♕e7 29.exf5, when White's bishop, arriving on the diagonal h1-a8, will prove clearly superior to the black knight.

27...g6 is beautifully refuted by 28.♘e7!! - 28...♖xe7 29.♕xf6+ ♔g8 and now 30.Rc6 is good enough, but still stronger is 30.♖xe6 ♖xe6 31.♕xe6+ ♔g7 32.b4!

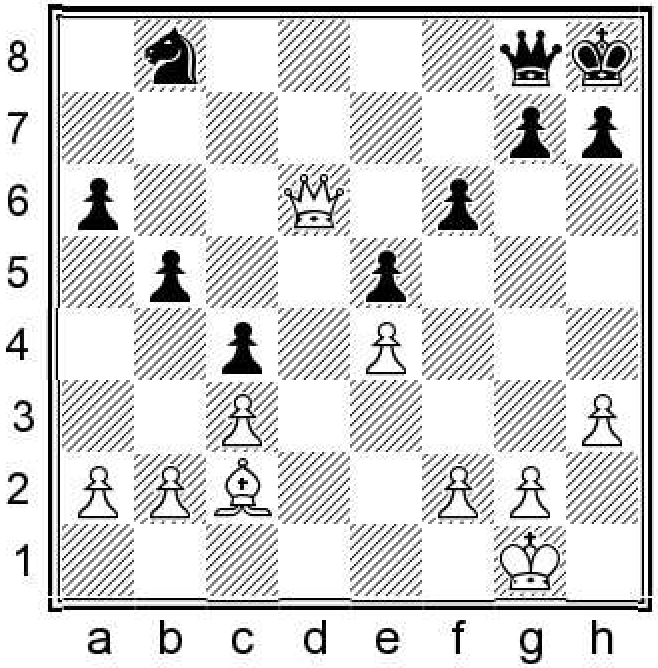
**28.♕d1 ♘b8 29.♖d8 ♕c7**

According to Kavalek, after the game Karpov stated that 29...♕f8 was preferable. However, White then has a win with 30.♘d6 (yet again, the d6-square!) 30...♗h5 Then, in his 2010 notes Kavalek indicates that the simplest course for White is (This was Karpov's idea; 30...♖xd8 31.♘xf7+ ♕xf7 32.♕xd8+ ♕g8 33.♕d6 transposes to the continuation in the game; while 30...♘c6 31.♘xe8 ♘xd8 32.♘c7 is hardly any better.) 31.♖xe8 (rather than, as he intended during the game, 31.♘xe8 ♗xd1 32.♗xd1 ♘c6 33.♖c8 ♘e7 34.♖a8, after which Black can still defend: 34...♘g8 35.♗g4 ♕e7 etc.) 31...♗xe8 32.b3, etc.

**30.♘d6!** By now, this should be no surprise...

**30...♖xd8 31.♘xf7+ ♕xf7 32.♕xd8+ ♕g8 33.♕d6**

Of course, 33.♕c7 ♕e8 34.b3 was also good, but Kavalek admitted that "it was simply too tempting to use the d6 square again"!



**33...♕e8 34.♗d1 h5 35.♗e2 ♔h7 36.b3** Clearing the way for White's bishop to enter the game with decisive effect.

**36...cxb3 37.axb3 ♘c6 38.b4 ♔h6 39.h4 ♕c8 40.g3 ♔g6?**

In his 2010 notes, Kavalek indicates 40...♘b8 was a tougher defence, but he indicates a winning continuation for White: 41.♕e7 ♕g8 (41...♕xc3 42.♕f8 ♕e1+ 43.♗f1 ♘d7 44.♕h8+ ♔g6 45.♕e8+) 42.♔g2 ♘c6 43.♕d7 ♘d8 44.♕c8, etc.

**41.♕d1** Winning a pawn and the game.

**41...♔f7**

On 41...♕h8 there follows 42.♕d7! "Black could have resigned, but he wanted to "talk" some more before saying goodbye" - Kavalek.

**42.♗xh5+ ♔e7 43.♗g4 ♕c7 44.♕d5 ♘d8 45.♗f5 ♘f7 46.♕e6+ ♔f8 47.♕xa6 ♘d6 48.♕a8+ ♔e7 49.♕g8 ♘xf5 50.exf5 ♕xc3 51.♕xg7+ ♔d6 52.♕xf6+ ♔d5 53.♕f7+ ♔e4 54.♕b7+ ♔xf5 55.♕xb5 ♕e1+ 56.♔g2 ♕e4+ 57.♔h2 ♔g4 58.♕d7+ ♔f3 59.♕d2** - and Black finally resigned. **1-0**

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*Nine years later - Kavalek and Karpov, pictured at the quadrangular tournament in Waddinxveen (Netherlands) in 1979 (Photo: R. Croes, Anefo, via www.nationaalarchief.nl.)*

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*Douglas Griffin in Central Chess Club, Moscow 2019*

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**A** — R ⌟ 1. d4, 1. e4
— 1. d4 R ⌟ 1... ♘f6, 1... d5
— 1. d4 ♘f6 R ⌟ 2. c4
— 1. d4 ♘f6 2. c4 R ⌟ 2... e6, 2... g6

**B** — 1. e4 R ⌟ 1... c5, 1... e6, 1... e5
— 1. e4 c5

**C** — 1. e4 e6
— 1. e4 e5

**D** — 1. d4 d5
— 1. d4 ♘f6 2. c4 g6 ∟ 3... d5

**E** — 1. d4 ♘f6 2. c4 e6
— 1. d4 ♘f6 2. c4 g6 ⌟ 3... d5

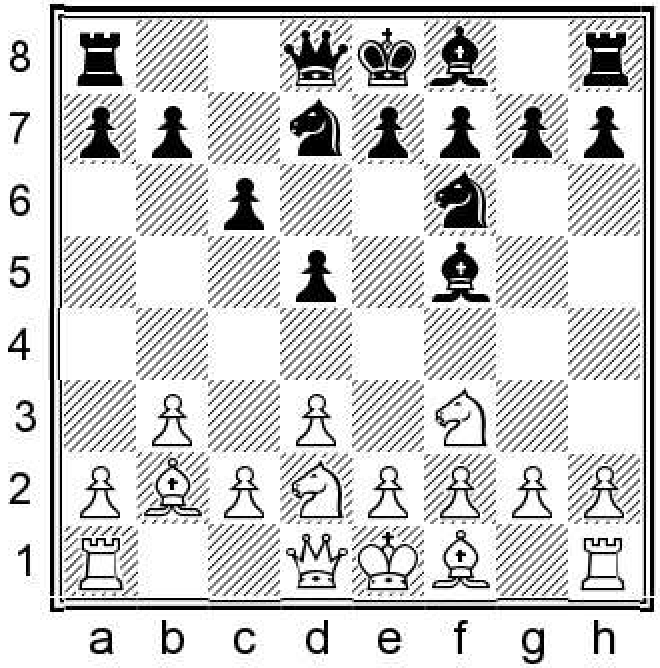
# A00-A24

**1. A01**
**Artemiev, Vladislav (2711) - Matlakov, Maxim (2698)**
**Russia (ch) 147/1, 2020**

**1.b3 d5 2.♗b2 ♗f5 3.d3**

3.e3 - 142/1

**3...♘d7 4.♘d2 ♘gf6 5.♘gf3 c6**



5...h6 6.e4!? dxe4 7.dxe4 ♗xe4 (7...♘xe4?! 8.♘xe4 ♗xe4 9.♕e2 ♗h7 10.O-O-O e6 11.♕b5±) 8.♘xe4 ♘xe4 9.♕e2 ♘ef6 10.O-O-O e6 11.♘e5 ♗d6 12.♘c4 ♗e7 13.f4↑

**6.♘h4!?N**

6.e3; 6.g3

**6...♗g6**

6...♗e6

**7.♘xg6 hxg6 8.g3 e5 9.♗g2 ♗c5 10.e3!?**

10.O-O O-O 11.e4 ♕c7 (11...dxe4 12.dxe4 a5 13.a4 ♖e8 14.♕e2±) 12.exd5 (12.♕e2 a5 13.a3) 12...cxd5 13.c3 ♖fe8 (13...a5) 14.b4 ♗f8 15.a3 ♖ad8

**10...O-O 11.O-O a5 12.c4 d4 13.exd4 ♗xd4**

13...exd4?! 14.♘f3 ♖e8 (14...♘b6?! 15.a3 ♕d6 16.♘e1!?± Δ Nc2, Qd2) 15.♖e1!? (15.♘xd4?! ♘e5 16.♘e6!? (16.♘f3?! ♘xd3 17.♗xf6 (17.♗c3?? ♘g4-+) 17...gxf6∓) 16...♖xe6 17.d4 ♖d6 18.♕e2 ♗xd4 19.♗xd4 ♖xd4 20.♕xe5 ♖d2⩱) 15...♖xe1+ 16.♘xe1⩲ Δ Nc2, a3, Qd2, b4

**14.♗xd4 exd4 15.♘f3 ♕b6 16.♖e1 a4?!**

16...♘c5 17.♖b1 ♕b4!? (17...♖ad8?! 18.a3±) 18.♘xd4 ♕c3 19.♘f3 ♕xd3∞

**17.♖b1 axb3 18.axb3 c5?!**

18...♘c5 19.♕d2 (19.b4 ♘a4 20.♕d2 ♘c3 21.♖b2 ♖a4∞; 19.♘xd4 ♖fd8 20.b4 (20.♘f3?? ♘xd3-+) 20...♘xd3 (20...♖xd4? 21.bxc5 ♕xc5 22.♖xb7+-) 21.c5 (21.♕xd3 ♖xd4 22.♕e3 ♖a2∞) 21...♕a6 22.b5□ ♕a4 23.♕xd3 (23.♕xa4 ♖xa4 24.bxc6 bxc6!? 25.♘xc6 ♖f8 26.♘e7+ ♔h7 27.♖e3 ♘xc5=) 23...♖xd4 24.♕f3 ♖d2!? 25.bxc6 bxc6 26.♕xc6 ♕xc6 27.♗xc6 ♖c8 28.♖b6 ♖c2=) 19...♖a3 20.♗f1!? ♖xb3 21.♖xb3 ♕xb3 22.♘xd4 ♕b6 23.♘f3⩲

**19.♕d2 ♖a3 20.b4 cxb4 21.♖xb4 ♕d6 22.♗f1?!**

22.♖xb7?! ♘c5 23.♖bb1 ♘xd3 24.♖e2 ♖d8∓; 22.♖b5!? ♖c3 (22...♘c5?? 23.♕b4+-; 22...b6 23.♖eb1 ♖c8 (23...♖b8? 24.♗f1+-) 24.♗f1±) 23.♘e5 ♘xe5 24.♖bxe5±

**22...♘c5∞ 23.♖b5 b6**

⌓23...♘fd7

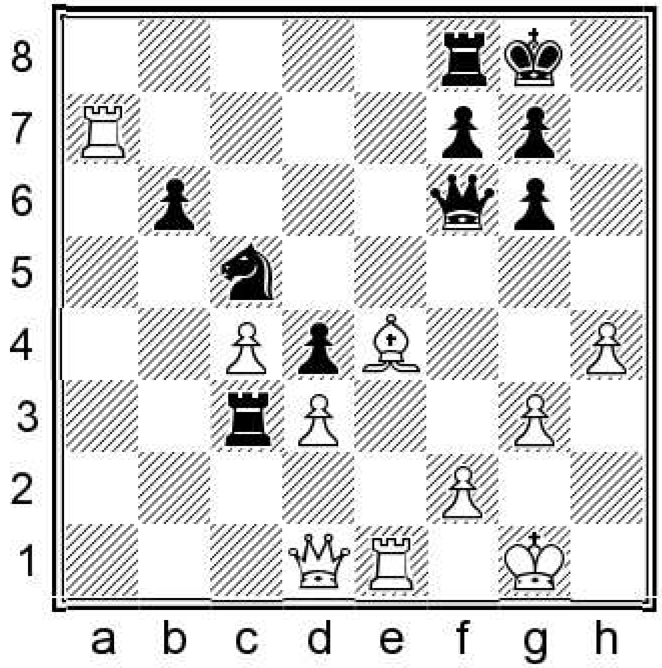
**24.♕d1 ♘fd7 25.h4!? ♖fa8 26.♖b2 ♕f6 27.♘g5 ♘e5 28.♖d2 ♕f5 29.♗h3 ♕f6 30.♗g2 ♖f8 31.♘e4**

31.♕e2!? ♘exd3 (31...♘ed7?? 32.♗d5 Δ Qe7+-) 32.♖ed1 ♕f5 (32...♘e5?! 33.♖xd4±; 32...♘b4?! 33.♖xd4±) 33.♕e7 ♕e5 (33...♕f6? 34.♕xf8+ ♔xf8 35.♘h7+ ♔e7 36.♘xf6 gxf6 37.♖e2+ ♔f8 (37...♔d6 38.♗d5+-) 38.♗d5+-) 34.♕xe5 ♘xe5 35.♖xd4 f6 36.♗d5+ ♔h8 37.♔g2! ♖a2 (37...fxg5?? 38.hxg5 ♖f7 39.f4+-) 38.♘f3 ♘xf3 39.♗xf3⩲

**31...♘xe4?!**

31...♕f5!? 32.♘xc5 bxc5 33.♗e4 ♕h3∞

**32.♗xe4⩲ ♘d7 33.♕b1 ♘c5 34.♗d5 ♖b3 35.♕d1 ♕f5 36.♗e4 ♕f6 37.♖a2 ♖c3 38.♖a7**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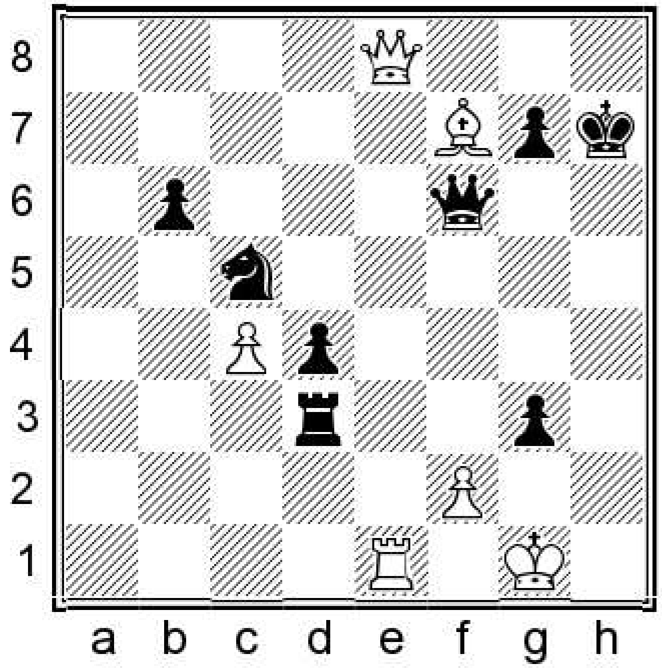
**38...g5?**

38...b5!? 39.cxb5 ♕b6 40.♕a1 ♘xe4 41.♖xe4 ♕xb5 42.♖xd4 ♕c6 (42...♖xd3 43.♖xd3 (43.♕f1 ♕b6 44.♕xd3 ♕xa7=) 43...♕xd3=) 43.♖c4 ♖xc4 44.dxc4 ♕xc4=

**39.♗d5+- gxh4?**

39...♖xd3 40.♕e2!? (40.♖xf7 ♖xd1 (40...♖xf7 41.♖e8+ ♔h7 42.♕h5+ ♕h6 43.♕xf7+-) 41.♖xf6+ ♔h7 42.♖xd1 gxf6 43.♖xd4+-) 40...gxh4 41.♖xf7 ♕xf7 (41...♖xf7 42.♕e8+ ♔h7 43.♗xf7 hxg3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(43...g6 44.♗xg6+ ♕xg6 (44...♔h6 45.♗xd3 ♘xd3 (45...hxg3 46.f4!+-) 46.♖e6+-) 45.♖e7+ ♔h6 46.♕h8+ ♔g5 47.♕xh4+ ♔f5 48.♕f4#) 44.f4!! g6 (44...♕xf4 45.♕g8+ ♔h6 46.♕h8+ ♔g5 47.♕h5+

♔f6 48.♕g6#) 45.♗xg6+ ♔g7 46.♗xd3 ♘xd3 47.♖e7+ ♔h6 48.♖e6+-) 42.gxh4 ♕xd5 43.cxd5+-

**40.♖xf7 ♖xf7 41.♖e8+ ♔h7 42.♕h5+ ♕h6 43.♕xf7 1-0**

**2. A07**
**Artemiev, Vladislav (2711) - Esipenko, Andrey (2686)**
**Russia (ch) 147/2, 2020**

**1.♘f3 d5 2.g3 ♘f6 3.♗g2 e6 4.O-O ♗e7 5.d3**

5.c4 - A

5.d4 O-O 6.c4 - E

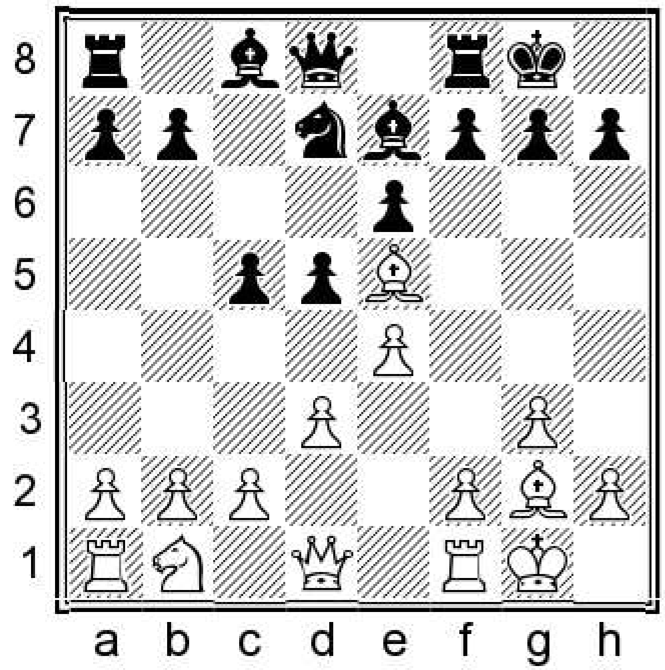
**5...O-O 6.♗f4**

6.♘bd2 - 127/2

**6...c5 7.e4!? ♘c6**

7...dxe4 8.dxe4 ♘xe4 9.♕e2 ♘f6 10.♖d1 ♕b6 (10...♕a5 11.♘e5!? ♘d5 12.♗d2 ♕b6 13.♘c3!?↑; 10...♕e8 11.♘c3 ♗d7 (11...♘c6?! 12.♘b5 ♘d5 13.♖xd5 exd5 14.♘c7 ♕d8 15.♘xa8 ♗d6 16.♗xd6 ♕xd6 17.♕b5 ♕e7 18.♘c7 ♕xc7 19.♕xc5±)) 11.♘a3 ♘c6 (11...♕xb2?! 12.♘b5 ♘d5 13.♖ab1 ♘xf4 14.gxf4 ♕f6 15.♘c7 ♘c6 16.♘xa8 ♕xf4 17.a4! ♕b8 18.a5 ♕xa8 19.a6 ♕b8 (19...bxa6 20.♘e5 ♗b7 21.♖xb7 ♕xb7 22.♘xc6±) 20.axb7 ♗xb7 21.♖xb7 ♕xb7 22.♘e5 ♖d8 23.♘xc6 ♖xd1+ 24.♕xd1±) 12.♘c4 ♕a6 13.a4 ♗d7 14.♗f1=∞

**8.♘e5 ♘xe5 9.♗xe5 ♘d7**



**10.♗f4N**

10.♗c3

**10...d4**

10...e5 11.♗d2 d4 12.a4 - 10...d4

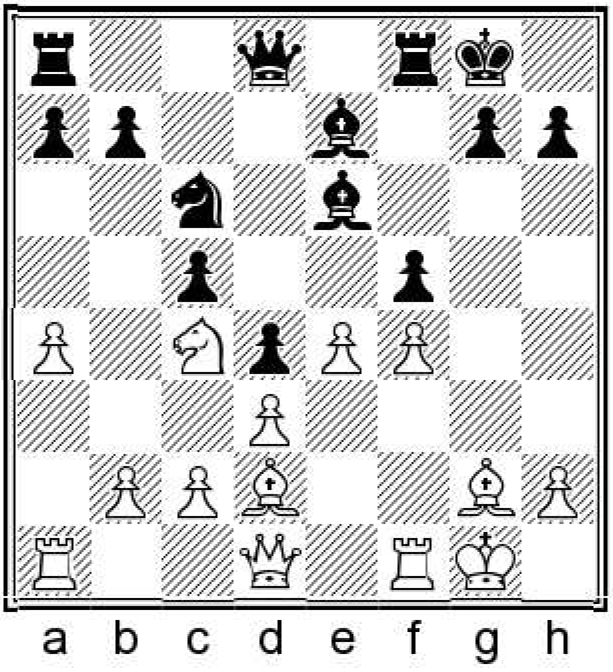
**11.a4**

11.e5 g5!? 12.♗d2 ♘xe5 13.f4 ♘g6 14.fxg5 ♗xg5 15.♕h5 ♗xd2 16.♘xd2 f5 17.♖ae1 ♔g7 18.♘f3 h6 (18...♕f6 19.♘g5 h6 20.♗xb7! ♗xb7 21.♘xe6+ ♔h7 22.g4□ (22.♘xf8+?? ♖xf8 23.♖e2 ♘e5-+) 22...f4 23.g5 ♕f7 24.♕xh6+ ♔g8 25.♘xf4! ♘xf4 26.♖xf4! ♕xf4 27.♕g6+ ♔h8 28.♕h6+ ♔g8=) 19.♘e5 ♘xe5 20.♖xe5 ♕d6 21.♖fe1⯹

**11...e5 12.♗d2 ♘b8!? 13.♘a3 ♘c6 14.f4 exf4**

14...f6 15.f5 ♗d7 (15...b6?! 16.♗f3 a6 17.h4!? (17.♗h5 ♖b8 18.♗g6 ♕d7!? 19.♗h5 (19.♕h5?? hxg6 20.fxg6 ♕h3-+) 19...b5↑) 17...♖b8 18.♗h5 b5 19.♗g6! ♖b7 (19...hxg6?? 20.fxg6 Δ Qh5+-) 20.♕h5 h6 21.axb5 axb5 22.b3 ♗d6 23.g4→) 16.♘c4 ♗e8∞

**15.gxf4 f5 16.♘c4 ♗e6**



**17.a5!?**

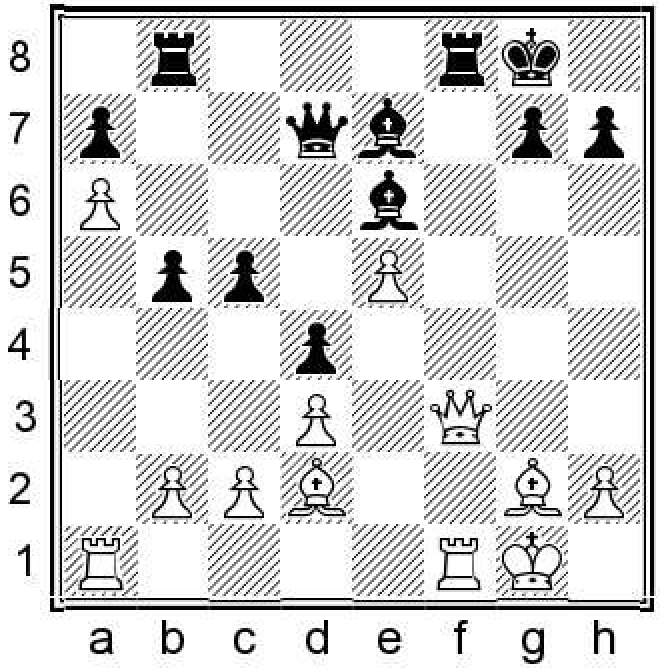
17.exf5 ♗xf5 18.♕f3 ♔h8 19.♖ae1 ♕c7 20.a5!?↑

**17...♕d7?!**

17...♖c8∞

**18.exf5 ♗d5**

18...♗xf5 19.♕f3 ♖ab8 20.a6 b5!? 21.♕d5+ (21.♘e5 ♘xe5 22.fxe5 ♗e6



(22...c4 23.♕d5+ ♔h8 24.♕xd7 ♗xd7 25.♖xf8+ ♗xf8 (25...♖xf8 26.♗a5); 22...♔h8 23.♕b7! b4 (23...♖xb7? 24.axb7 ♖b8 25.♖xa7+-) 24.♖xf5 ♕xf5 25.♕xe7 ♕f2+ 26.♔h1 ♕xd2 27.♕xa7 b3 28.cxb3 ♕xb2 29.♖g1 ♕xb3 30.♕xc5) 23.♕b7! ♖fd8 (23...♖bd8?? 24.♗a5+-; 23...♖xb7?? 24.♖xf8+ ♗xf8 25.axb7 ♕c7 26.♖xa7+-; 23...♖xf1+ 24.♔xf1 ♖f8+ 25.♔g1±)) 21...♕xd5 (21...♔h8 22.♕xd7 ♗xd7 23.♘e5 ♘xe5 24.fxe5∞) 22.♗xd5+ ♔h8 23.♘e5 ♘xe5 24.fxe5∞

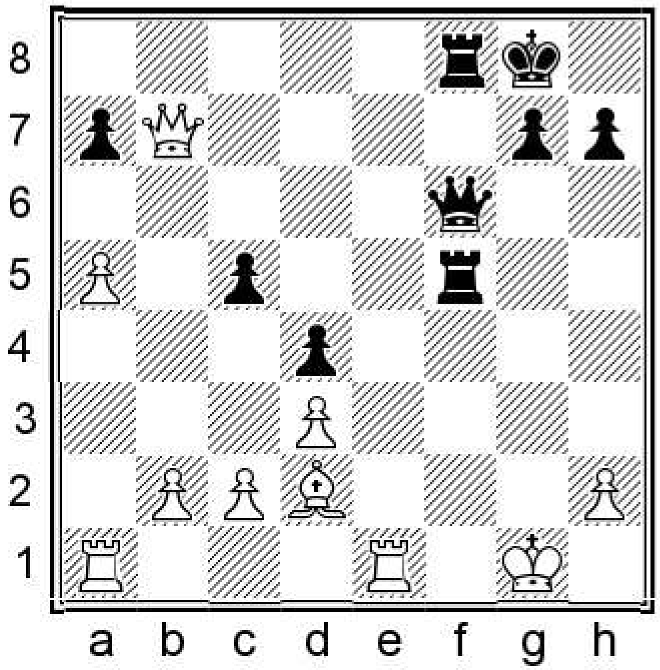
**19.♘e5 ♘xe5 20.♗xd5+ ♕xd5 21.fxe5 ♕xe5 22.♕f3 ♖ad8?!**

22...♗h4!? 23.♕xb7 ♖ae8!? (23...♖ab8? 24.♕xa7 ♖xb2 25.♕d7 ♖xc2 26.♗f4 ♕e2 27.♕e6+ ♖f7 28.♕xe2 ♖xe2 29.a6+-) 24.♕xa7 (24.♗e1 ♕e3+ 25.♔h1 ♗xe1 26.♖axe1 ♕xe1 27.♖xe1 ♖xe1+ 28.♔g2 ♖e5 29.♕xa7 ♖exf5 30.♕b7 ♖g5+ 31.♔h3 ♖f6 32.♔h4 ♖g1 33.♕d5+ ♔f8 34.♕d8+ ♔f7 35.♕d7+ ♔f8=) 24...♕e2 25.♗f4 ♖xf5 26.♕d7 ♖e6↑

**23.♕xb7± ♖xf5?!**

23...♗d6 24.♗f4 ♕f6 25.♕d5+!? ♔h8 26.♗xd6 ♖xd6 27.♕b7±

**24.♖fe1 ♕f6 25.♖xe7 ♖f8 26.♖ee1**



**26...♕g6+??**

26...h6!? 27.♕e4 ♖f2! 28.♖ad1 ♔h8 29.♕g4 ♕d6 30.♕g3 ♕f6 31.♔h1 (31.b4?! ♕f5!? 32.bxc5?! ♖f6!? 33.♗xh6! (33.c6?? ♖f3 34.♕g2 ♖g6-+) 33...♖g6 (33...♖xh6? 34.♖e5 (34.♕xf2? ♖g6+ 35.♕g3 ♖xg3+ 36.hxg3 ♕xc5∞) 34...♕f6 35.♖e8+ ♔h7 36.♕xf2 ♕g6+ 37.♔h1 ♕xe8 38.♕f5+ ♔h8 39.♖f1±) 34.♕xg6 ♕xg6+ 35.♔xf2 ♕xh6∞) 31...♕f7 32.♖e4 ♖f3 33.♕g2 ♖f2 34.♕g4 h5 35.♕g3 ♖f3 36.♕g5 ♖f5 37.♖f4 ♖xf4 38.♗xf4 ♕xf4 39.♕xh5+ ♔g8 40.♕d5+ ♔h7 41.♖g1±

**27.♔h1+- ♖f2 28.♕d5+ ♔h8 29.♖g1 ♕e8 30.♖g2 1-0**

**3. ** A09**
**Wei, Yi (2732) - Ju, Wenjun (2560)**
**China (ch) 147/3, 2020**

**1.♘f3 d5 2.c4 d4 3.b4 c5 4.g3 cxb4 5.a3 bxa3 6.♗g2 ♘c6 7.O-O**

7.♗xa3

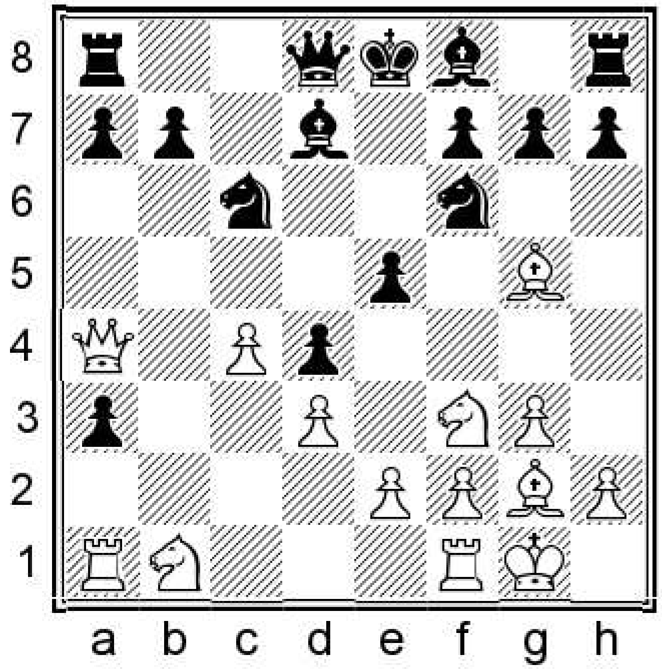
**7...e5**

7...♘f6 - 127/6

**8.♕a4 ♗d7 9.d3 ♘f6**

9...a2!? 10.♕xa2 (10.♖xa2?? ♘b4-+) 10...♘f6 11.♗a3 ♗e7 12.♘bd2 O-O 13.♖fb1 ♖b8 14.♗xe7 ♕xe7 15.♕a3∞

**10.♗g5?!N**



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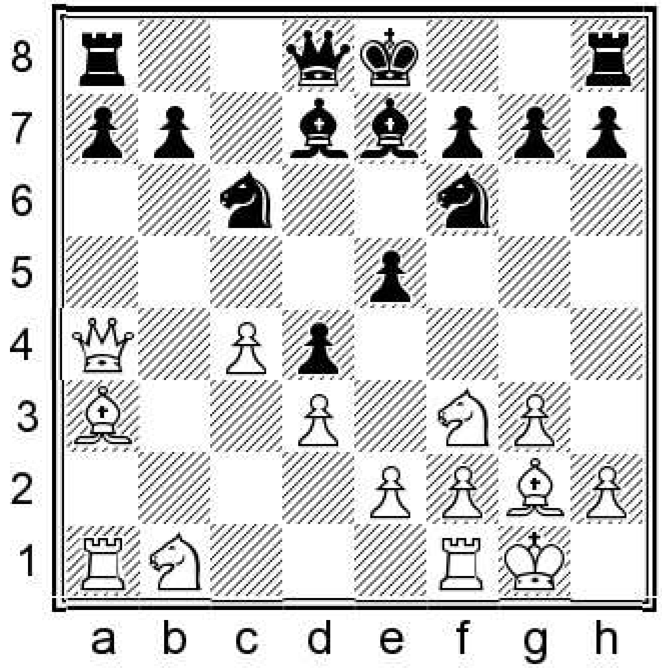
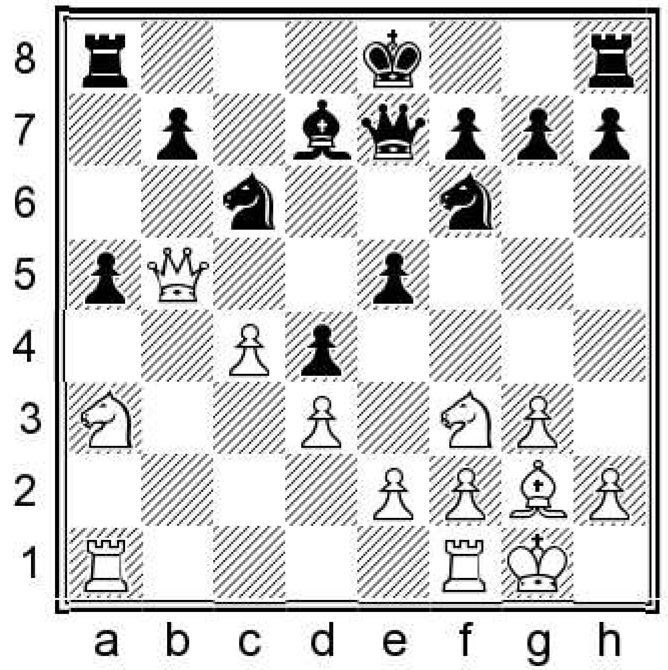


(10...♗xa3 11.♕xa3 ♕e7 12.♘bd2 ♕xa3 13.♖xa3 O-O 14.♖b1 b6 (14...♖ab8 15.♘g5∞) 15.♘e1=∞; 10...a5 11.♕b5 ♗xa3 12.♘xa3 ♕e7



(12...♕c7? 13.♕c5 b6 14.♘b5 ♕b8 15.♘d6+ ♔f8 16.♕a3 ♘b4 17.♘xe5 ♖a7 (17...♕xd6? 18.♘xd7+ ♘xd7 19.♗xa8+-) 18.♘xd7+ ♖xd7 (18...♘xd7?? 19.♘b5 ♖a6 20.♘xd4+-) 19.c5!±) 13.♕b6 (13.♕xb7?? ♖b8 14.♕a6 ♕c5 15.♖fb1 (15.♘b5 ♗c8+-) 15...♘b4 16.♖xb4 axb4+-) 13...O-O 14.♘b5∞) 11.♗xe7 (11.♕b5!? ♗xa3 12.♘xa3 ♕e7 (12...♕c7?? 13.♕c5+-) 13.♕xb7 O-O 14.♘c2⩲) 11...♕xe7 12.♕a3 a6N (12...♗e6; 12...♖b8) 13.♘bd2 ♕xa3 14.♖xa3 O-O 15.♖b1 ♖ab8 16.♖ab3 ♘a5 Herrera Reyes, J (2304)-Cornette,M (2556) ProChessLeague (Int. -rapid) 147/(3) 2020 (16...♘a5 17.♖3b2↑)

**10...♗e7**

10...a2!? 11.♕xa2 (11.♖xa2 ♘b4 12.♕b3 ♘xa2 13.♘xe5 ♘b4 (13...♘c3?! 14.♘xc3 dxc3 15.c5 ♕e7 16.♕xb7 (16.d4!?⯹)) 14.c5 ♕e7 15.♘xd7 (15.♗xf6 gxf6 16.♘xd7 ♕xd7 17.♕xb4 ♖c8 18.♕d2 ♖xc5 (18...♗xc5 19.♕h6⇄) 19.♕f4 ♗d6 (19...♗e7 20.♘d2⇄) 20.♕xd4 ♗e7!? 21.♕f4 O-O∓)) 11...♗e7 12.♕b2 a5 (12...♖b8 13.e3⇄)

**11.♘xa3 O-O 12.♘d2**

12.♖fb1 ♖b8 (12...b6 13.♘d2 ♘a5 (13...♖c8 14.♕a6!?∞) 14.♕d1 ♗c6 (14...♖c8 15.♗xf6 ♗xf6 16.♘b5 a6 (16...♗xb5?! 17.♖xb5±) 17.♘d6 ♖b8 18.♗d5!? ♗e7 19.♘2e4∞) 15.♗xc6 ♘xc6 16.♕a4 ♕d7 17.♗xf6 ♗xf6 18.♘c2 ♗e7 19.♘b4!? ♗xb4 20.♖xb4⯹) 13.♘d2 a5 (13...h6 14.♗xf6 ♗xf6 15.♘b5⇄) 14.♕b5!?⇄

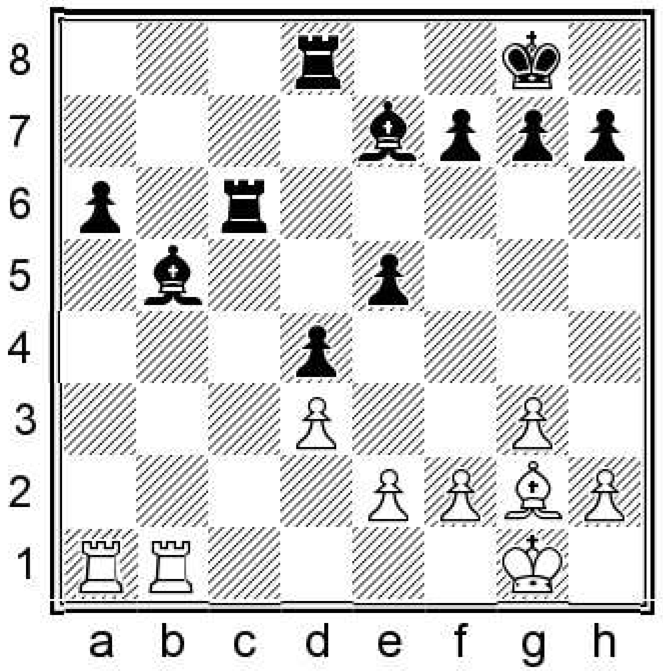
**12...a6!?**

12...a5 13.♖fb1

**13.♗xf6 ♗xf6 14.♖fb1 ♖b8 15.c5 ♗e7 16.♘e4**

16.♘b3 ♘a7 17.♕a5 ♘b5 (17...♕xa5 18.♘xa5 ♗xc5 19.♖xb7 ♖xb7 20.♘xb7 ♗xa3 (20...♗e7?!

21.♘c4±) 21.♖xa3 ♘b5 (21...♗b5 22.♘d6 ♘c8 23.♘c4 f6 24.♗b7=) 22.♖xa6 ♘c3 23.♔f1=) 18.♕xd8 ♖fxd8 19.♘xb5 ♗xb5 20.♘a5 b6 (20...♗xc5 21.♘xb7 ♖dc8 22.♘xc5 ♖xc5 23.♖xa6=) 21.cxb6 ♖xb6 22.♘c6 ♖xc6

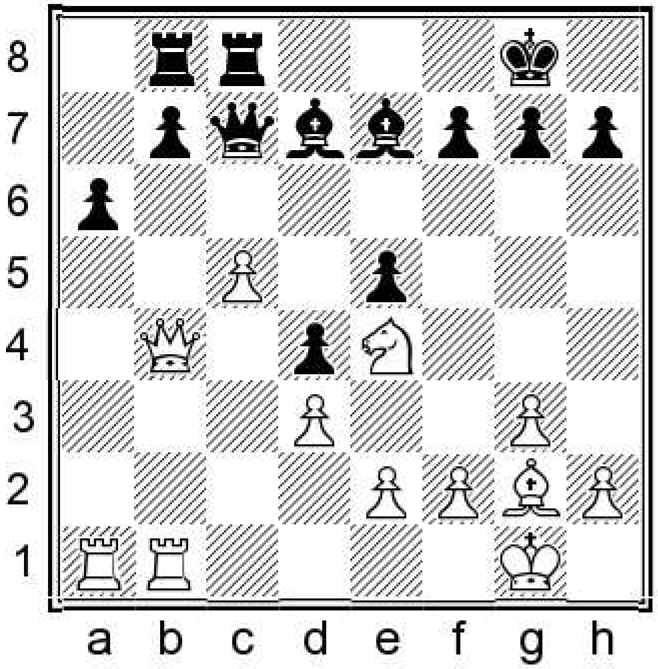


23.♖xb5! axb5 (23...♖c1+ 24.♖xc1 axb5 25.♖c7 ♔f8 26.♖b7 b4 27.♗c6=∞) 24.♗xc6 b4 25.♖a7 ♔f8 26.♖b7=∞

**16...♘a5 17.♕c2 ♕c7 18.♘c4**

18.♖b6?! ♖fc8 19.♖ab1 (19.♘d6 ♗xd6 20.♖xd6 b5 21.♖xa6 b4 22.♘b1 (22.♘c4 ♘xc4 23.dxc4 (23.♕xc4?? ♗b5-+) 23...♕xc5-+) 22...b3 23.♕d1 ♕xc5! 24.♖1xa5 ♕c1 25.♕f1 b2 26.h4 ♕xf1+ 27.♗xf1 ♖c1 28.♖a8 ♖f8 29.♘d2 ♖d1) 19...♗xc5 20.♘xc5 ♕xc5 21.♕xc5 (21.♕a2? ♗c6-+) 21...♖xc5 22.♖xa6 (22.♗xb7?? ♖xb7 23.♖xb7 ♘xb7 24.♖xb7 ♖c1+ 25.♔g2 ♗c6+-+) 22...bxa6 23.♖xb8+ ♖c8 24.♖b1 (24.♖b6 ♖c1+ 25.♗f1 g5 26.♔g2 ♖c6 27.♖b8+ ♔g7-+) 24...g5∓

**18...♘xc4 19.♕xc4 ♖fc8 20.♕b4**



**20...h6**

20...♗xc5!? 21.♘xc5 ♕xc5 22.♕xc5 (22.♗xb7 ♕xb4 23.♖xb4 ♖c7 24.♖ab1 (24.♖xa6 ♗c8-+) 24...a5 25.♖b6 a4-+) 22...♖xc5 23.♖xa6 bxa6 24.♖xb8+ ♖c8 25.♖b1 ♔f8 26.f4 exf4 27.gxf4 ♖c7 28.♖b8+ (28.♖b4? ♖a7 29.♖xd4 a5 30.♖c4 a4 31.♖c1 a3 32.♗d5 ♔e7 33.♔f2 a2 34.♖a1 ♗e6 35.♗xe6 ♔xe6 36.e4 ♔d6-+) 28...♔e7 29.♖a8 ♗b5∓

**21.h4 ♗c6**

21...♗xc5!? 22.♘xc5 ♕xc5 23.♕xc5 ♖xc5 24.♖xa6 b5!? (24...bxa6 25.♖xb8+ ♖c8 26.♖b7 ♖c1+ 27.♔h2 ♗e6 28.♖a7 ♖a1 29.♖a8+ ♔h7 30.♗e4+ f5 31.♗b7 a5 32.♖e8 ♗b3 33.♖xe5∞) 25.♖a7 ♗e6 26.♖a5 ♔f8∓

**22.♖c1 ♗xe4 23.♗xe4 ♗xc5 24.♕a4 ♕d8 25.♖ab1 ♗d6 26.♖d1 ♖c7 27.♕a5 ♕d7**

27...♕c8!? 28.♕d5 ♕d7 29.♕a5 h5⩱

**28.♖d2**

28.h5!?

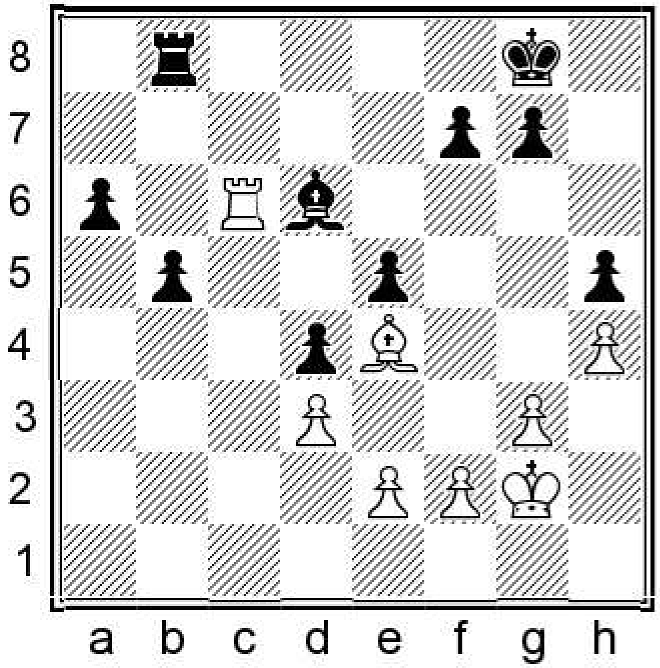
**28...♕c8!? 29.♖a2 ♖c1+ 30.♖xc1 ♕xc1+ 31.♔g2 ♕c7 32.♕a4 h5!? 33.♖c2 ♕d8 34.♖b2 ♕e7 35.♕c4?!**

35.♕a5⩱

**35...b5∓ 36.♕c6 ♗a3 37.♖c2 ♕d6**

37...a5?! 38.♕a6 a4 39.♖c8+ ♖xc8 40.♕xc8+ ♕f8 41.♕f5 g6 42.♕xe5⇄

**38.♕xd6 ♗xd6 39.♖c6**



**39...♗f8**

39...♗e7! 40.♖c7 (40.♖xa6?? b4-+) 40...♔f8 41.♖a7 ♗c5 42.♖xa6 b4+-

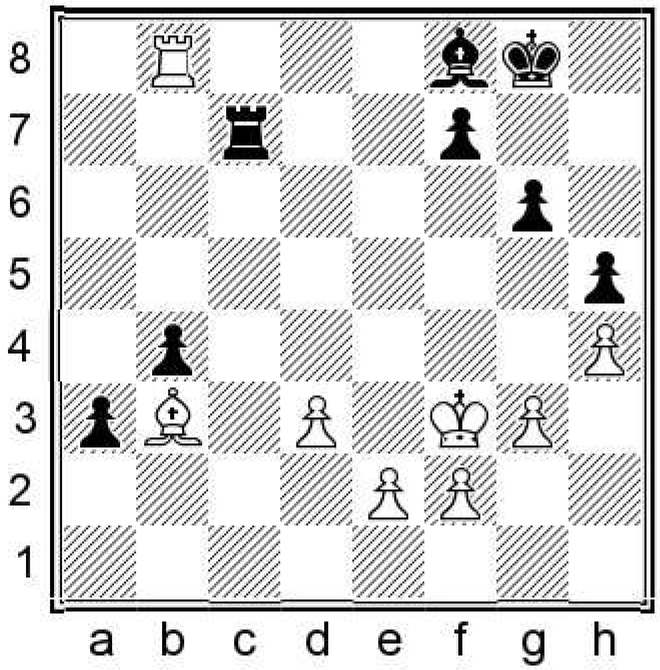
**40.♗d5 ♖d8 41.♗a2 ♖d6 42.♖c5 ♖b6 43.♖xe5 g6 44.♖e4 a5 45.♖xd4 ♖b7?!**

45...♗d6 46.♖d5 a4 47.d4 ♔f8 48.e3!? (48.e4?! b4! 49.♖a5 b3 50.♖xa4 bxa2 51.♖xa2 ♗c7!? (51...♖b4 52.e5 ♗c7 53.♖c2 ♗b6 54.d5⇄) 52.♖a7 (52.e5 ♖b5∓) 52...♗d8 53.♖a8 ♔e7 54.♖a7+ ♔e8 55.d5 ♖b2∓) 48...♔e7∓ (48...b4?! 49.♖a5 b3 50.♖xa4 bxa2 51.♖xa2∓)

**46.♖d8∓ a4 47.♖a8 a3 48.♔f3**

48.♗d5!? ♖e7 49.e3 b4 50.d4∞

**48...b4 49.♗b3 ♖c7 50.♖b8**



**50...♔g7?!**

50...♖c3! 51.♗a2 (51.♗d5 b3 52.♖xb3 a2 53.♖xc3 a1=Q-+) 51...♖c2 52.♗b3 ♖b2 53.♗c4 b3-+

**51.♖b5?**

51.♔g2! ♖c3 52.♗d5 b3 53.♖xb3 a2 54.♖xc3 a1=Q 55.♖c7!=

**51...♗c5?**

51...♖c3-+

**52.e3**

52.♗d5! ♗d6 53.♖b6 ♖c5 54.♗b3∓

**52...♗e7**

52...♗d6!? 53.♗d5 (53.♖b6 ♗f8-+) 53...♖c3∓

**53.♗d5 ♔f8**

53...♖c3 54.♖b7 ♖xd3 55.♗c4 ♖c3 56.♗a2= ♔f6 (56...♖c2 57.♗b3 ♖c3 (57...♖b2 58.♗c4 ♖c2= (58...b3? 59.♖xe7 a2 60.♖xf7+ ♔h6 61.♖a7 ♖b1 62.♗xb3 a1=Q 63.♖xa1 ♖xa1 64.♗d5=)) 58.♗a2=) 57.♖b6+ ♔e5 58.♗xf7 ♗d6∓

**54.♖b8+ ♔g7 55.d4 ♖d7 56.♗b3 ♖c7 57.♗d5 ♖a7 58.♗a2 ♖c7 59.♗d5 ♖a7 60.♗a2 1/2-1/2**

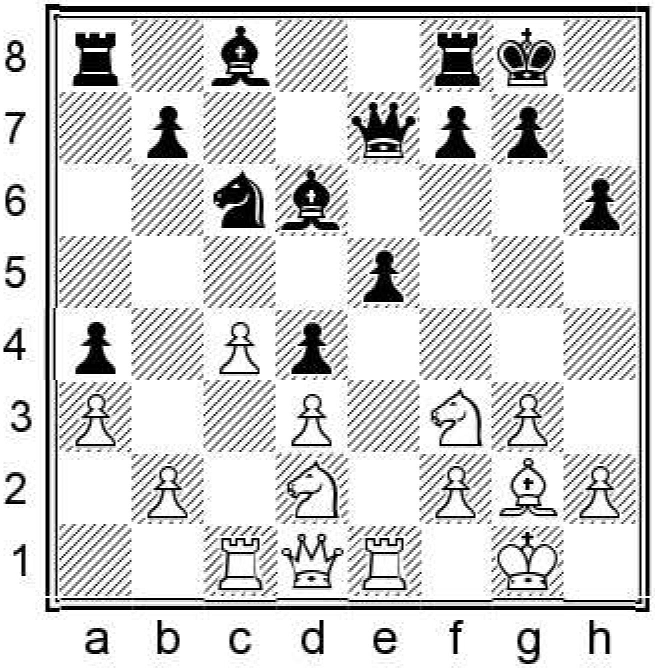
**4. * A09**
**Mendonca, Leon Luke (2516) - Dardha, Daniel (2487)**
**Villorba 147/4, 2021**

**1.♘f3 d5 2.e3 c5 3.c4 d4 4.exd4 cxd4 5.g3 ♘c6 6.♗g2 e5 7.O-O ♗d6 8.d3 ♘f6 9.♗g5 h6 10.♗xf6**

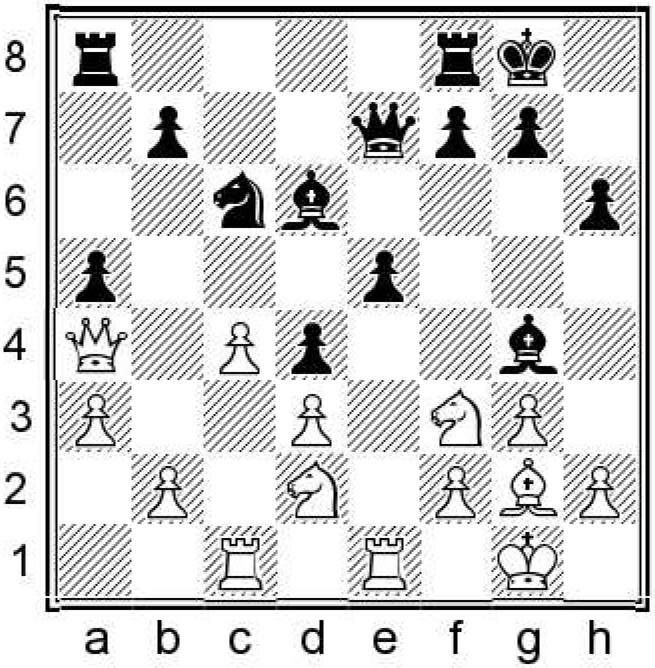
**♕xf6 11.a3**

11.♘bd2 - 129/2

**11...a5 12.♘bd2 ♕e7 13.♖e1 O-O! 14.♖c1 a4N**



14...♗g4 - 147/(4) 15.♕a4



15...♕d7? (15...♖ab8 16.♘b3±) 16.c5 ♗c7 17.♘c4 ♖fe8 18.♘fd2 ♗f5 19.♘b6 ♗xb6 20.cxb6± Hardicsay,P (2205)-Piroska,I (2143) Zalakaros 147/(4) 2020

14...♗f5

**15.♘e4**

15.c5!? ♗xc5 16.♘c4 f6 17.♘h4 ♕f7 18.♗e4 ♗e6 19.♘g6 ♖fc8 20.f4=∞

**15...♗c7 16.c5 ♗e6 17.♘fd2 f5**

⌓17...♘a5∞

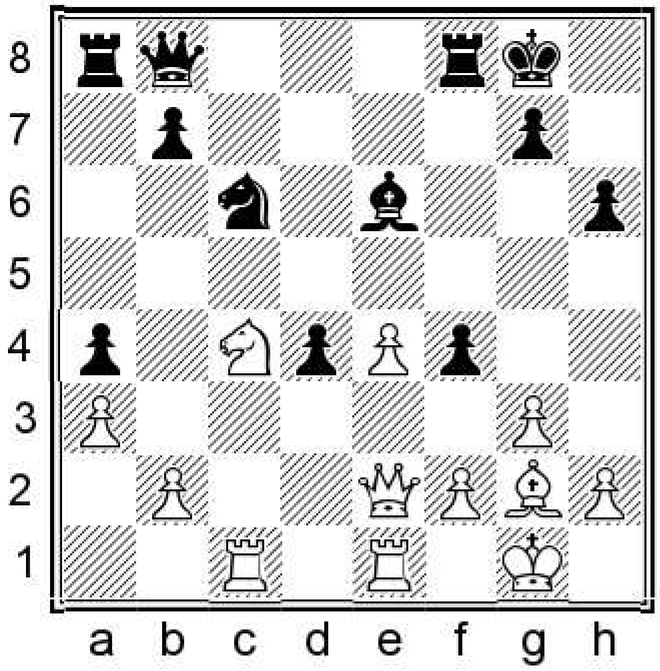
**18.♘d6 ♗xd6 19.cxd6 ♕xd6 20.♘c4 ♕b8 21.♕e2**

21.♗xc6 bxc6 22.♘xe5 ♕xb2 23.♖xc6 (23.♘xc6 ♗b3) 23...♖fe8 24.♕h5 ♕b7∞

**21...e4?!**

21...♗xc4!? 22.♖xc4 ♖a5 23.♕c2 ♕a7 24.♗xc6 bxc6 25.♖xc6 ♖f7∞

**22.dxe4 f4**



**23.e5! ♔h8**

23...♕a7 24.♕d3 (24.♘d6 fxg3 25.hxg3 d3 26.♕e3 ♗b3 27.♕d2 ♖xf2 28.♕xf2 d2 29.♖cd1 dxe1=Q+ 30.♖xe1 ♗e6∞) 24...♖ad8 25.♘d6↑

**24.♘d6 ♖a5**

⌓24...♖a6 25.♗xc6 ♖xc6 26.♖cd1±

**25.gxf4 ♕a7**

25...♕c7 26.♘xb7 (26.♕d2!?±) 26...♕xb7 27.♖xc6 - 25...Qa7

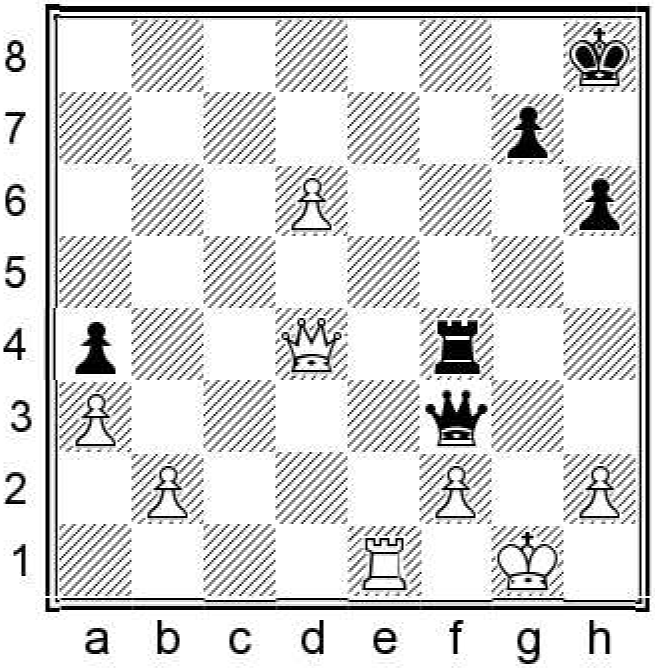
**26.♘xb7 ♕xb7 27.♖xc6 ♗d5 28.♗xd5**

28.♖g6!?±

**28...♖xd5 29.♕c4 ♖dd8 30.♖d6**

30.♕xa4?! ♖xf4⇄

**30...♕f3 31.♕xd4 ♖xd6 32.exd6 ♖xf4**



**33.♕d2?!**

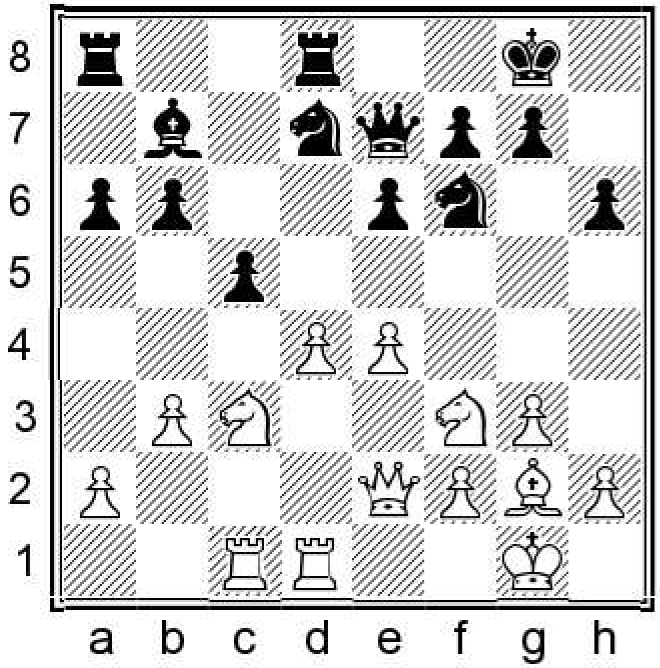
33.♖e8+! ♔h7 34.♕d2 ♖g4+ 35.♔f1±

**33...♕g4+ 34.♔h1 ♕f3+ 35.♔g1 ♕g4+ 36.♔h1 ♕f3+ 1/2-1/2**

**5. * A13**
**Donchenko, Alexander (2668) - Esipenko, Andrey (2677)**
**Wijk aan Zee 147/5, 2021**

**1.c4 ♘f6 2.g3 e6 3.♗g2 d5 4.♘f3 dxc4 5.♕a4+ ♘bd7 6.♕xc4 a6 7.♕c2 c5 8.♘c3 ♕c7 9.O-O b6 10.d4 ♗b7 11.♗f4 ♗d6 12.♗xd6 ♕xd6 13.♖fd1 O-O 14.e4 ♕c7N**

14...♕e7 - 147/(5) 15.♖ac1 ♖fd8 16.♕e2 h6 17.b3



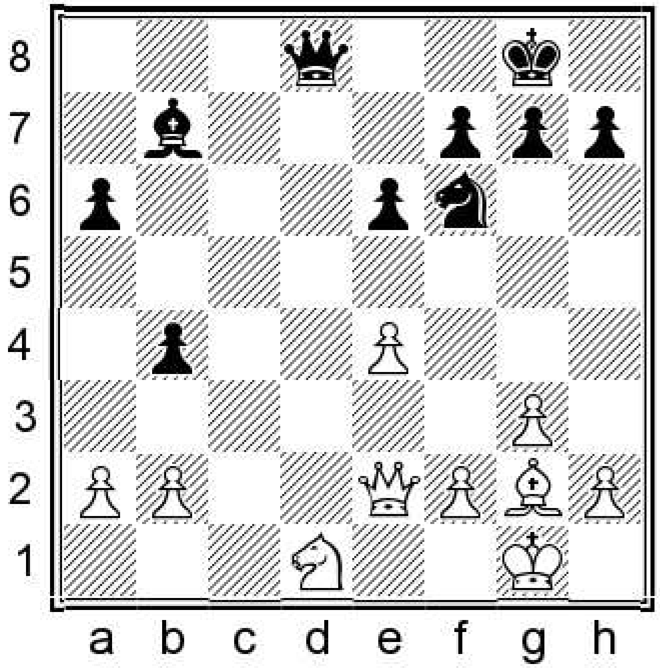
17...cxd4N (17...♖ac8 18.e5 ♘e8 19.d5 (19.h4 ♗xf3 20.♗xf3 cxd4 21.♖xd4 ♖c7 22.♔g2 ♖dc8∞) 19...exd5 20.♘xd5 ♗xd5 21.♖xd5 ♘c7 22.♖dd1±) 18.♘xd4 ♘e5 19.f4 ♘c6 20.♘xc6 ♕c5+ 21.♔h1 ♕xc6 22.e5 ♕xg2+ 23.♕xg2 ♗xg2+ 24.♔xg2 ♘g4= Uryga,J-Titzhoff,F corr 147/(5) 2020

14...cxd4 15.♘xd4 ♕c7 - 132/5

**15.♖ac1 cxd4 16.♘xd4 ♖ad8 17.♕e2 ♕b8 18.♖c2 b5 19.♘b3**

19.e5 ♗xg2 20.exf6 ♗a8 21.fxg7 ♔xg7 22.♘e4 ♕e5 23.♘c6 ♗xc6 24.♖xc6 ♘f6 25.♖e1 ♕xe4 26.♕xe4 ♘xe4 27.♖xe4 ♖d2!?=

**19...♘e5 20.♘c5 ♗c8 21.♖cd2 ♕c7 22.♘d3 ♘xd3 23.♖xd3 b4 24.♖xd8 ♖xd8 25.♖xd8+ ♕xd8 26.♘d1 ♗b7**



**27.e5?**

27.f3 ♕d4+ 28.♘f2 g5=

**27...♗xg2 28.♔xg2**

28.exf6 ♗b7 Δ Qd5-+

**28...♕d5+ 29.♔g1**

29.♕f3 ♘e4 30.♘e3 ♕xe5 31.♕e2 ♘c5∓

**29...♘d7 30.♘e3**

30.f4 ♕xa2-+

**30...♕xa2-+ 31.♕d1 ♘f8 32.♕d4 a5 33.♘c4 h5 34.♘d6 ♘g6 35.♕a7 ♕b1+ 36.♔g2 ♘xe5 37.♕xa5 ♕xb2 38.♕a8+ ♔h7 39.♕e4+ f5 40.♕h4 ♕e2 41.♕xb4 ♘d3 42.♕b6 h4 0-1**

**6. * A13**
**Donchenko, Alexander (2658) - Nisipeanu, Liviu Dieter (2657)**
**Bad Wiessee 147/6, 2020**

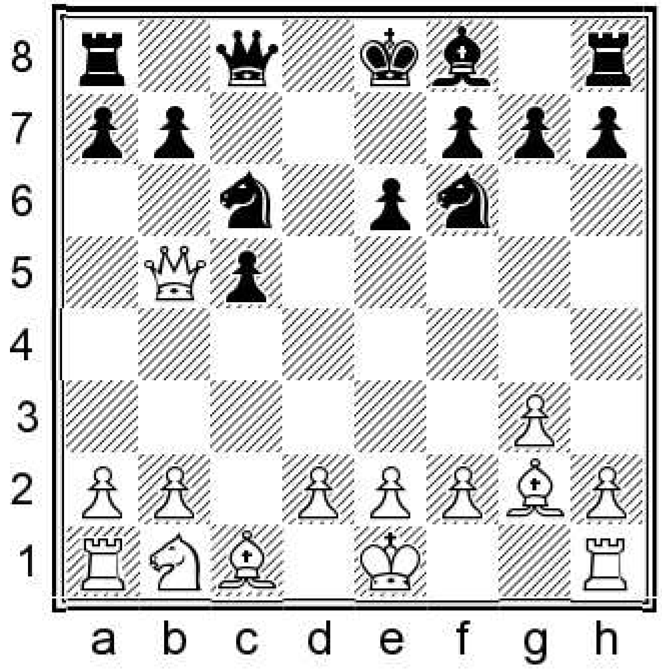
**1.c4 e6 2.g3 d5 3.♗g2 ♘f6 4.♘f3 dxc4 5.♕a4+ ♗d7 6.♕xc4 c5 7.♘e5 ♕c8**

7...♕b6 - 49/11

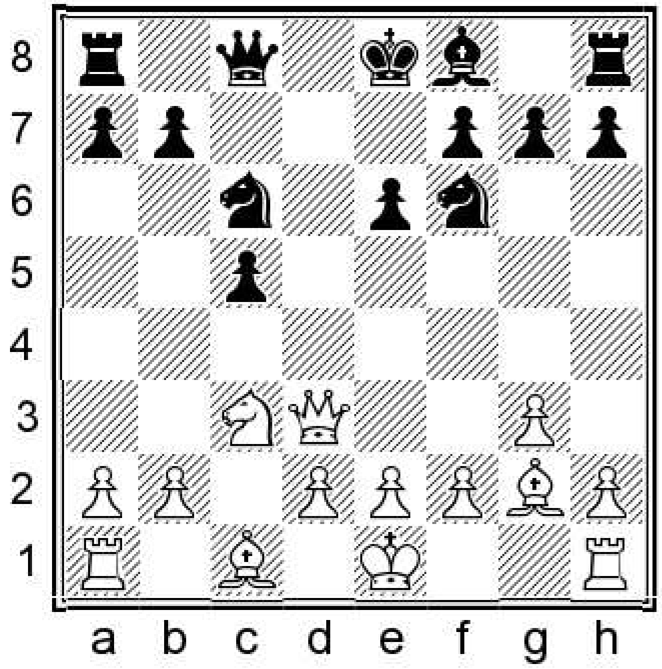
**8.♕d3 ♗c6**

8...♘c6 - 145/2

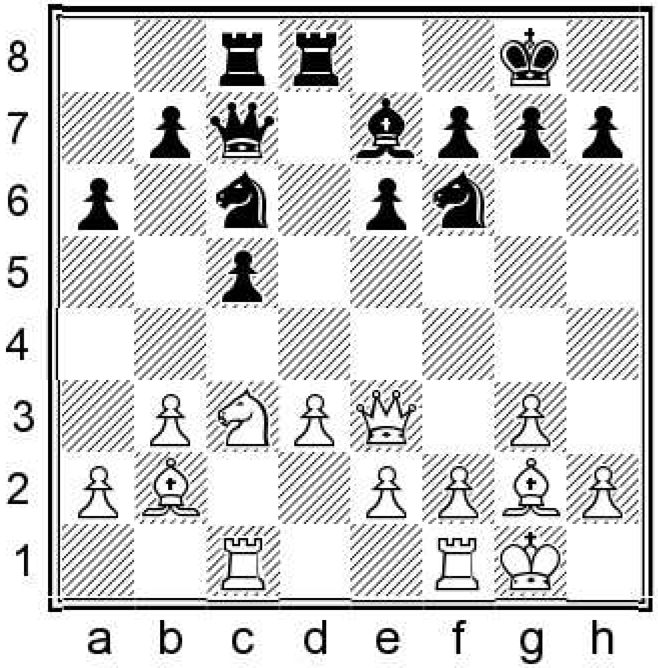
**9.♘xc6 ♘xc6 10.♕b5!?**



10.♘c3



10...a6N (10...♗e7 11.O-O O-O 12.b3 ♖d8 13.♕b1!?) 11.O-O ♗e7 12.b3 O-O 13.♗b2 ♖d8 14.♕e3 (14.♕c2 ♕d7 15.♖ad1 ♖ac8 16.d3 b5∞) 14...♕c7 15.d3 ♖ac8 16.♖ac1



16...♘d4 (16...b5∞) 17.♖fd1 b6 18.♕d2 ♘c6 19.e3 ♕a7 20.♕e2 ♘b4 21.♗a1 b5 22.♘e4 ♘bd5 23.d4↑ Donchenko,A (2646) -Bluebaum,M (2647) chess.com (Int.-rapid) 147/(6) 2020

**10...h5!?N**

10...♗e7 11.♗xc6+ bxc6 12.♕c4 e5 (12...h5 13.h4 ♕d7 14.d3 ♕d5 15.O-O ♕xc4 16.dxc4 ♘e4 17.♘d2 ♘d6 18.b3±) 13.b3 ♕h3 14.♗a3 ♕g2 (14...♘d7 15.d3 O-O 16.♘c3 ♘b6 17.♕e4 ♕e6 18.♖c1 f5 19.♕e3±) 15.♖f1 ♘d7 16.♘c3 ♕h3 (16...♕xh2 17.♘d5! ♗d8 18.♘e3 O-O 19.♕g4 ♘f6 20.♕a4±) 17.♕e4 ♕e6 18.♘a4 f5 19.♕e3±; 10...♘d5 11.♘c3 ♕d7 12.O-O ♗e7 13.♘xd5 (13.d4 a6 14.♕a4 b5 15.♕d1 ♘xc3 16.bxc3 ♖d8∞) 13...exd5 14.e3 (14.b3 O-O 15.♗b2 a6 16.♕d3 ♖ad8 17.♖ac1 b5∞) 14...a6 15.♕b6 ♘b4!? (15...O-O 16.d4 c4 17.♗d2 ♖fc8 18.a4 ♗d8 19.♕c5 ♘e7 20.♕a3±) 16.d4 c4 17.♗d2 ♘d3 (Δ Bd8) 18.♕a5□ b5 19.b3 O-O 20.bxc4 dxc4 21.a4!± (21.♗xa8 ♖xa8 22.a3 h5⇄)

**11.h4**

11.d3 h4 12.♘c3 a6 13.♗xc6+ bxc6 14.♕c4 ♖b8 15.a3 hxg3 16.fxg3 ♕d7!?⇄ 17.♖b1 ♗e7 18.♕xa6 ♗d6 19.♔f2 ♗e5=∞

**11...♗e7**

11...♕c7 12.d3 ♗d6 13.♗xc6+ bxc6 14.♕a4 O-O (14...♘d5 15.♘a3 O-O 16.♕e4±) 15.♘d2 ♖ab8 16.♘c4 (16.a3 ♘g4 17.♘c4 ♗xg3! 18.fxg3 ♕xg3+ 19.♔d2 ♖fd8=∞) 16...♘d5 17.♕c2 ♗e7 18.O-O f5 19.f4±; 11...♕d7!? 12.♗xc6 bxc6 13.♕a6 (13.♕c4 ♕d5; 13.♕b3!? ♗d6 14.♘a3 ♗c7 15.♘c4 O-O 16.d3 ♘d5 17.♗d2 e5 18.O-O-O!? ♖fb8 19.♕a4±) 13...♗d6 14.d3 O-O 15.♘d2 ♘d5 16.♕c4 f5 17.♘b3 ♖ab8!? (17...♕c7 18.♗d2 ♖ab8 19.O-O-O ♕e7 20.f4±) 18.♘xc5 ♕f7 19.a3 a5 20.e3 e5=∞ Δ f4

**12.d3 O-O 13.♗xc6 bxc6 14.♕c4 ♘g4**

14...♕c7 15.♘d2 ♖ab8 16.b3 ♘d5 17.♗b2 f5 18.e4 ♗f6 19.♗xf6 ♖xf6 20.O-O-O±; 14...♕d7 15.♘d2 ♕d5 16.O-O ♕f5 17.♔g2±; 14...♘d5!? 15.♘d2 ♖b8 16.♘f3 (16.a3 e5!? 17.b3 ♘b6 18.♕c3 ♖b7

19.♗b2 ♕g4⇄) 16...e5!? 17.e4 (17.♘xe5 ♗f6 18.♘f3 ♖e8≅) 17...♘b6 (17...♘c7!? 18.b3 ♘e6 19.♗b2 f6 20.O-O ♔h7∞) 18.♕c2 f5 19.♗g5 fxe4 (19...♗d6 20.♘d2 f4 21.O-O-O!) 20.♗xe7 ♖xf3 21.dxe4 c4 22.♗c5 ♕e6 23.O-O-O ♖d3⇄

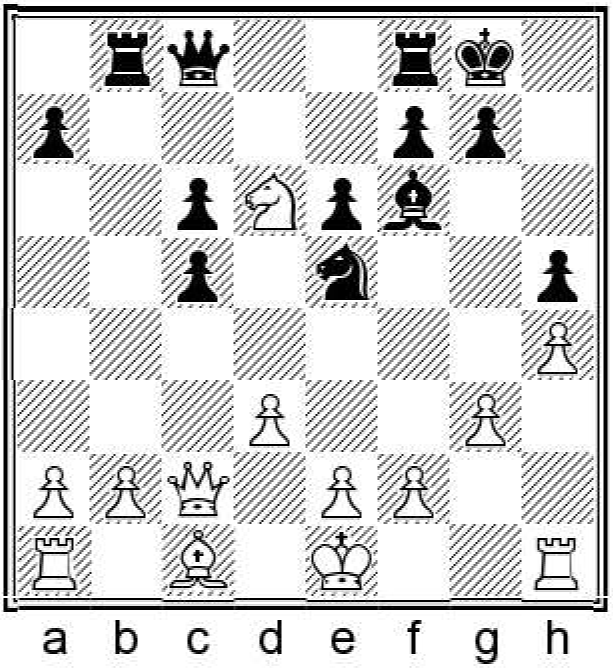
**15.♘d2 ♖b8 16.♕c2 ♗f6**

16...f5 17.♘c4 e5 18.♗g5! ♕e6 (18...♗xg5 19.hxg5 e4 20.♖xh5 ♕e6 21.♖h4 f4 22.dxe4 fxg3 23.fxg3 ♖bd8 24.e5±) 19.f3 ♘f6 20.e4 (20.O-O-O!? ♘d5 21.♔b1 e4 22.♗xe7 ♕xe7 23.dxe4 fxe4 24.f4±) 20...♘e8 21.O-O-O fxe4 22.fxe4 ♘d6 23.b3±

**17.♘c4 ♘e5**

17...♗d4?! 18.O-O ♘e5 19.e3 ♘xc4 20.exd4±

**18.♘d6**



**18...♕d8**

18...♕a6!? 19.♘e4 c4 20.♘xf6+ gxf6 21.dxc4 ♕xc4 22.♕xc4 ♘xc4 23.b3 ♘e5 24.♗a3±

**19.♘e4 c4**

19...♕d5 20.♕xc5 ♗d8 21.O-O (21.♗f4?! ♘xd3+! 22.exd3 ♕xd3 23.♘c3 ♖xb2 24.♕e3 ♕a6≅) 21...♗b6 22.♕c2 ♘g4 23.♗d2 f5 24.♘g5 ♗d4 25.♗c3 Δ♗e3 26.♕a4 ♘xf2 27.♖xf2 f4 28.gxf4 e5 29.♘h3±; 19...♘d7 20.O-O (20.♔f1!? ♗e5 21.♘g5 ♗d4 22.♔g2 ♘b6 23.♘f3 ♘d5 24.♖b1 f5 25.♗g5 ♕d6 26.e3 ♗f6 27.a3±) 20...♗e5 (20...♗xh4 21.gxh4 ♕xh4 22.f4 ♘f6 23.e3±) 21.♖b1 f5 22.♘g5 ♕e7 23.b3 ♕d6 24.♔g2 ♗f6 25.♗d2±

**20.dxc4 ♕d4 21.O-O± ♖fd8**

21...♕xc4 22.♕xc4 ♘xc4 23.♘xf6+ gxf6 24.b3 ♘e5 25.♖d1 ♖fc8 26.♗e3 a5 27.♗c5 ♖b5 28.♖ac1±

**22.♘xf6+ gxf6 23.b3! ♕xa1 24.♗e3 ♕xf1+**

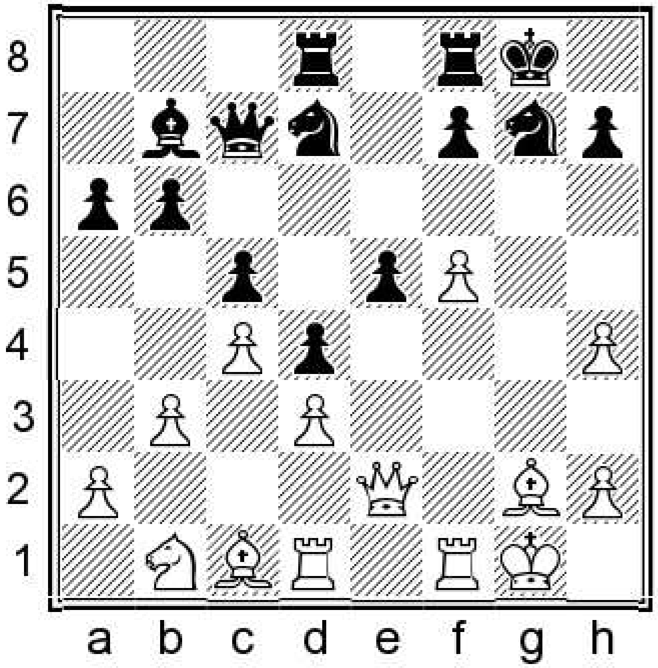
24...♘f3+ 25.exf3 ♕e5 26.♗f4+-

**25.♔xf1 ♖b7 26.♕c3! ♖d1+ 27.♔g2 ♔g7 28.♗d4 ♘g4 29.♗xf6+! ♘xf6 30.♕e5+- ♖e1 31.♔f3 1-0**

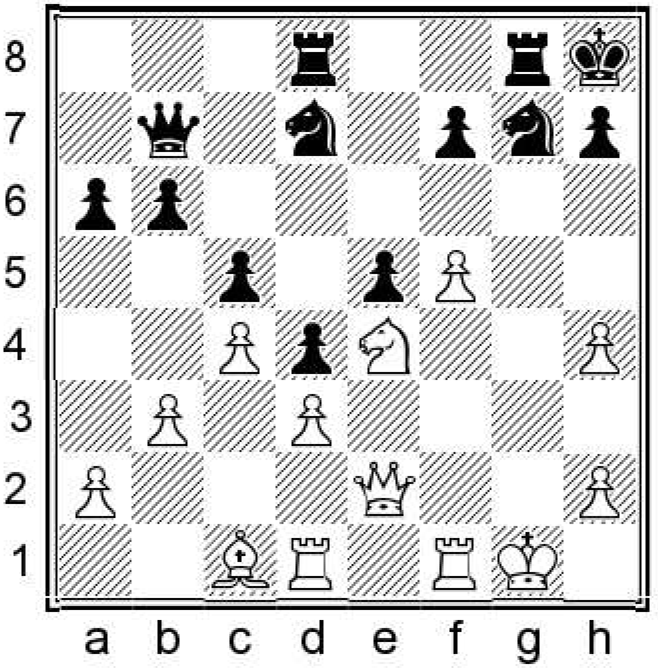
**7. * A14**
**Fedoseev, Vladimir (2674) - Dubov, Daniil (2699)**
**chess.com (Int.-blitz) 147/7, 2020**

**1.c4 e6 2.g3 d5 3.♗g2 ♘f6 4.♘f3 ♗e7 5.O-O O-O 6.b3 b6 7.♗b2 ♗b7 8.d3 c5 9.e3 ♘bd7 10.♕e2 a6 11.♘c3 ♖e8**

11...♕c7 12.♖ad1 (12.♖ac1 - 53/(46)) 12...♖ad8 13.e4 d4 14.♘b1 e5N (14...♘e8) 15.♘h4 g6 16.♗c1 ♘e8 17.f4 ♘g7 18.f5 ♗xh4 19.gxh4 gxf5 20.exf5

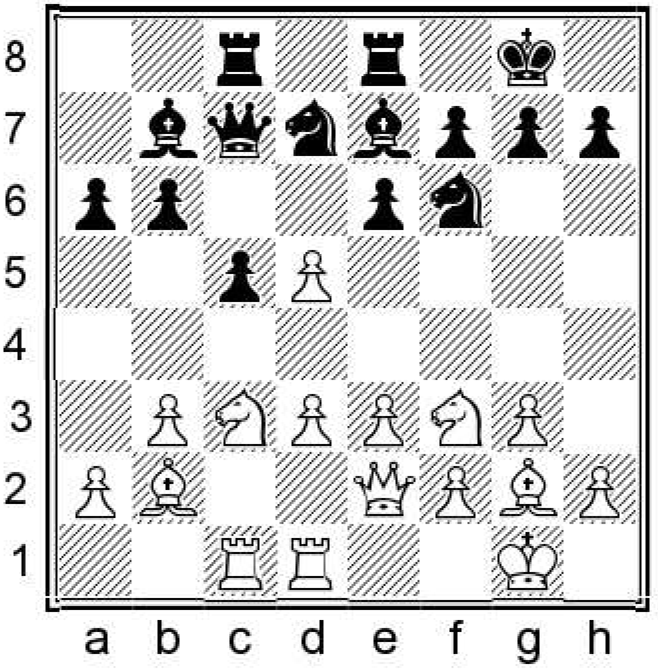


20...f6 (20...♔h8! 21.♘d2 ♖g8 22.♗xb7 (22.♘e4 ♗xe4 23.♕xe4 ♘f6∓) 22...♕xb7 23.♘e4



23...♘e8+!∓ (23...♘xf5+? 24.♗g5±)) 21.♘d2 ♔h8 22.♗xb7 ♕xb7 23.♘e4↑ Forcen Esteban,D (2552)-Bruzon Batista,L (2644) chess24.com (Int.-m/2-blitz)) 147/(7) 2020

**12.♖ac1 ♖c8 13.♖fd1 ♕c7 14.cxd5**



**14...♘xd5N**

14...exd5

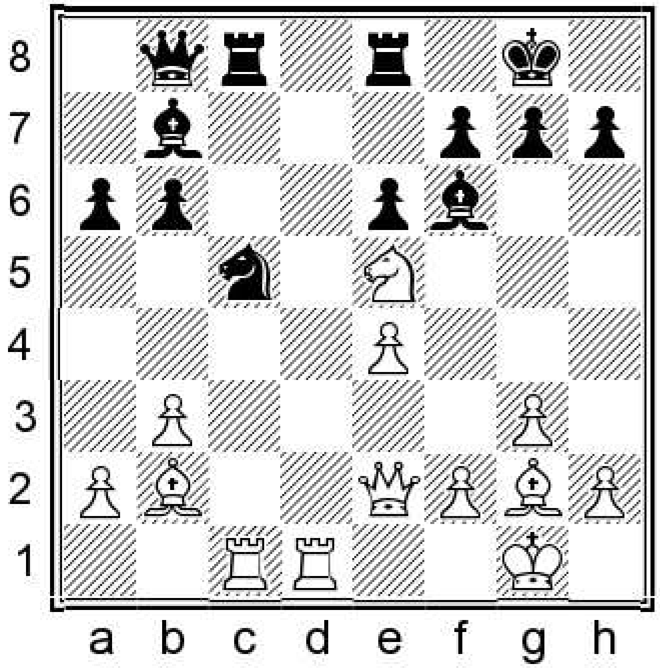
**15.♘xd5 ♗xd5**

15...exd5 16.♘e1!? b5 (16...♖ed8 17.d4↑) 17.b4!↑ Δc4? 18.dxc4 dxc4 19.♕g4 ♘f6 20.♗xf6 ♗xf6 21.♖d7+-

**16.e4! ♗b7**

16...♗c6 17.d4 ♕b7 18.dxc5 ♗b5 19.♕e3 ♗xc5 20.♕d2 ♘f8 21.♘d4 ♖ed8 22.♕e1 ♗e8 23.b4 ♗xd4 (23...♗e7 24.e5 ♕b8 25.h4↑) 24.♖xd4 ♖xc1 25.♕xc1 ♖xd4 26.♗xd4 ♗c6 27.f3±

**17.d4 ♕b8 18.dxc5 ♘xc5 19.♘e5 ♗f6?**



19...f6! 20.♘g4!? (20.♘c4 b5 21.♘b6 ♖c6 22.♗d4 ♖xb6 (22...♖d8 23.♕e3 ♖xb6 24.♗xc5 ♗xc5 25.♕xc5 ♖c6 26.♕e7 ♖e8 27.♕d7 ♕c8 28.♖xc6 ♗xc6 29.♕d6±) 23.♗xc5 ♗xc5 24.♖xc5 ♖c6= 25.♖xc6 ♗xc6 26.♕d2±) 20...♕a8 21.b4 ♘a4 (21...♗xe4? 22.♖xc5 ♗xg2 23.♕xe6+ ♔f8 (23...♔h8 24.♘h6! gxh6 25.♖d7!+-) 24.♖xc8 ♖xc8 (24...♕xc8 25.♕xc8 ♖xc8 26.♔xg2+-) 25.♖d7 ♖e8 26.♘xf6! gxf6 27.♗xf6+-; 21...♘xe4? 22.♖xc8 ♖xc8 23.♖d7! ♔f8 24.♖xb7 ♕xb7 25.♗xe4+-) 22.♗a1↑

**20.♘xf7!?**

20.♖xc5!! ♖xc5 (20...bxc5 21.♘d7 ♕c7 22.♘xf6+ gxf6 23.♗xf6+-) 21.♘d7 ♕c8 22.♘xf6+ gxf6 23.♗xf6 h5 24.e5 ♖c1 25.♕xh5 ♖xd1+ 26.♕xd1+-

**20...♗xb2?**

20...♔xf7! 21.b4 ♘xe4 22.♖d7+ ♔g8 23.♖cd1∞

**21.♕xb2± ♘xe4**

21...♔xf7 22.b4 ♕c7 (22...♘a4? 23.♖d7+ ♖e7 24.♖xe7+ ♔xe7 25.♕xg7+ ♔e8 26.♖d1 ♕c7 27.♕g8+ ♔e7 28.♕xh7+ ♔e8 29.♕g6+ ♔e7 (29...♔f8 30.♖d3!?+-; 29...♕f7 30.♕xf7+ ♔xf7 31.♖d7++-) 30.♗h3+-) 23.bxc5 bxc5 24.♖c4±

**22.♖xc8 ♕xc8 23.♗xe4 ♗xe4**

23...♔xf7 24.♖c1 ♗xe4 (24...♕b8 25.♗xh7; 24...♕d7 25.♕e5 ♖c8 26.♕h5+ ♔e7 27.♖d1+-) 25.♖xc8 ♖xc8 26.♕d2+-

**24.♘d6 ♕d7 25.♕d4+- ♗d5 26.♘xe8 ♕xe8 27.♖c1 ♕d8 28.f3 h6 29.♔f2 b5 30.♕e5 ♕f8 31.f4 ♕b4 32.♔e2**

32.♖c8+ ♔h7 33.♕c3+-

**32...♕a3 33.♖c2 ♔h7 34.f5 ♕b4 35.h3 ♕e4+ 36.♕xe4 ♗xe4 37.♖c7 exf5 38.♖a7 ♔g6 39.♖xa6+ ♔h5 40.♔e3 g5 41.g4+ ♔h4 42.♖xh6+ 1-0**

**8. **** A21**
**Santos Latasa, Jaime (2600) - Eljanov, Pavel (2672)**
**Los Cancajos 147/8, 2020**

**1.c4 e5 2.♘c3 ♗b4 3.♘d5 a5**

3...♗c5 - 146/4

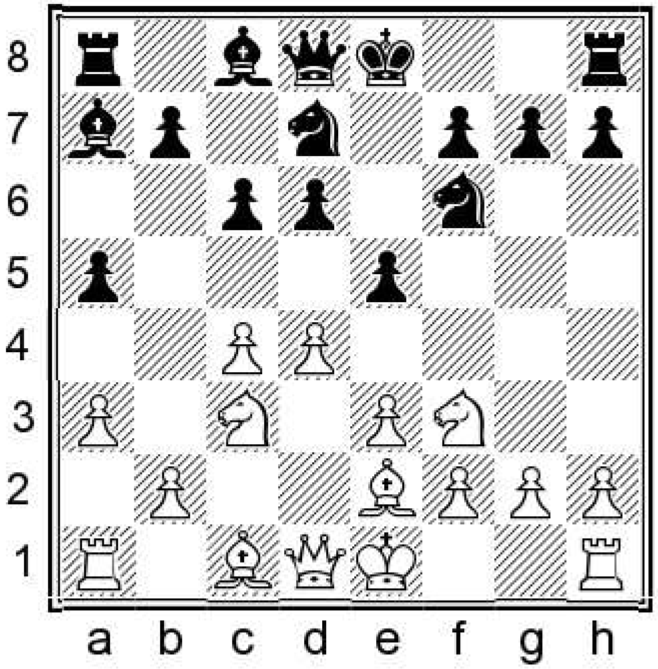
**4.a3 ♗c5**

4...♗e7 - 91/7

**5.♘f3 d6 6.e3 ♘d7**

6...♘f6 7.d4 ♘xd5 8.cxd5 exd4 9.exd4 ♗b6 10.♗g5 f6 11.♗e3; 6...c6 7.♘c3 ♘d7 8.d4 ♗a7 9.♗e2 - 6...Nd7

**7.d4 ♗a7 8.♗e2 c6 9.♘c3 ♘gf6**



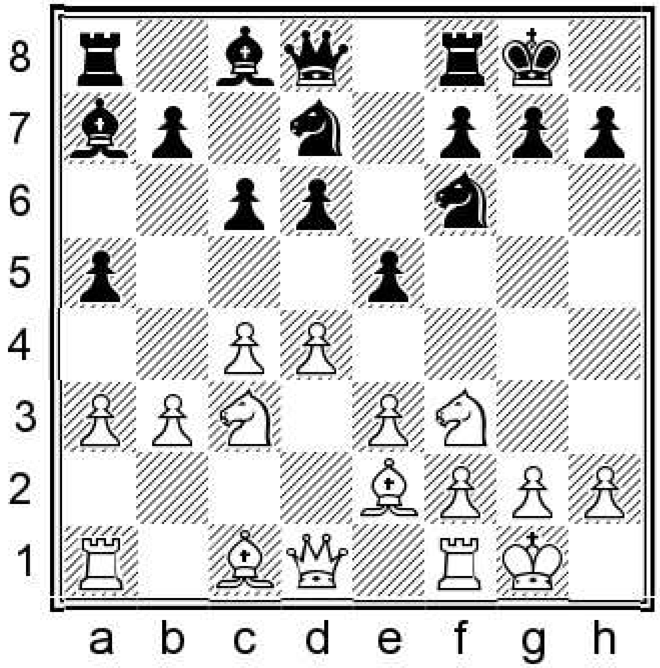
**10.O-ON**

10.b4

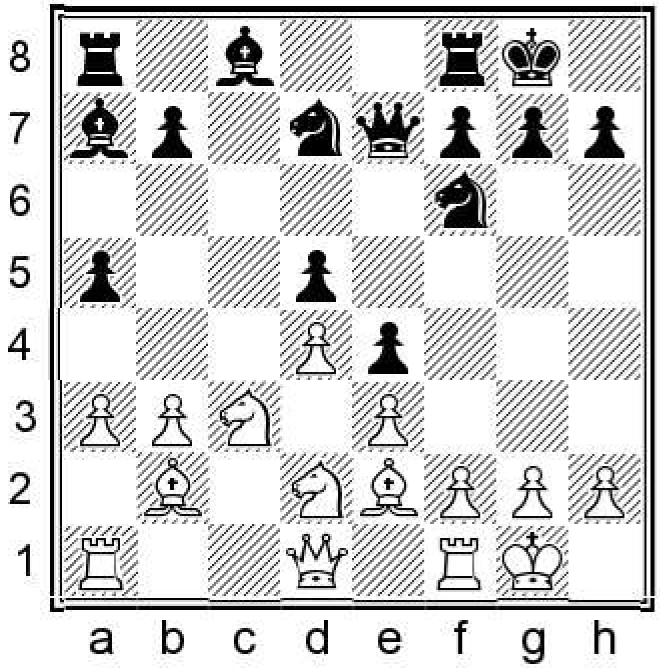
**10...O-O 11.♕c2**

11.♖b1 - 147/(8) 11...♖e8 12.b4 ♗b8 13.d5 e4 14.♘d4 c5 15.♘db5 axb4 16.axb4 cxb4 17.♖xb4 ♘c5 18.♗d2 ♗f5= Samadov,R (2273)-Bhambure,S (2382) Moscow 147/(8) 2020

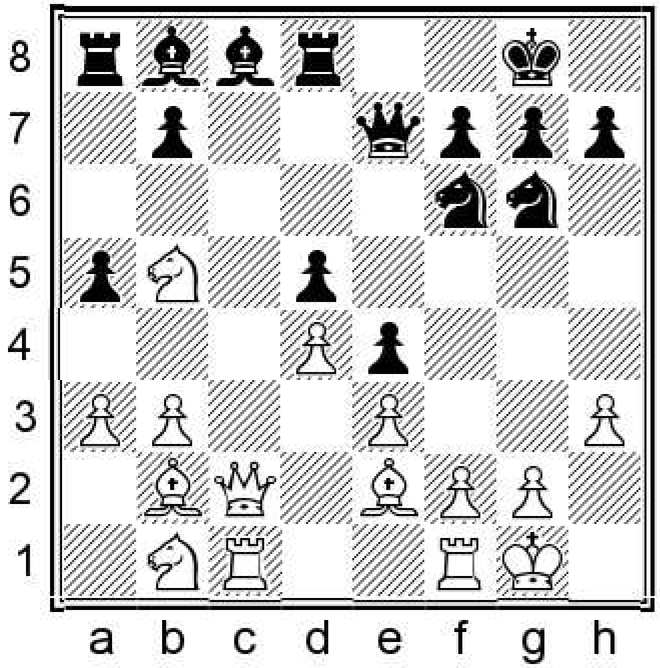
11.b3N



- 147/(8) 11...♕e7 - 147/(8) (11...♗b8N 12.♗b2?! (12.♕c2 ♖e8 13.d5±) 12...e4 13.♘d2 d5 14.♖e1 ♖e8 15.b4 ♘f8 16.g3 ♘e6 17.♕b3 ♘g5 18.b5 ♘h3+ 19.♔g2 h5→ Swicarz,M (2341)-Bluebaum,M (2672) chess.com (Int. -blitz) 147/(8) 2020) 12.♗b2 e4 13.♘d2 d5 14.cxd5 cxd5



15.♖c1? (15.a4 ∆ Ba3±) 15...♗b8 16.h3 ♖d8 17.♘b5 ♘f8 18.♘b1 ♘g6→ 19.♕c2



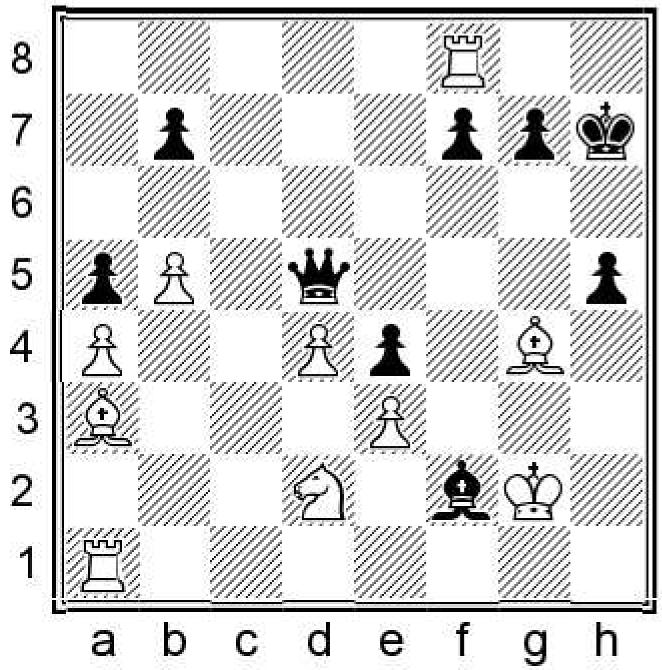
19...♗f5 (19...♗xh3! 20.gxh3 ♘h4-+ ∆ Qd7 ×h3) 20.♖fd1 ♖a6 21.♗f1 h5-+ Pantzar,M (2424) - Bluebaum,M (2660) chess.com (Int.-blitz) 147/(8) 2020

**11...♖e8N**

11...♕e7 - 147/(8) 12.b4 ♗b8 13.♗b2 ♖e8 14.d5 ♘f8 (14...cxd5 15.cxd5 ♘b6 16.♕b3 a4 17.♕d1 ♗d7 18.e4 ♖c8 19.♘d2±) 15.h3 ♘g6 16.♖fd1 e4 17.♘d4 cxd5 18.cxd5 ♘h4 19.♗f1 ♘h5 20.♖ac1 f5 21.♘cb5± Swicarz,M (2325)-Petkov,M (2315) chess.com (Int.-blitz) 147/(8) 2020

**12.b4 ♗b8!? 13.b5 e4 14.♘d2 d5 15.a4 ♘f8 16.♗a3 ♕c7**

16...♘g4 17.♗xg4 (17.g3?! ♘xh2! 18.♖fc1!? (18.♔xh2?? ♕h4+ 19.♔g1 ♗xg3 20.fxg3 ♕xg3+ 21.♔h1 ♖e6-+) 18...♘g4 19.cxd5 cxd5 20.♘xd5 ♗xg3!? (20...♕xd5? 21.♕xc8! ♖xc8 22.♖xc8 ♗xg3! 23.♖xa8 (23.♗xg4?? ♖xc8-+) 23...♗xf2+ 24.♔g2 h5! 25.♖xf8+ ♔h7 26.♗xg4

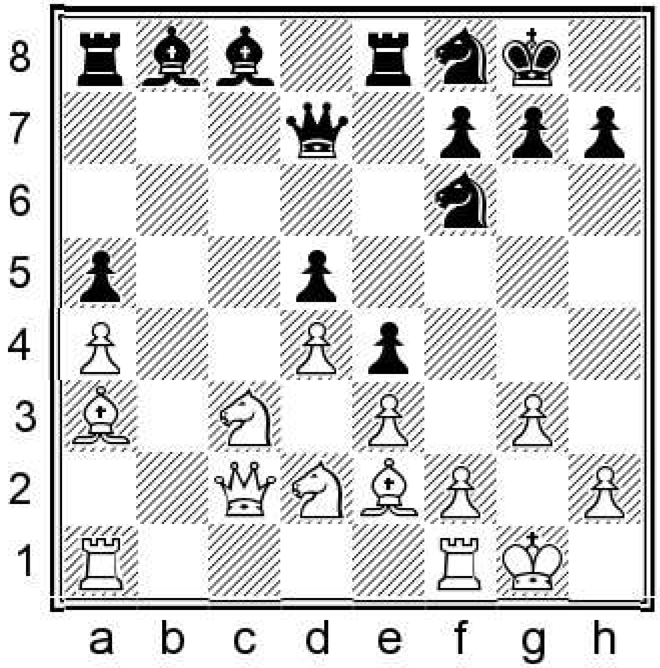


26...♗xe3! 27.♖h1 ♕a2 (27...g6!?=∞) 28.♖xh5+ ♔g6 29.♗c1 (29.♗d6?? ♕xd2+ 30.♔h3 ♕d3 31.♔g2 ♕xd4 32.♗h2 ♕b2+ 33.♔h3 ♕a3) 29...♗xd2 30.♗xd2 ♕xd2+ 31.♔g3 e3∞ (31...♕e3+ 32.♔g2 ♕d2+=)) 21.fxg3 ♕xd5 22.♕c5 (22.♘f1?! ♘g6 23.♕c5 ♕e6⩱; 22.♗xg4 ♗xg4⩱ ×Kg1) 22...♕e6⩱ (22...♘xe3?! 23.♘c4!? ♕xc5 24.dxc5 ♘xc4 25.♖xc4 ♗f5 26.c6 bxc6 27.bxc6=∞)) 17...♗xg4 18.bxc6 (18.♖fb1? ♗xh2+! 19.♔xh2 ♕h4+ 20.♔g1 ♖e6 21.♗e7 (21.f3 exf3 22.♘xf3 ♗xf3-+; 21.g3 ♕h5 22.♗e7 ♖h6! (22...♖xe7-+) 23.♗h4 g5-+) 21...♕h5! 22.bxc6 bxc6□ 23.cxd5 ♖h6 24.f3 exf3 25.♔f2 fxg2-+) 18...♕h4 19.g3 (19.f4 exf3 20.♘xf3 ♗xf3 21.♖xf3 ♕xh2+ (21...♗xh2+? 22.♔f1 bxc6 23.♕f5±) 22.♔f2 ♕h4+□ 23.♔g1 bxc6∞ (23...♕h2+=)) 19...♕h3 20.f4 exf3 21.♘xf3 bxc6∞

**17.g3 ♕d7!?**

17...♗h3 18.♖fc1 ♖c8 19.bxc6 bxc6 20.cxd5 cxd5 21.♕b3 ♕d8 22.♘b5±

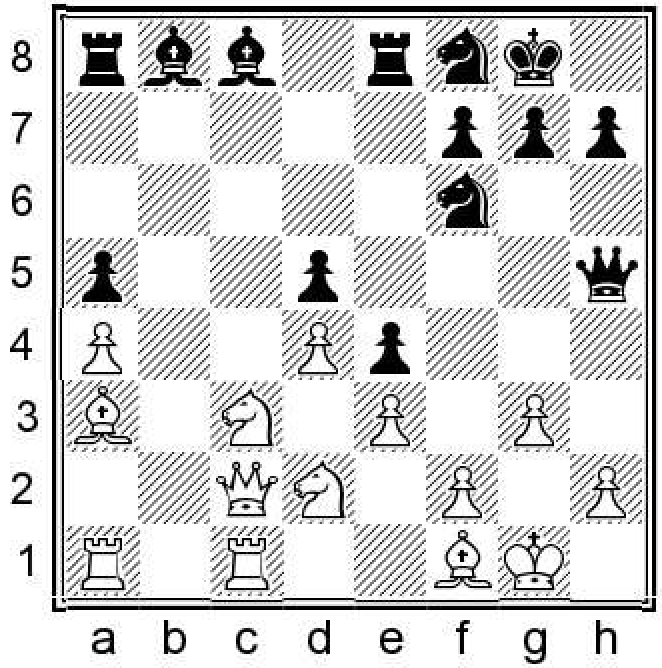
**18.bxc6 bxc6 19.cxd5 cxd5**



**20.♖fc1**

20.♗b5!? ♕h3 21.f4!? (21.♖fc1 ♗d7 (21...♘g4?? 22.♘f1+- ×Re8, d5) 22.♖ab1 h5∞) 21...♘g4 (21...exf3? 22.♖xf3 ♗d7 (22...♖d8?? 23.♗e7+-; 22...♖e6? 23.♗xf8 ♔xf8 24.♘xd5+-) 23.♖xf6! gxf6 24.♘xd5 ♗xg3! (24...♕e6 25.♘e4!+-) 25.♘e4! ♗h4 (25...♖xe4 26.♘xf6+ ♔h8 27.♘xe4 ♗h4 28.♘d6! ♕xe3+ 29.♔h1 ♗e6 30.♕g2 ♖a7 (30...♖d8 31.d5+-) 31.♗c5 ♗h3 32.♕e4 ♕xe4+ 33.♘xe4 ♖a8 34.d5±)) 22.♘b3 (22.♘c4 ♖d8 23.♗e7 dxc4 24.♗xd8 ♘xe3 25.♕xe4 ♗a7! (25...♘g4? 26.♖a2+-; 25...♘xf1? 26.♖xf1 ♗a7 27.♕xa8 ♗xd4+ 28.♖f2 ♗xc3 (28...♗xf2+ 29.♔xf2 ♕xh2+ 30.♕g2+-) 29.f5!+-) 26.♕xe3 ♗b7 27.♖f2 ♖xd8 28.♖d1 ♕c8∞) 22...♖e6 (22...♘xe3 23.♕f2 ♘g4 (23...♘xf1? 24.♗xe8+-) 24.♕g2 ♕xg2+ 25.♔xg2 ♖d8 26.♗e7 ♘e3+ 27.♔f2 ♘xf1 28.♗xd8 ♘xh2 29.♘xd5±) 23.♖fe1 ♖h6 24.♖a2 ♗e6 25.♗f1 ♕h5 26.♘c5±

**20...♕h3 21.♗f1 ♕h5??**



21...♕f5 22.♗b5 ♗d7 23.f4!? (23.f3 h5∞) 23...h5∞

**22.♘b5??**

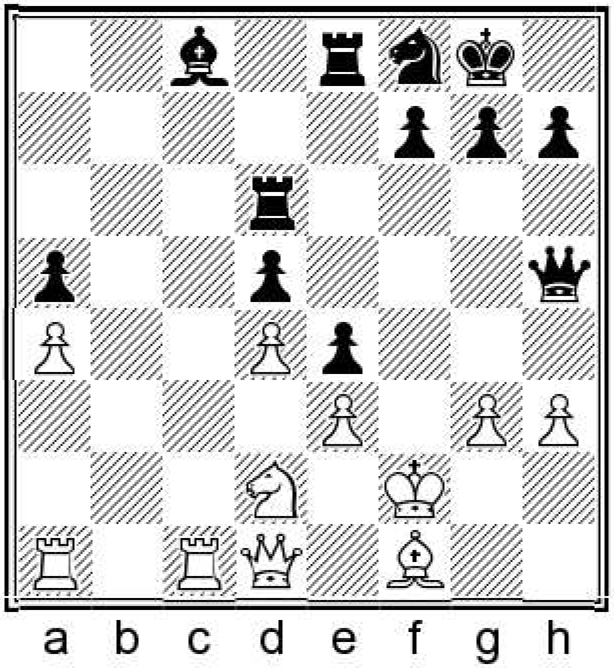
22.♗b5! ♗d7 (22...♘8d7 23.♗c6 ♖a6 (23...♖a7 24.♘xd5+-) 24.♘xd5 ♘xd5 25.♗xd5 ♕xd5 26.♕xc8+-) 23.♗xf8 ♖xf8 24.♗xd7 ♘xd7 25.♖ab1! ♘f6 26.♖b5 ♖c8 (26...♖e8 27.♘cxe4 ♘xe4 28.♘xe4+-) 27.♕b2+-

**22...♘g4 23.h3 ♘xf2! 24.♔xf2 ♖a6**

⌓24...♗xh3 25.♗xh3 (25.♗d6 ♗xd6 26.♘xd6 ♖e6 27.♘b5 ♖f6+ 28.♔g1 ♖h6-+) 25...♕xh3 26.♘f1 ♖a6 27.♔g1 ♗xg3 28.♕g2 ♗f2+! 29.♔xf2 ♖f6+ 30.♔g1 ♖g6-+

**25.♘d6 ♖xd6**

25...♗xd6 26.♗xd6 ♖xd6 27.♕d1



27...♕h6!? 28.♖c3 ♗xh3+-

**26.♗xd6 ♗xd6 27.♗g2 ♗xh3 28.♘f1 ♗xg2 29.♔xg2 ♖e6 30.♕d1 ♕f5**

⌓30...♕g5 31.♖a2 h5+-

**31.♖a2 h5 32.♔g1 ♖g6 33.♖g2 ♘e6 34.♖f2 ♕g5!? 35.♖c8+ ♔h7 36.♖h2 ♖h6 37.♕e1 ♕f5 38.♕xa5 ♘g5 39.♕a8 ♘f3+**

⌓39...♖f6 40.♖h8+ ♔g6 41.♕a6 ♘f3+ 42.♔h1 ♘xh2 43.♘xh2 ♕h3+-

**40.♔g2 ♘e1+ 41.♔g1 ♘f3+ 42.♔g2 ♘xh2 43.♘xh2 ♖f6 44.♖c2 ♗xg3 0-1**

# A25-A49

**9. A26**
**Goganov, Aleksey (2594) - Chigaev, Maksim (2619)**
**Russia (ch) 147/9, 2020**

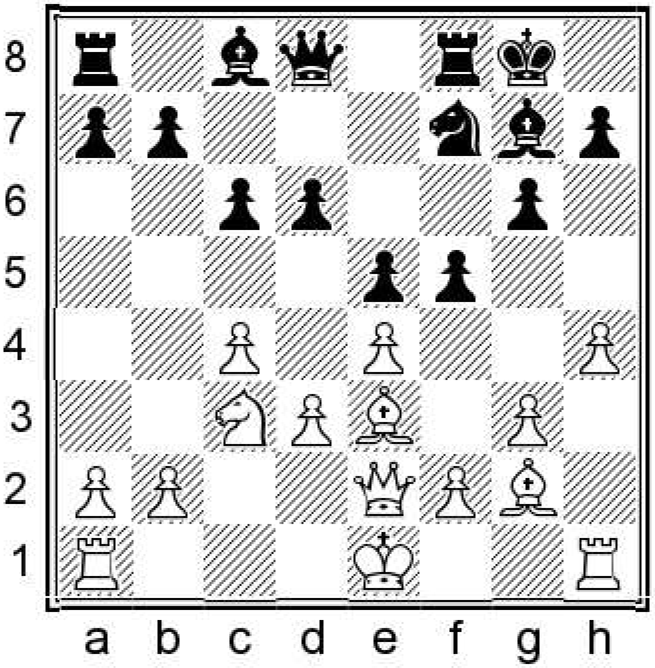
**1.c4 g6 2.g3 ♗g7 3.♗g2 e5 4.♘c3 ♘c6 5.e4 d6 6.♘ge2 ♘h6 7.d3 f5!? 8.♘d5 O-O 9.h4!?**

9.O-O - 27/61

**9...♘f7 10.♗e3N**

10.♗d2 ♘d4 11.h5 c6 12.hxg6 hxg6 13.♘xd4 exd4 14.♘f4 ♘e5 15.♕c2 ♖b8 16.O-O-O b5⇄

**10...♘d4 11.♕d2 ♘xe2 12.♕xe2 c6 13.♘c3**



**13...f4! 14.♗d2**

14.gxf4 exf4 15.♗xf4 ♘e5 16.♗xe5 ♗xe5↑

**14...♘h6**

14...♕f6!? 15.O-O-O ♘d8 16.gxf4 exf4 17.♗f3 ♘e6 18.♖dg1 ♘d4 19.♕d1 ♕e5 (19...♗e6 20.h5 b5!∞ (20...g5 21.e5! ♕xe5 22.h6 ♗f6 23.♖e1 ♕f5 24.♗e4 ♕a5 25.♘d5 ♕xa2 26.♘xf6+ ♖xf6 27.♗c3 ♕a1+ 28.♔d2 ♕xd1+ 29.♖xd1 c5 30.b4⩱)) 20.h5 g5 21.h6 ♗f6 22.♗g4 ♔h8 23.♗xc8 ♖fxc8∓

**15.f3**

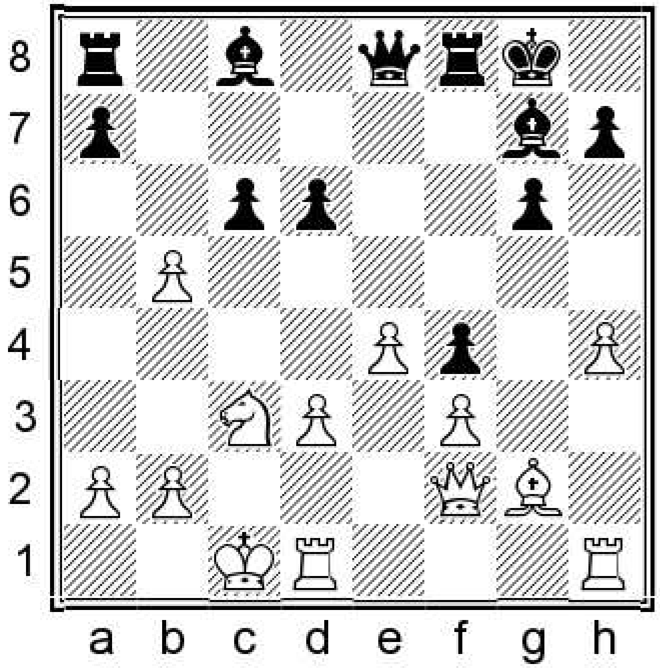
15.O-O-O fxg3 16.fxg3 ♗g4∓

**15...fxg3 16.♗g5 ♕e8 17.♗e3 ♘f7 18.O-O-O ♘d8 19.♕e1 ♘e6 20.♕xg3 ♘f4 21.♗xf4 exf4**

21...♖xf4 22.♘e2 ♖f6 23.h5∞

**22.♕f2 h5**

22...b5! 23.cxb5



23...c5!! (×d4) 24.h5 (24.♗h3 ♗xh3 25.♖xh3 ♗xc3 26.bxc3 ♕xb5∓) 24...g5 25.h6 ♗d4 26.♕c2 ♔h8!? ↑

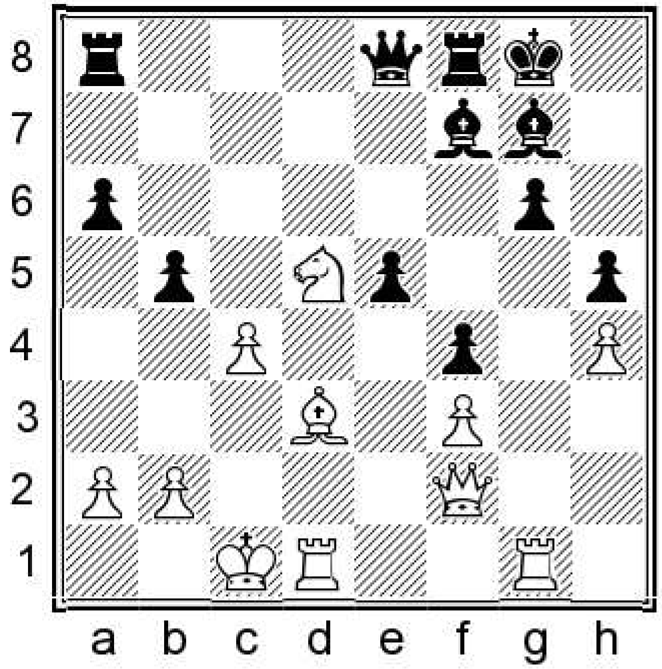
**23.d4 ♗e6 24.♗f1 a6 25.♖g1 ♗f7 26.♗d3 b5 27.e5!? dxe5**

27...bxc4 28.♗e4 dxe5 29.d5↑

**28.d5**

28.♕g2 bxc4 29.♗xg6 ♗xg6 30.♕xg6 ♕xg6 31.♖xg6 exd4 32.♘e4⩱

**28...cxd5 29.♘xd5**



29.cxd5 e4 (29...b4 30.♘e4) 30.♗xe4 b4 31.♘e2 ♕e5 32.♘d4 ♗xd5 33.♖g5 ♕c7+ 34.♕c2 ♕xc2+ 35.♗xc2∞

**29...e4?**

29...♖c8 30.♘b6 (30.♗xg6 ♗xg6 31.♖xg6 ♖xc4+ 32.♔b1 (32.♔d2 ♖d4+-+) 32...♕xg6+-+) 30...♖c6 31.c5 ♕e7 32.♗e4 ♕xc5+ 33.♕xc5 ♖xc5+ 34.♔b1⯹

**30.♗xe4 bxc4**

30...♖c8 31.c5 ♔h8

**31.♗xg6! ♖b8**

31...♗xg6 32.♖xg6 ♕xg6 33.♘e7++-

**32.♗e4 ♗xd5 33.♖xg7+! ♔xg7 34.♕g1+**

34.♕g1+ ♔h8 35.♕d4++-

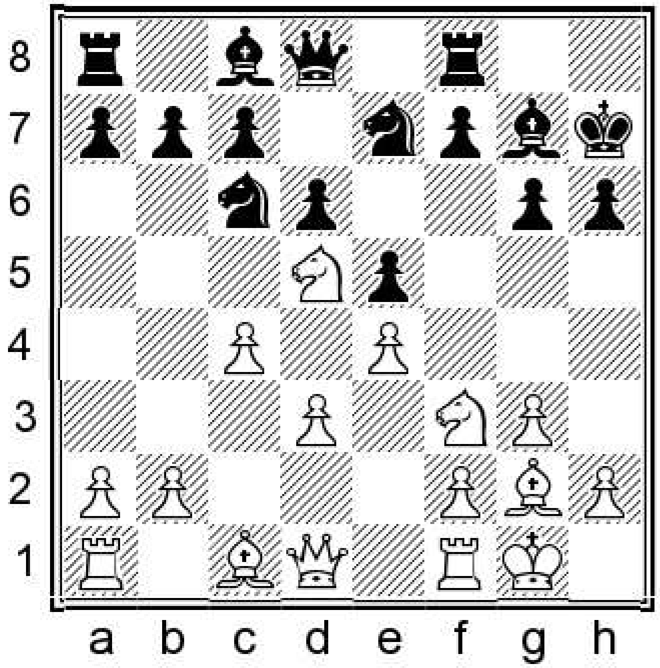
**1-0**

**10. A26**
**Radjabov, Teimour (2765) - Giri, Anish (2764)**
**chess24.com (Int.-m3/2-rapid) 147/10, 2021**

**1.e4 e5 2.♘f3 ♘c6 3.d3 g6 4.g3 ♗g7 5.♗g2 ♘ge7 6.O-O O-O 7.c4 d6 8.♘c3 h6**

8...f5 9.a3 fxe4 10.♘xe4 ♗e6 11.♖e1 ♕c8 12.b4 ♗g4 13.♗b2 a6 14.♖b1 h6∞

**9.♘d5 ♔h7**



**10.♗d2N**

10.♗e3

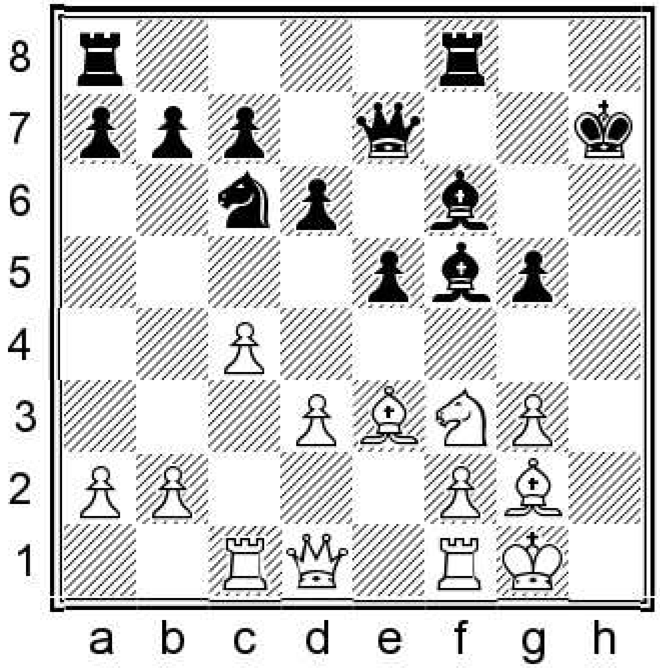
**10...f5 11.♖c1 g5?**

11...a5!?; 11...f4!? 12.gxf4 exf4 13.♘xf4 ♗xb2 14.♖b1 ♗g7∞

**12.exf5 ♗xf5 13.♗e3 ♕d7 14.♘xe7 ♕xe7 15.h4 ♗f6?**

15...g4 16.♘h2 ♕d7 17.♗e4±

**16.hxg5 hxg5**



**17.♘xg5+!**

17.♘h4! gxh4 18.♕h5+ ♔g8 19.♕xf5+-

**17...♗xg5 18.♕h5+ ♔g7 19.♗xg5 ♕e6 20.♗e3! ♗xd3 21.♖fd1 ♕g6**

⌓21...♖h8 22.♕g5+ ♗g6 23.g4±

**22.♕xg6+ ♗xg6 23.c5 ♖ad8 24.cxd6 cxd6 25.a3**

25.♖d2 ♗f5 (25...♗h5 26.♗g5 ♖d7 27.♗h3 ♖df7 28.♖xd6 ♘d4 (28...♖xf2 29.♗h6++-) 29.♗h6+ ♔h8 30.♗xf8 ♘e2+ 31.♔f1 ♘xc1 32.♗h6 ♘e2 33.g4 ♘g3+ 34.♔e1 ♘e4 35.♖d8+ ♔h7 36.♗e3 ♗g6 37.♗xa7+-) 26.a3± (26.♖cd1 ♗g4)

**25...♖d7 26.♖d2 ♗f5 27.♖cd1 ♖f6**

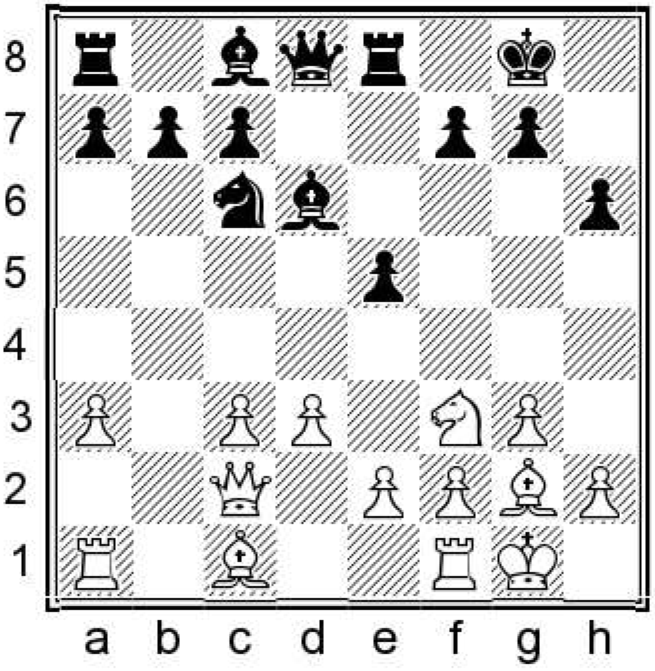
27...♗g4 28.♖xd6+-

**28.♗c5! e4 29.♖xd6 ♖fxd6 30.♖xd6 ♖xd6 31.♗xd6+- ♔f6 32.f4 exf3 33.♗xf3 ♗c8 34.♗c5 a6 35.♔f2 ♔g6 36.♔e3 ♘e5 37.♗e4+ ♔g5 38.♔d4 ♘c6+ 39.♔d5 ♔g4 40.♔d6 ♔xg3 41.♔c7 ♗e6 42.♔xb7 ♘a5+ 43.♔xa6 ♘c4 44.♗d4 ♔f4 45.♗d3 ♘d2 46.♔b5 ♗d7+ 47.♔b4 ♘f3 48.♔c3 ♘g5 49.b4 ♘e4+ 50.♔b2 ♗a4 51.b5 ♘d6 52.b6 ♘b7 53.♔c3 ♗c6 54.♔b4 ♗e4 55.♗f1 ♗f3 56.a4 ♔e4 57.♗g1 ♔d5 58.a5 ♘d6 59.a6 ♔c6 60.♗c5 ♘f5 61.♗b5+ ♔d5 62.b7 1-0**

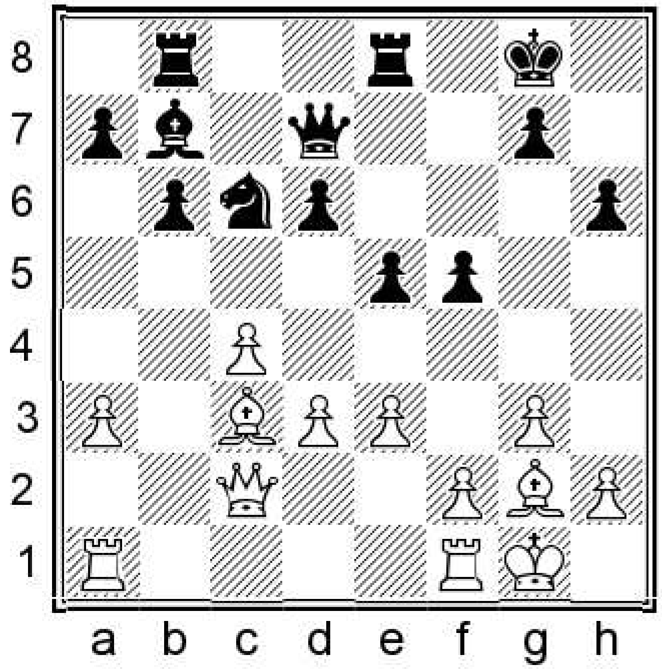
**11. * A28**
**Artemiev, Vladislav (2711) - Fedoseev, Vladimir (2674)**
**Russia (ch) 147/11, 2020**

**1.c4 e5 2.♘c3 ♘f6 3.♘f3 ♘c6 4.a3 d5 5.cxd5 ♘xd5 6.♕c2 ♘xc3 7.bxc3 ♗d6 8.g3 ♕e7**

8...O-O 9.♗g2 ♖e8 10.d3 h6 11.O-O



11...♖b8N (11...♗g4) 12.♘d2 ♘a5 13.♘e4 b6 14.c4 ♗b7 15.♗d2 ♘c6 16.e3 f5 17.♘xd6 cxd6 18.♗c3 ♕d7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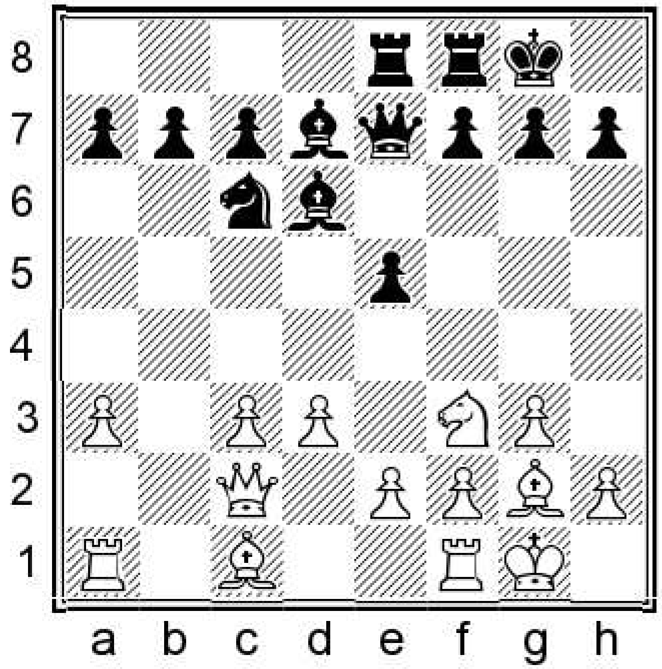
19.a4 (19.♕a4!?±) 19...♘d8∞ Gurevich,M (2577) -Sasikiran,K (2647) chess.com (Int.-m/1-rapid) 147/(11) 2020

**9.d3 O-O 10.♗g2 ♗d7 11.O-O ♖ae8**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11...♘a5 - 46/27

**12.♘d2N**

12.e4

**12...♔h8 13.♗b2 f5 14.c4**

14.e3 f4 15.♖ae1 fxg3 16.hxg3 ♗f5 17.e4 ♗c8 18.♘c4 ♗c5∞

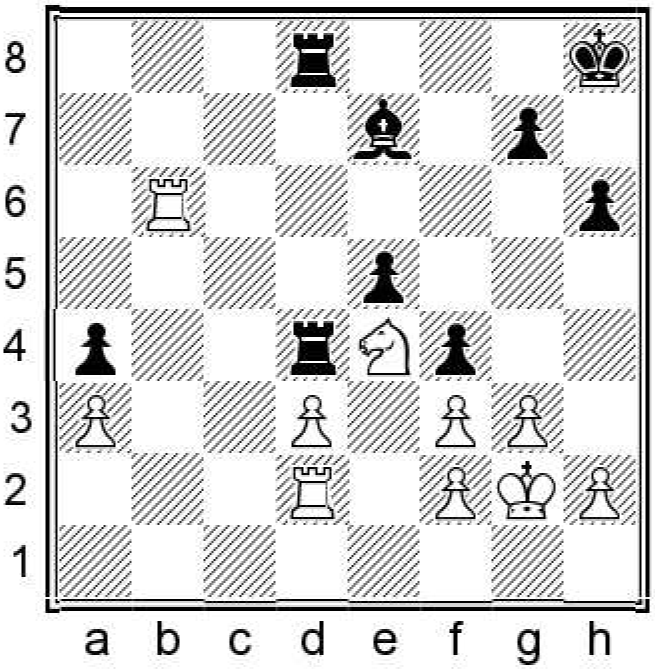
**14...f4!? 15.♘e4 ♕f7 16.♖ad1**

16.c5 ♗e7 17.♗c3 ♗g4 18.♕b2 b6∞

**16...♗e7 17.♔h1 ♗g4 18.♗f3**

18.♕d2 ♕h5 19.f3 ♗d7 20.e3 fxg3 21.♘xg3 ♕h6∞

**18...♗xf3+ 19.exf3 ♖d8∓** [×d3] **20.♖d2 ♖d7 21.♔g2 ♕e6 22.♖e1 ♖fd8 23.♖ed1 b6 24.♕a4 ♕g6 25.♕b5 ♕e6 26.♕a4 a5 27.c5 ♘d4 28.cxb6 cxb6 29.♕c4 ♕g6 30.♗xd4 ♖xd4 31.♕b3 a4 32.♕b2 h6 33.♖b1 ♕e6 34.♕xb6 ♕xb6 35.♖xb6**



**35...♗xa3**

35...♖a8! 36.♖e6 ♗xa3 37.♖xe5 ♗f8!∓ (37...♗b4 38.♖a2 ♖xd3 (38...a3 39.♖b5 ♗f8 40.♖b3) 39.♘c5 ♖a3 40.♖ae2 fxg3 41.hxg3 ♔h7∓)

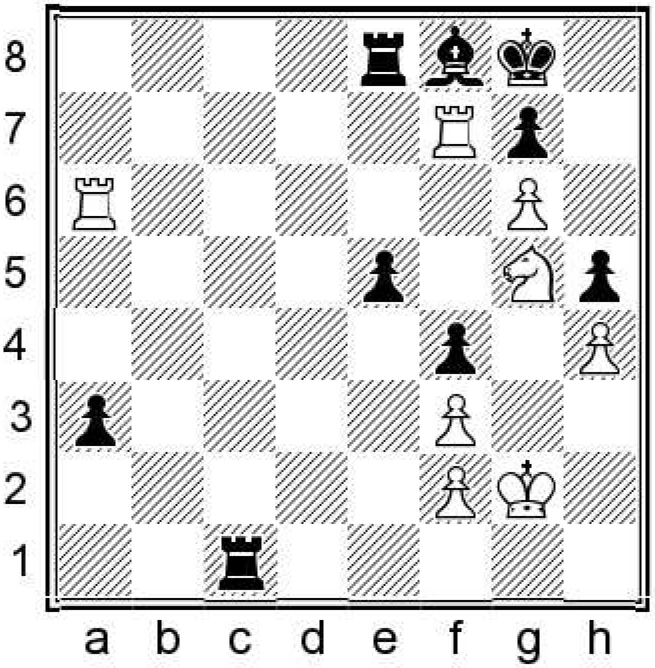
**36.♖a6 ♗b4 37.♖c2 a3 38.♖c7⇄ ♖4d7 39.♖c4 ♗e7 40.♘c5**

40.g4 ♖xd3 41.♖cc6 ♔g8 42.♖e6 ♔f7 43.h4!? ♗xh4 44.g5 ♗xg5 45.♘xg5+ hxg5 46.♖xe5=∞

**40...♖d5 41.♘e4 ♖xd3 42.♖cc6 ♖3d5 43.♖e6 ♗b4 44.♖eb6 ♗f8 45.g4 ♔g8 46.h4 ♖d1 47.g5 h5 48.g6 ♖c8 49.♘g5 ♖a1**

49...♖cc1 50.♘h3=

**50.♖b7 ♖cc1 51.♘h3 ♖ab1 52.♖f7 ♖c8 53.♘g5 ♖cc1 54.♘h3 ♖b8 55.♘g5 ♖e8**



**56.♖fa7**

56.♖f5!? Δa2 57.♘f7 a1=Q 58.♖xa1 ♖c6 (58...♖xa1 59.♖xh5+-) 59.♖g5 ♗e7 60.♘xe5 ♗xg5 61.♘xc6 ♗xh4 62.♖a5±

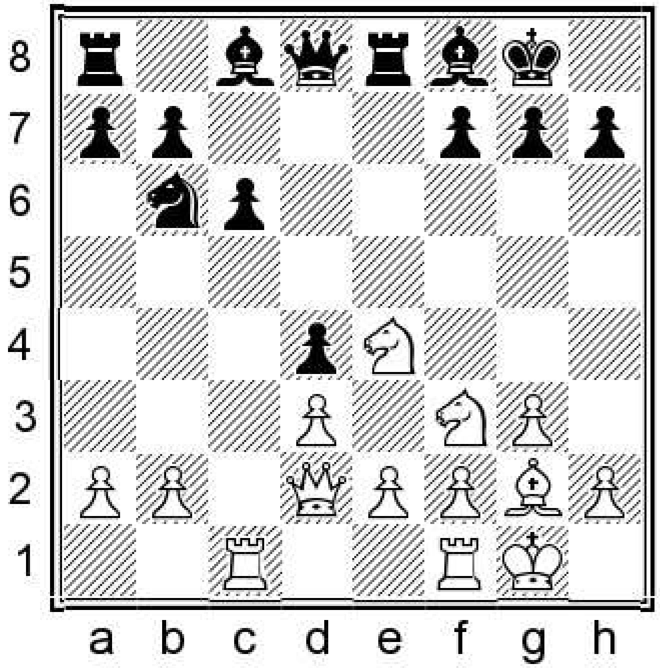
**56...♖ec8 57.♘e6 ♖1c6 58.♘xf8 ♔xf8 59.♖xc6 ♖xc6 60.♖xa3 ♖xg6+ 61.♔f1= ♔f7 62.♖a7+ ♔e6 63.♖a8 ♖f6 64.♖h8 g6 65.♔g2 ♔f5 66.♖g8 ♖f7 67.♔g1 e4 68.♔g2 ♖e7 69.♖f8+ ♔e5 70.fxe4 ♔xe4 71.♖a8 ♖d7 72.♖a6 ♖d1 73.♖xg6 f3+ 74.♔h2 ♖f1 75.♖e6+ ♔f4 76.♖f6+ ♔g4 77.♖g6+ ♔xh4 78.♖g4+ hxg4 1/2-1/2**

**12. A29**
**Xu, Yinglun (2554) - Ju, Wenjun (2560)**
**China (ch) 147/12, 2020**

**1.c4 e5 2.♘c3 ♘f6 3.♘f3 ♘c6 4.g3 d5 5.cxd5 ♘xd5 6.♗g2 ♘b6 7.O-O ♗e7 8.d3 O-O 9.♗e3 ♖e8 10.♖c1 ♗f8 11.♘e4 ♘d4 12.♗xd4**

12.♗g5 - 110/20

**12...exd4 13.♕d2 c6**



**14.♘c5!? g6N**

14...♗xc5

**15.b4 ♗g7 16.♖fe1 ♘d5 17.♘b3 ♘e7**

17...♘c7 18.h4 ♕d6∞

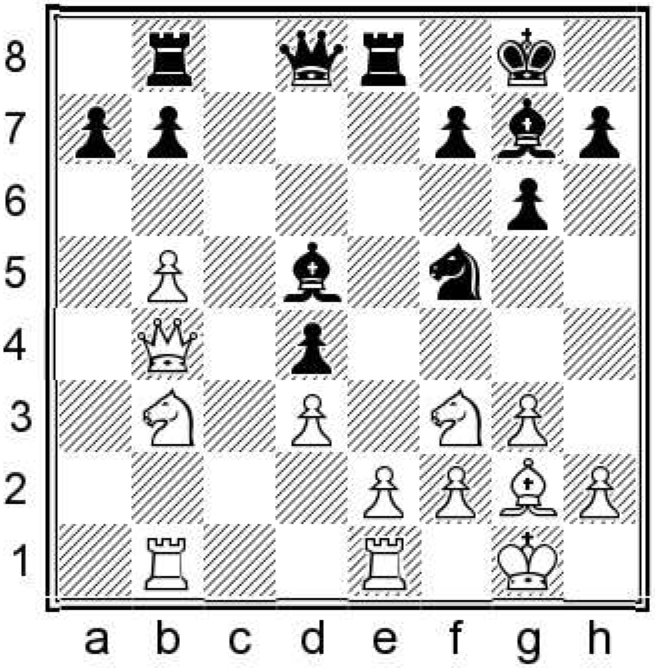
**18.a4 ♘f5 19.♖b1 ♖b8**

19...b6 20.b5 cxb5 21.axb5 ♗e6 22.♕b4 ♕d7∞

**20.b5 cxb5 21.axb5 ♗e6**

⌓21...b6

**22.♕b4 ♗d5**



**23.♗h3!? ♗xf3**

23...♕f6 24.♘bd2 b6 25.♖bc1±

**24.exf3± ♘e7**

24...♖xe1+ 25.♖xe1 ♘d6 26.♘c5±

**25.♕c4!± ♘c8 26.♖xe8+ ♕xe8 27.♘c5 ♘b6**

27...♘d6 28.♕b3 ♕d8 29.♕a3 ♖a8 30.f4±

**28.♕a2 ♖a8**

28...♗f8 29.♘e4 ♕d8 30.f4±

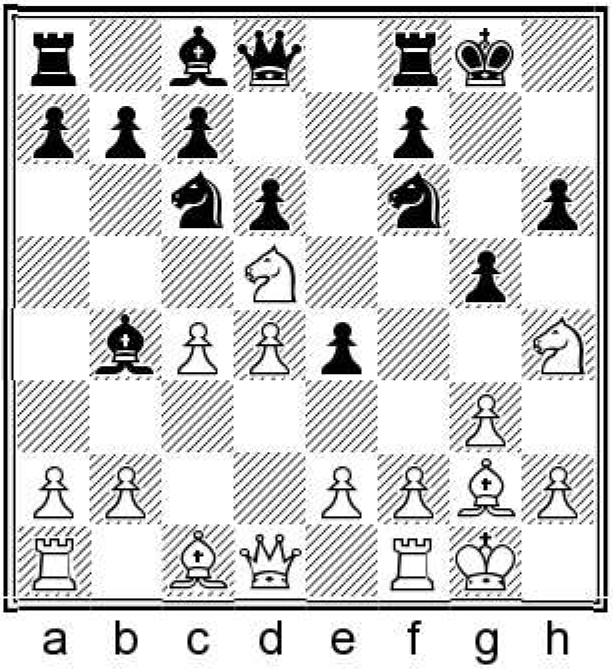
**29.♘xb7 ♕e7 30.♘a5+- a6 31.bxa6 ♖xa6 32.♘c6 ♕b7 33.♕c2 ♖a8 34.f4 ♕a6 35.♘e7+ ♔h8 36.♕c6 ♗f8 37.♕f6+ 1-0**

**13. * A29**
**Caruana, Fabiano (2823) - Esipenko, Andrey (2677)**
**Wijk aan Zee 147/13, 2021**

**1.c4 ♘f6 2.♘c3 e5 3.♘f3 ♘c6 4.g3 ♗b4 5.♘d5 e4 6.♘h4 d6 7.♗g2 O-O 8.O-O g5 9.d4**

9.d3? - 128/10

**9...h6**

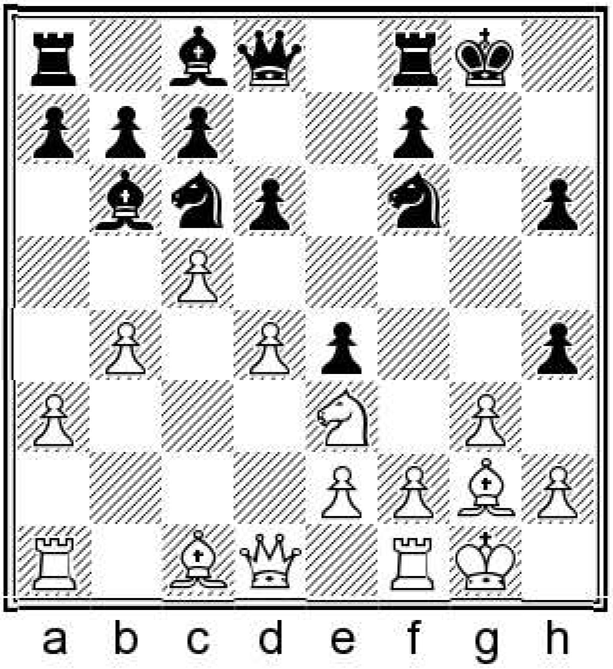


9...gxh4? 10.♗g5+-

**10.♘e3!?N**

10.♗e3; 10.♗h1; 10.♕a4

**10...gxh4 11.a3 ♗a5 12.b4 ♗b6 13.c5**



**13...h3N**

13...d5 - 147/(13) 14.cxb6 axb6 15.gxh4 ♔h8 16.♔h1 ♖g8 17.f3 exf3 18.♖xf3 ♖g6 19.♕f1 ♗e6 20.b5 ♘a7 21.♘f5 ♘xb5 22.♘xh6 ♘xd4 23.♖d3 ♘c2 24.♖b1 d4 25.♕d1 ♗d5 26.♘xf7+ ♗xf7 27.♕xc2 ♗d5

28.♖g3 ♖xg3 1/2 (28) Vaughan,J-Diaz Rubi,F corr 147/(13) 2020

**14.♗h1 dxc5 15.dxc5 ♕xd1**

15...♕d4?! 16.♖b1 ♗xc5 17.bxc5 ♕xc5 18.♗b2↑

**16.♖xd1 ♗xc5 17.bxc5 ♖e8 18.♗b2 ♘e5 19.♖d4 ♘eg4 20.♖f1**

20.♖ad1 ♘xe3 21.fxe3 ♗e6 22.♖f1 ♘g4 23.♗xe4 c6∞

**20...a5**

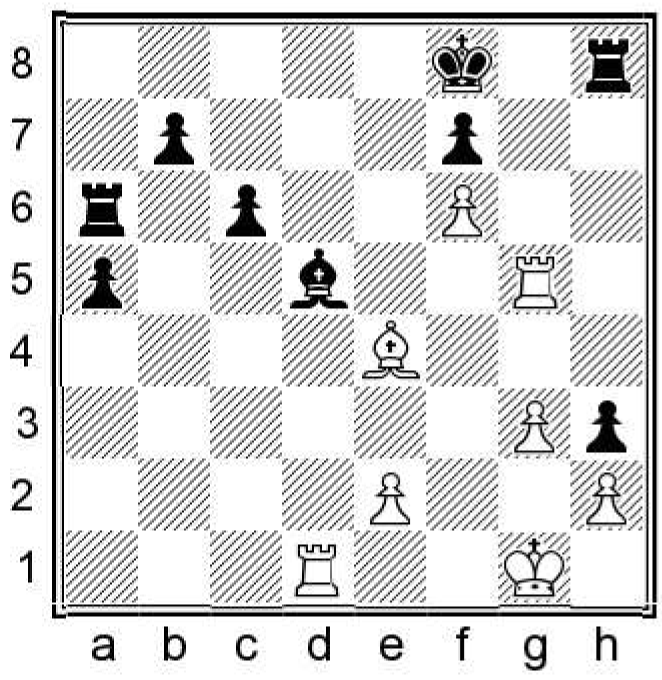
20...b5!? 21.♘xg4 (21.cxb6 axb6 22.♘xg4 ♗xg4 23.♖b4 (23.♖c4? ♗xe2) 23...♘d7 24.♖xe4 (24.♗xe4? c5! 25.♗h7+ ♔xh7 26.♖xg4 ♖xe2 27.♖g7+ ♔h8 28.♗a1 ♘e5 29.♗xe5 (29.♖xf7 ♔g8 30.♖f6 ♘c4! Δ 31.♖g6+ ♔f7 32.♖xh6 ♘d2 33.♖d1 ♖ae8-+) 29...♖xe5 30.♖xf7 ♖xa3∓) 24...♖xe4 25.♗xe4 ♖e8 26.f3 ♘c5!) 21...♗xg4 22.f3 ♗e6 23.fxe4 ♘g4∞

**21.a4 ♖a6 22.♘xg4 ♗xg4 23.f3 ♗e6!**

23...exf3? 24.♖f4! fxe2 25.♖e1+-

**24.fxe4 ♘d7 25.♗a3**

25.e5! ♘xc5 26.♖h4 c6 (26...♔g7? 27.♗d4 b6 28.♗e3 ♖h8 29.♗c6 Δ Rf6±) 27.♖xh6 ♘xa4 (27...b5 28.♗c1! Δbxa4 29.♗g5 ♔g7 30.♖h5!±) 28.♗c1 ♘c5 29.♗g5 ♔g7 30.♖h5! ♘d7 (30...♔g6? 31.♗e3! ♔xh5 32.♖f6 ♖h8 33.♗f3+ ♗g4 34.♖f5+ ♔g6 35.♖g5+ ♔h7 36.♗xg4+-) 31.♗e4 ♖h8 32.♗f6+ ♘xf6 33.exf6+ ♔g8 34.♖d1! ♖a8 (34...♗d5 35.♖g5+ ♔f8 36.♗h1! (36.♗f3?! ♖h6! 37.e4 ♖xf6) 36...♖h6 37.e4 ♖xf6 38.exd5±) 35.♖xa5 (35.♖g5+ ♔f8 36.♖xa5 ♖c8 37.♖a7 ♖h6 38.♖f1 ♖b8∞) 35...♖e8 36.g4 (36.♖b1 ♗c8 37.♗d3 ♖h6 38.♖f1 b6 39.♖a7 ♗e6∞) 36...♖h4 37.♗f3 b5 38.♔f2! ♖xg4! (38...♗xg4? 39.♖g1+-) 39.♗xg4 ♗xg4 40.♖d4 (40.♖g1 ♖xe2+



41.♔f1 ♖g2 42.♖xg2 hxg2+ 43.♔xg2 ♔h7=∞) 40...♖xe2+ 41.♔f1 ♗h5 42.♖a3±

**25...♘e5 26.♖b1 b6 27.cxb6 ♖xb6 28.♖xb6 cxb6 29.♗d6 ♗b3 30.♗c7 ♖e6 31.♗f3 ♘xf3+**

31...f6!? 32.♔f2 ♖c6∓

**32.exf3 ♖c6 33.♗f4 h5 34.♔f2 ♖c2+ 35.♖d2 ♗xa4 36.♖xc2 ♗xc2 37.♗c7 a4 38.♗xb6 ♗d1 39.♗c5 ♔g7 40.♔e3 1/2-1/2**

**14. A42**
**Bjerre, Jonas Buhl (2552) - Moroni, Luca Jr (2560)**
**Villorba 147/14, 2021**

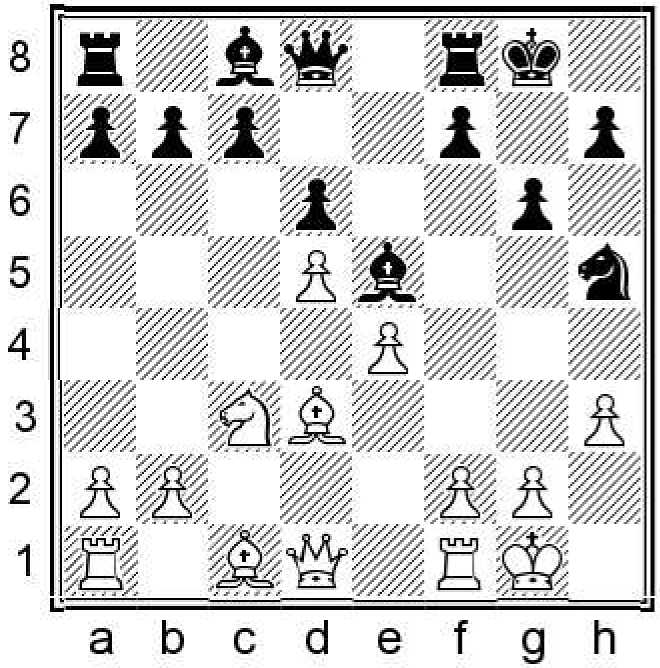
**1.d4 g6 2.c4 ♗g7 3.♘c3 d6 4.♘f3 ♘c6 5.d5 ♘e5 6.♘xe5 ♗xe5 7.e4**

7.g3 - 136/22

**7...♘f6 8.♗d3 O-O 9.O-O e6 10.h3**

10.♗g5 exd5 11.exd5 h6 12.♗h4 ♗f4∞

**10...exd5 11.cxd5 ♘h5**



**12.♗h6N**

12.f4 ♗d4+ 13.♔h2 ♕h4 14.♘e2 (14.♕e1 ♕xe1 15.♖xe1 ♗f2 16.♖f1 ♗g3+ 17.♔g1 f5∞; 14.♕f3 g5!∞) 14...♗f2 15.f5 gxf5 16.exf5 ♖e8 17.♕d2 ♖e5 18.♕g5+ ♕xg5 19.♗xg5 ♗e3∞; 12.♘e2 c6 13.dxc6 bxc6∞

**12...♕h4!**

12...♘f4 13.♕f3 (13.♗xf8? ♘xh3+ 14.gxh3 ♕g5+ 15.♔h1 ♕f4-+) 13...♕f6! 14.♗xf4 ♕xf4 15.♕xf4

♗xf4↑

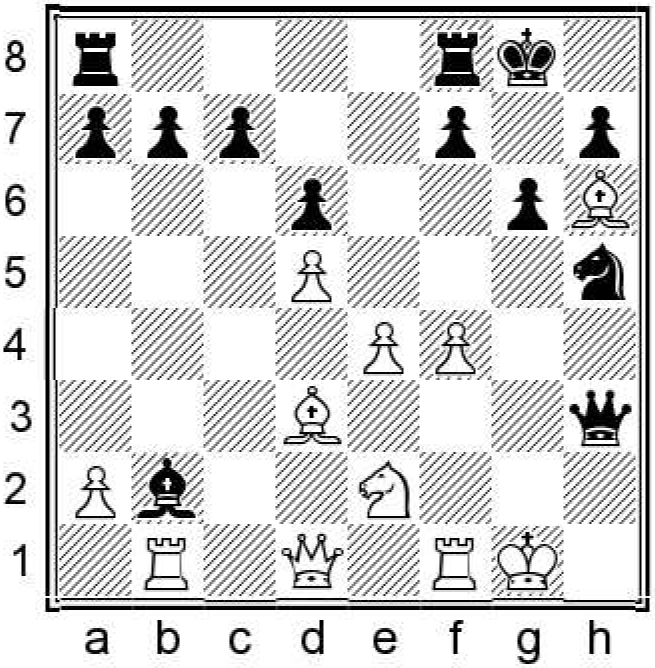
**13.♘e2**

13.♗xf8 ♕f4 14.♖e1 (14.g3 ♘xg3-+; 14.f3 ♗xh3!-+) 14...♕h2+ 15.♔f1 ♘f4-+

**13...♗xh3 14.gxh3??**

14.f4 ♗xb2 15.♗xf8 ♖xf8 16.gxh3 (16.♕e1 ♕xe1 17.♖axe1 ♗c8∓) 16...♕xh3 17.♖b1 ♗d4+ (17...♗a3!? 18.♔f2 ♗c5+ 19.♔e1 ♗e3 20.♕c2 ♘f6=∞) 18.♘xd4 ♕g3+ 19.♔h1 ♕h3+=

**14...♕xh3 15.f4 ♗xb2 16.♖b1?**



16.♗xf8 ♗xa1 17.♗h6 ♗h8 18.♕d2 ♘g3-+; 16.♕d2 ♗xa1 17.♖xa1 ♖fe8-+

**16...♗a3! 17.♖c1**

17.♔f2 ♗c5+ 18.♔e1 ♘g3 19.♘xg3 ♕xg3+ 20.♔d2 ♕h2+-+; 17.♗xf8 ♗c5+ 18.♖f2 ♘g3-+

**17...♘f6-+ 18.♗xf8 ♘g4 19.♖f2 ♕e3 20.♕f1 ♗xc1 21.♗e7 ♘xf2 22.♕xf2 ♖e8 23.♗f6 ♕xd3 24.♘xc1 ♕d1+ 25.♕f1 ♕g4+ 26.♕g2 ♕xf4 27.♗g5 ♕xe4 28.♕xe4 ♖xe4 0-1**

**15. A42**
**Santos Latasa, Jaime (2588) - Moussard, Jules (2626)**
**Sitges 147/15, 2020**

**1.d4 d6 2.e4 g6 3.c4 ♗g7 4.♘c3 ♘c6 5.d5 ♘d4 6.♗e3 c5 7.♘ge2 ♘xe2!?**

7...♕b6

**8.♗xe2 ♘f6 9.O-O O-O 10.h3**

10.f4 - 9/124

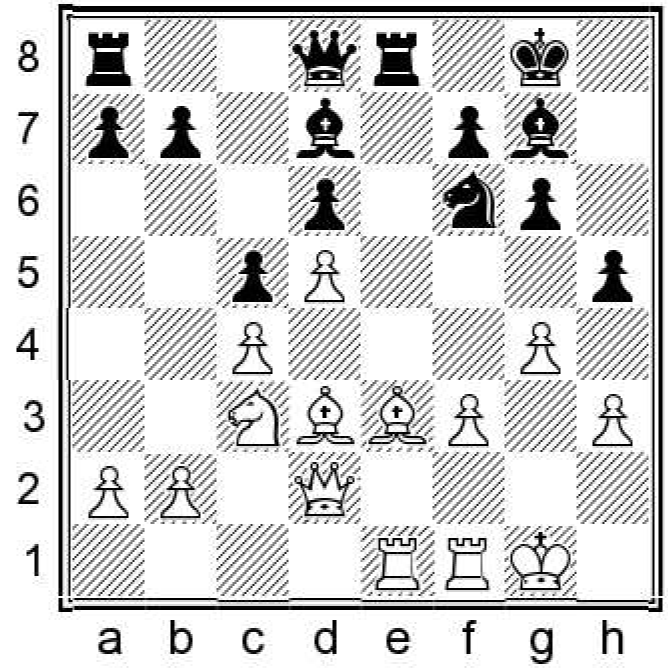
**10...e6 11.♕d2 exd5 12.exd5 ♗f5**

12...♖e8 13.♗g5! ♗d7 14.♖ae1±

**13.g4 ♗d7**

13...♘e4?? 14.♘xe4 ♗xe4 15.f3+-

**14.♖ae1 ♖e8 15.♗d3 h5 16.f3**



**16...♖xe3?!N**

16...a6 17.a4 ♕a5 18.♗f4 ♖xe1 19.♖xe1 ♖e8±; 16...♘h7 17.♘e4±

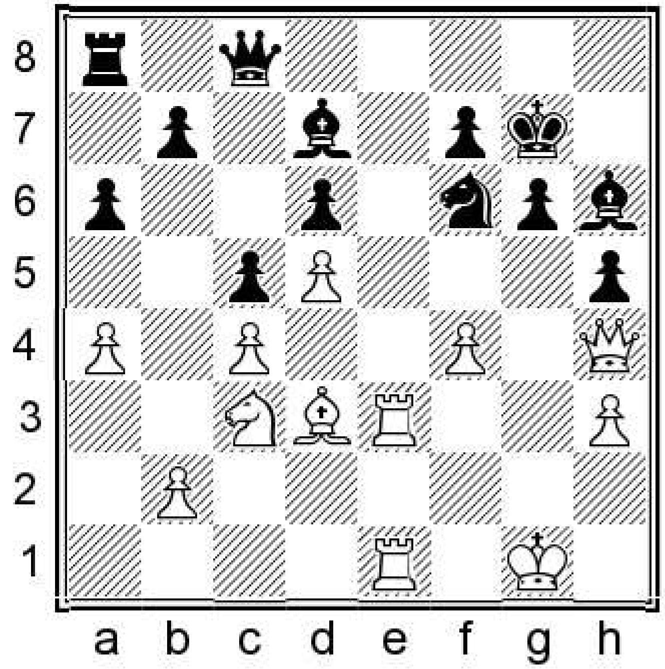
**17.♖xe3**

17.♕xe3? ♘xg4 18.♕e7 ♘e5 19.♕xd8+ ♖xd8∓

**17...♗h6 18.g5 ♗xg5 19.f4 ♗h6 20.♕f2 ♕f8**

20...♘e8 21.♕g2! ♕f6 (21...♘g7? 22.♗xg6+-) 22.♖ef3 ♗f5 23.♗xf5 ♕xf5 24.♘e2±

**21.♖fe1 a6 22.a4 ♕c8 23.♕h4 ♔g7?**



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**24.♗xg6!! ♔xg6**

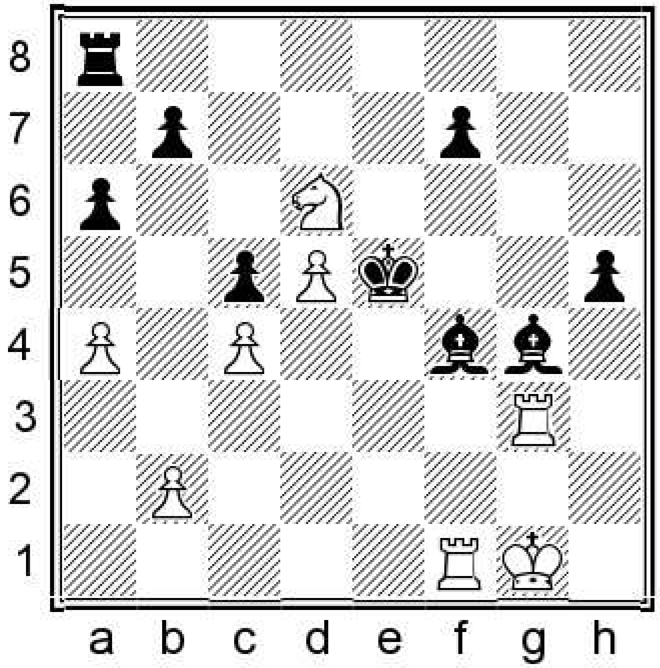
24...fxg6 25.♖e7++-

**25.♖g3+ ♘g4 26.hxg4**

26.♖e7! Δ♕h8 (26...♗f5 27.♘e4 ♕h8 28.hxg4 ♕d4+ 29.♔h2 ♗xe4 30.♕xh5+ ♔g7 31.♕xf7+ ♔h8 32.f5+-) 27.hxg4 ♗xg4 28.f5+! ♔g7 (28...♔xf5 29.♖xg4 hxg4 30.♕h5++-) 29.♘e4+-

**26...♗xg4 27.♖f1?**

27.♕e7 ♕f5 28.♘e4 ♕xf4 (28...♗xf4? 29.♘xd6 ♕f6 30.♕xf6+ ♔xf6 31.♖f1 ♔e5



32.♖xg4! hxg4 33.♘xf7+ ♔e4 34.d6+-) 29.♖f1 ♗g5 30.♕xg5+ (30.♕xd6+ ♕xd6 31.♘xd6 f5⇄) 30...♕xg5 31.♘xg5 ♔xg5 32.♖xf7 (32.♖b3 f5 33.♖xb7 ♖e8⇄) 32...b5! 33.♖g2! bxc4 34.♖d7±

**27...♕f5!⇄ 28.♘d1?**

28.♕e7 ♗f8 29.♕xb7 (29.♕e4 ♗g7 30.♖e1 (30.♔h2 ♗d4∞) 30...♗d4+ 31.♔g2 ♖g8∞) 29...♖e8 30.♕xa6 (30.♕c6 ♖d8 31.♕xa6 ♗e7∞) 30...h4 31.♕b5 (31.♖g2? ♔h7! 32.♕b5 ♖e3-+) 31...♖e7 32.♕b8 hxg3 33.♕xf8 ♕h5 34.♕g8+ ♔f6 35.♕g5+ ♕xg5 36.fxg5+ ♔xg5∞

**28...♗xf4 29.♖g2**

29.♖b3 ♖e8 30.♕f2 ♖e4 31.♘e3 ♕d7 32.♘g2 ♗e5-+

**29...♖e8 30.♘f2 ♖e2 31.♘xg4 ♖xg2+ 32.♔xg2 hxg4 33.♕e1**

33.♖f2 ♕e4+ 34.♔f1 f5-+

**33...♕e5**

33...♕c2+ 34.♖f2 (34.♕f2 ♕e4+-+) 34...♕xc4 35.♕e8 ♕xd5+ 36.♔g1 ♕f5-+

**34.♕xe5 ♗xe5 35.a5 f5 36.♖b1 f4 37.b4 f3+ 38.♔f2 ♔f5 39.bxc5 ♗d4+ 40.♔g3 ♗e5+ 41.♔f2 ♔f4 42.♖d1 g3+ 43.♔f1 ♔e3??**

43...g2+ 44.♔f2 ♗f6 45.cxd6 ♗h4+ 46.♔g1 ♔g3 47.♖d3 ♗f6-+; 43...dxc5-+

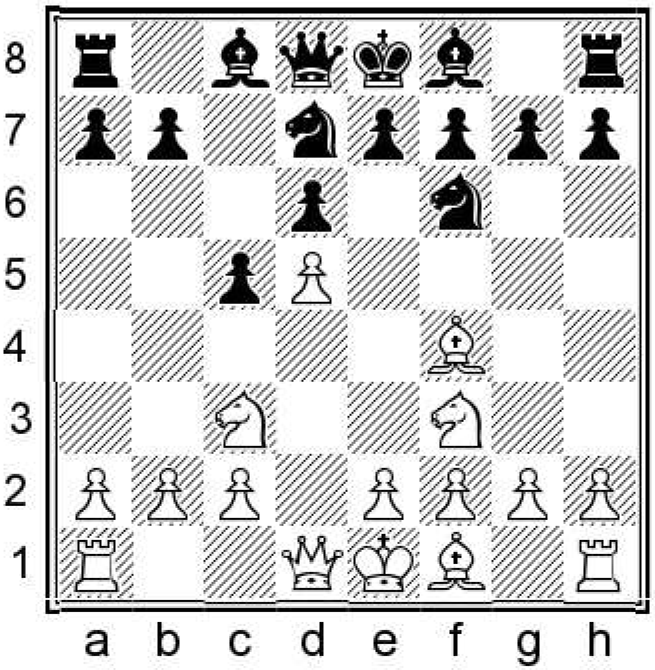
**44.♖e1+ ♔f4 45.♖d1 ♔e3 46.♖e1+ ♔f4 47.♖d1 1/2-1/2**

**16. **** A45**
**Budisavljevic, Luka (2501) - Markus, Robert (2592)**
**Srbija (ch) 147/16, 2020**

**1.d4 ♘f6 2.♗f4 d6**

2...d5 - 146/(127), D

**3.♘c3 ♘bd7 4.♘f3 c5 5.d5**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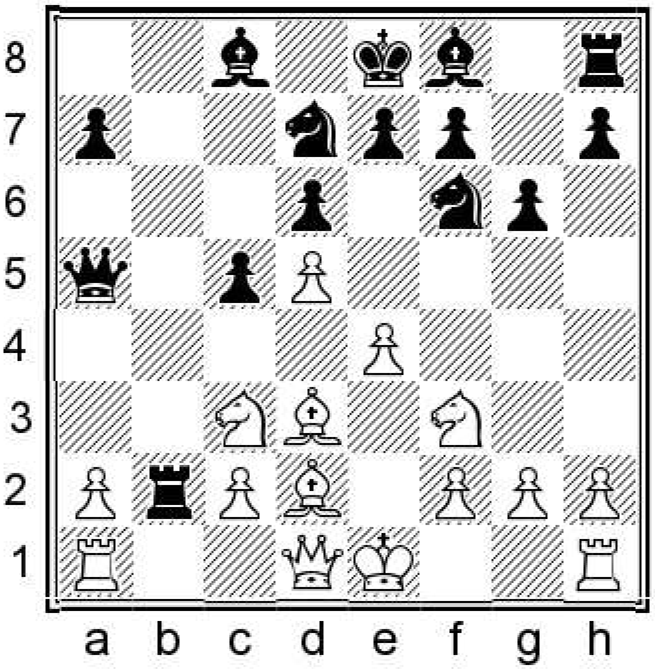
**5...♕a5!?**

5...b5 6.♘xb5 ♕a5+ 7.♘c3 ♖b8 8.♗d2 ♖xb2 9.e4 g6 10.♗d3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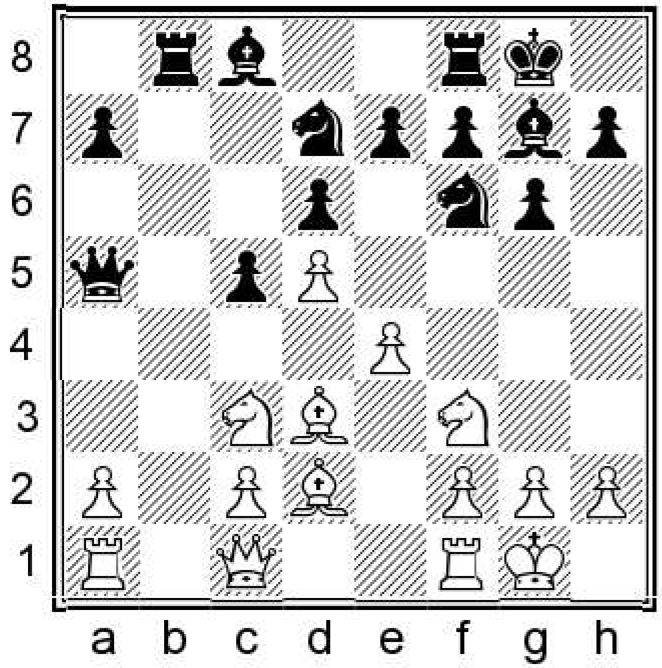
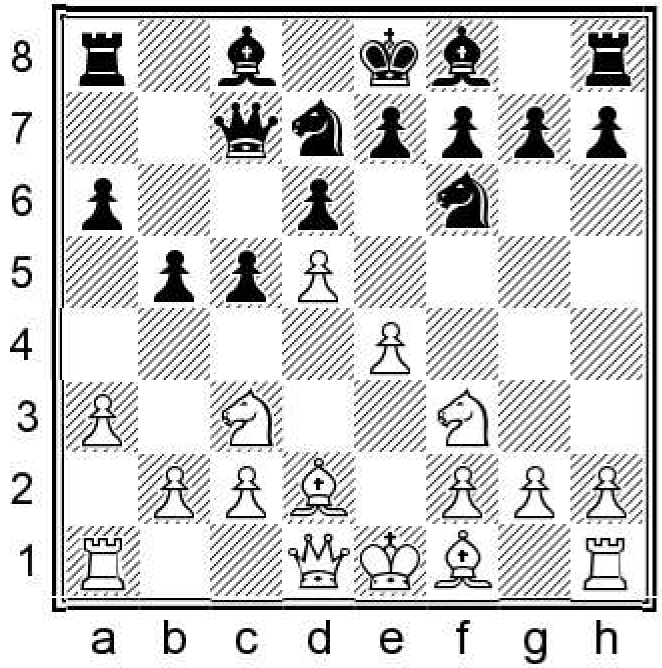
10...♗g7N (10...♖b8) 11.♖b1 - 147/(16) (11.O-ON O-O 12.♕c1 - 147/(16) (12.a4!?N ♘g4 13.♘b5 ♕b6∞ Carlstedt,J (2451) -Ivanisevic,I (2606) chess.com (Int.-blitz) 147/(16) 2021) 12...♖b8



13.♖e1?! (13.a4 a6 14.♘b5 ♕d8=) 13...♘g4∓ Sadhwani,R (2545)-Ivanisevic, I (2604) chess.com (Int.-blitz) 147/(16) 2020) 11...♖xb1 12.♕xb1 O-O Chadaev,N (2591)-Markus,R (2599) ProChessLeague (Int.-rapid) 147/(16) 2020 (12...O-O 13.O-O ♗a6 14.♘b5 ♕a4 15.c4 ♗xb5 16.cxb5 (16.♕xb5? ♕xa2∓) 16...♖b8=)

**6.a4N**

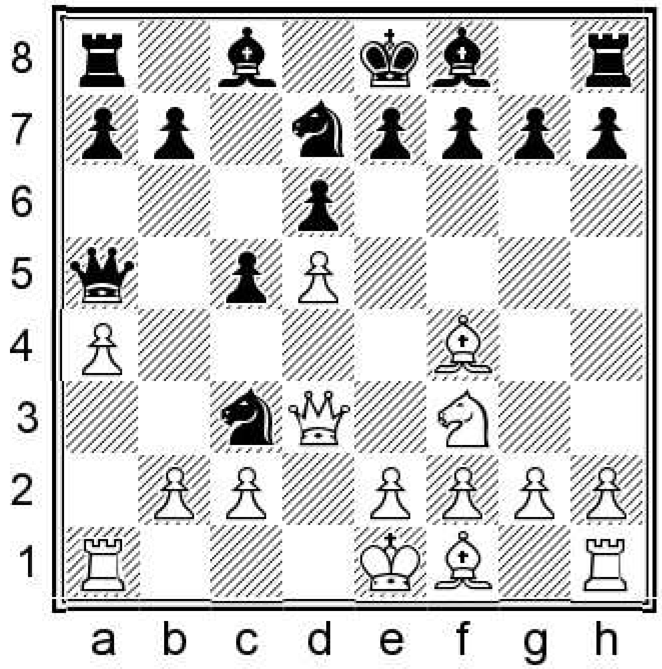
6.♗d2 - 147/(16) 6...b5N (6...g6) 7.a3 a6 8.e4 ♕c7



9.♕e2?! (9.♗d3 g6 10.O-O ♗g7 11.♖e1 O-O∞) 9...g6 10.♗f4 ♘h5 11.♗e3 ♗g7∓ Pratyusha,B (2267)-Chigaev,M (2616) Gibraltar 147/(16) 2020

6.♘d2 b5 7.e4 b4 8.♘e2 g6 9.a3 (9.♘c4 ♕c7 10.♘g3 ♗g7↑) 9...♗g7 10.axb4 ♕xb4∞; 6.a3

**6...♘e4 7.♕d3 ♘xc3?!**



7...♕b4 8.♗c1 (8.♕xe4 ♕xb2 9.♖a2 ♕xc3+ 10.♗d2 ♕f6∓) 8...♘df6 9.♘d2 ♗f5 10.♘cxe4 (10.f3!? ♘xc3 11.♕xf5 ♘cxd5 12.c3 ♕b6 13.♘c4 ♕d8 14.e4=∞) 10...♗xe4 11.c3 ♗xd3 12.cxb4 ♗g6 13.bxc5 ♘xd5∞; 7...f5!? 8.♘g5 ♘xg5 9.♗xg5 g6 10.e4∞

**8.bxc3?!**

8.♗d2! c4 (8...♘f6 9.♗xc3 c4 10.♗xa5 cxd3 11.exd3 ♘xd5 12.c4 ♘f6 13.g3±) 9.♕xc3 ♕xd5 10.e3 ♕c5 11.♗xc4 d5 12.♗e2 e6 13.O-O±

**8...g6 9.e4 ♗g7 10.♗d2 O-O**

10...c4!

**11.♗e2?!**

11.c4 ♕c7 12.♗c3 e5 13.dxe6 ♗xc3+ 14.♕xc3 fxe6 15.e5 ♘xe5 16.♘xe5 dxe5 17.♗d3∞

**11...c4! 12.♕xc4 ♘c5 13.♗d3 ♗d7 14.♖a3**

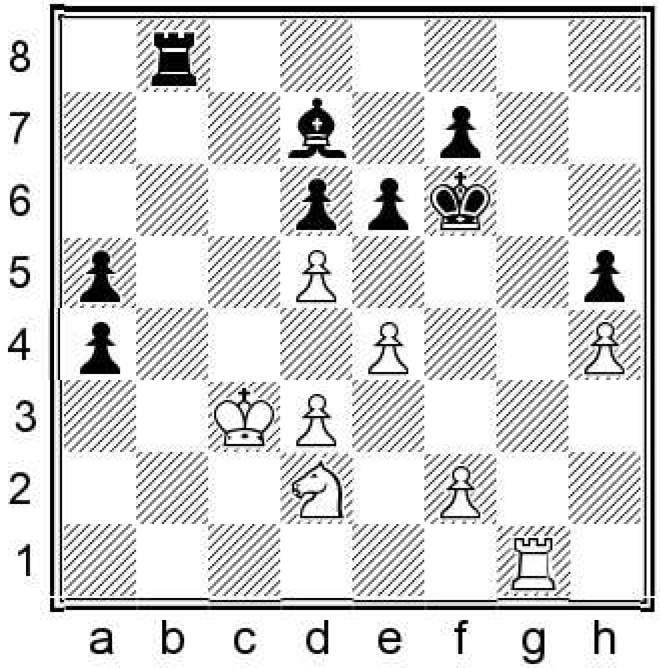
14.O-O ♖fc8∓

**14...b5 15.♕b4 ♘xd3+ 16.cxd3 ♕xb4 17.cxb4 bxa4∓ 18.♗c3 ♖fc8 19.♔d2 ♖ab8 20.♖b1 a5 21.b5 ♗h6+ 22.♔c2 ♗xb5 23.♖b2 ♗g7 24.♔d2 ♗d7 25.♖xb8 ♖xb8 26.♗xg7 ♔xg7 27.♔c2 ♖b4 28.♘d2 ♗b5 29.♖a1 ♔f6**

⌓29...f5∓

**30.♔c3 g5 31.h3 h5 32.g3 ♗d7 33.h4 gxh4 34.gxh4 ♖b8 35.♖g1 ♖c8+**

35...e6



36.♖g5! (36.♘c4 ♖b3+ 37.♔d4 (37.♔c2 exd5 38.exd5 (38.♘xd6 ♔e7 39.e5 ♖b4-+) 38...♗f5 39.♖g3 ♖b5 40.♘xd6 ♖xd5 41.♘xf5 (41.♘e4+ ♔e5-+) 41...♖xf5-+) 37...e5+ 38.♔e3 ♗b5 39.♔e2 ♗xc4 40.dxc4 a3-+) 36...e5 (36...♗b5 37.♖xh5 a3 38.♔b3 ♗xd3+ 39.♔xa3 ♖c8 40.dxe6 ♖c3+ 41.♔a4 fxe6∓) 37.♖xh5 a3 38.♖g5 ♗a4! 39.♖g1 ♖b2 40.♖c1 ♔g6 41.♘c4 ♖b3+ 42.♔d2 ♗b5∓

**36.♘c4 ♗b5**

36...e6 37.dxe6 fxe6 38.♖g5=

**37.f4 ♗xc4 38.dxc4 e6 39.♖g5 a3 40.dxe6 a2 41.♖xa5 fxe6 42.e5+ dxe5 43.fxe5+ ♔f5 44.♖xa2 ♔xe5 45.♖a5+ ♔f4 46.♖xh5 e5 47.♖h7 ♖e8 48.♖f7+ ♔g4 49.♔d3 ♖d8+ 50.♔e3 ♖c8 51.♔d3 ♖d8+ 52.♔c3 ♖e8 53.♖f1 ♔xh4 54.♔d3 ♖d8+ 1/2-1/2**

**17. A45**
**Nabaty, Tamir (2635) - Iordachescu, Viorel (2589)**
**chess.com (ol-rapid) 147/17, 2020**

**1.d4 ♘f6 2.♗f4 c5 3.dxc5!?**

3.d5 - 141/17

**3...♘a6**

3...♕a5+ 4.♘c3 ♘e4 5.♕d3 ♘xc5 (5...♘xc3 6.♗d2 ♕xc5 7.♗xc3±) 6.♕b5!? ♕xb5 7.♘xb5 ♘ba6 8.O-O-O ♘e6 9.♗g3 ♘ac5 10.♘c3 g6 11.e4 ♗g7 12.e5!?

**4.f3!?**

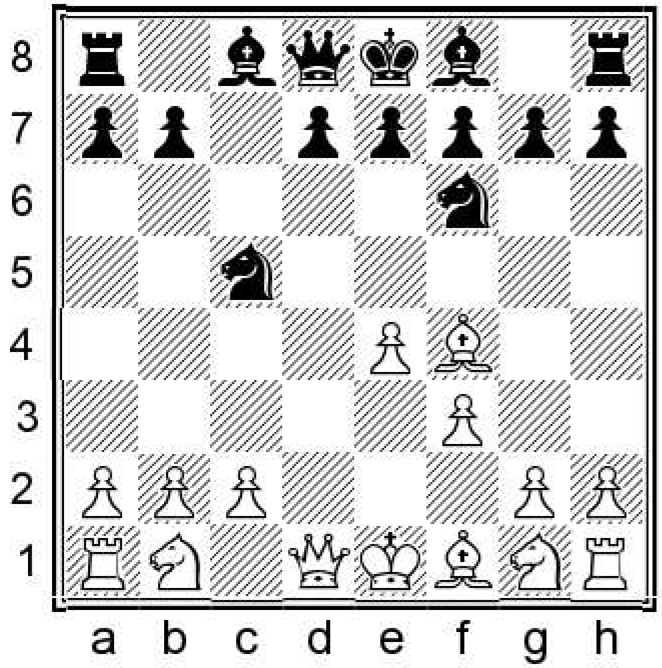
4.♕d4 ♕a5+ 5.♘c3 (5.c3 ♕xc5 6.e3 ♕c6 (6...♕b6 7.♕xb6 axb6 8.♗b5±) 7.♘a3 ♘c5 8.♘f3 ♘e6

9.♕d2 ♘xf4 10.exf4 e6 11.♘c2 ♗c5=) 5...♘xc5 6.♗d2 ♕b6 7.a4 (7.♘f3 d6= 8.e4?! e5 9.♕e3 ♘cxe4! ∓) 7...d6 8.a5 ♕c6 9.e4 a6 10.♗d3 ♗f5 11.f3 e5 12.♕e3 ♗e6=

**4...♘xc5**

4...e6 5.e4 ♗xc5 6.♘c3 (6.♗xa6 bxa6 7.♗d6 ♗xd6 8.♕xd6 ♕b6=) 6...d5 7.♕d2 O-O 8.O-O-O ♘c7 9.h4 (9.g4 b5 10.h4 b4 11.♘a4 ♗e7 12.♕h2 ♘ce8 Δ Qa5⇄) 9...b5 10.♘ge2 b4 11.♘a4 ♗e7 12.e5 ♘d7 13.♘d4 ♗b7 14.♔b1 (14.h5 ♘b6⇄) 14...♘b6 15.♘xb6 axb6 16.♗g5∞

**5.e4**



**5...d5!?N**

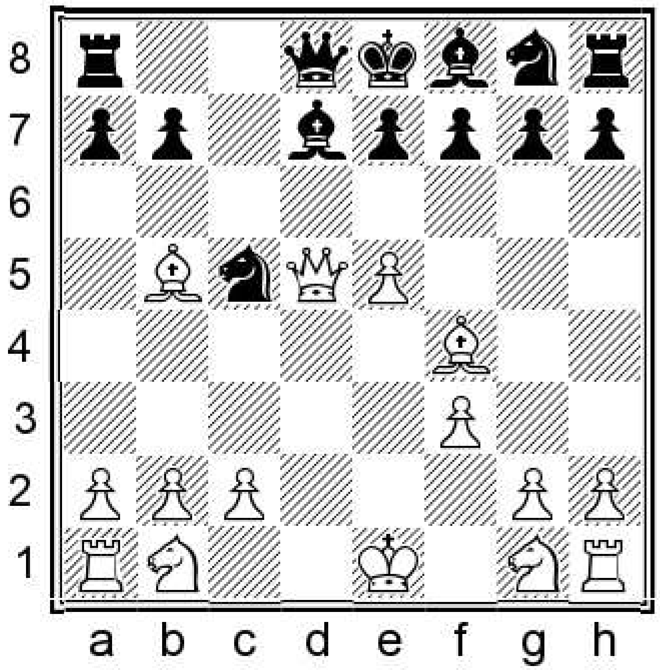
5...a6 6.♘c3 (6.e5 ♕c7 7.h4 e6 8.♘c3 b5 9.♕d4 ♘g8∞; 6.♘e2 d5 7.e5 ♘g8 8.♘bc3 e6 9.♗e3 ♕b6 10.♖b1 ♕c7 11.f4 ♘e7⇄) 6...b5 7.e5 b4 8.♘d5 ♘h5 9.♗g5 h6 10.♗h4 ♗b7 11.♕d2 ♖c8 12.♘xb4 (12.O-O-O? b3∓) 12...♕c7 13.O-O-O e6 (13...♕xe5 14.♗xa6! ♗xa6 15.♘xa6 d6 16.♖e1±) 14.♘d3 ♗d5 15.♔b1 ♖b8⇄

**6.e5 ♘g8**

6...♘e6 7.♗c1 (7.♗g3 ♕a5+ 8.♕d2 ♕xd2+ 9.♘xd2 ♘d7 10.O-O-O g6 11.♘b3 ♗g7 12.♖xd5 h5 13.♘h3 h4 14.♗f2 b6 15.f4 ♗b7 16.♖d3 g5!?⇄) 7...♘d7 8.♕xd5 ♕c7 9.♘c3 (9.f4 g5⇄) 9...♕xe5+ 10.♕xe5 ♘xe5 11.♗e3 ♗d7 12.O-O-O g6 13.♘d5 ♗c6 (13...♘c6 14.♗c4 ♗g7 15.♘e2±) 14.♘h3 O-O-O 15.♘b4 ♖xd1+ 16.♔xd1±

**7.♘c3**

7.♗b5+ ♗d7 8.♕xd5



8...♗xb5!? (8...e6 9.♗xd7+ ♕xd7 (9...♘xd7 10.♕b3 a6 11.♘c3 ♘c5 12.♕c4 b5 13.♕e2 ♘e7 14.♘h3 b4 15.♘e4 ♘xe4 16.♕xe4 ♘d5 17.O-O-O ♗e7 18.♗d2±) 10.♕xd7+ ♘xd7 11.♘c3 ♘e7 12.O-O-O ♘g6 13.♗g3 ♘gxe5 14.♘h3!? a6 15.f4 ♘c4 16.f5 e5 17.♘d5 ♖c8 18.♘g5±) 9.♕xc5 ♗a6 10.♘e2 e6 11.♕d4 ♘e7 12.♕xd8+ ♖xd8 13.♘bc3 ♘g6 14.♗g3 h5 15.h4 f6!? 16.exf6 gxf6 17.♘e4 ♔f7 18.♗f2 b6 19.♗e3 ♖g8=∞

**7...e6 8.♗e3 a6 9.f4 ♘h6 10.♘f3 b5**

10...♘f5!? 11.♗f2 h5 12.♗e2 b5 13.a3 ♕c7 14.♘d4 ♘e4⇄ 15.♘xf5 ♘xf2 16.♔xf2 exf5 17.♘xd5 (17.♗f3 ♗e6 18.h4 ♖d8∞) 17...♕c5+ 18.♘e3 g5⇄

**11.♗d3**

11.♘d4 b4 12.♘ce2 ♗d7 13.♘g3 ♘a4!? 14.♖b1 ♗c5⇄

**11...♗b7!?**

11...♘xd3+ 12.♕xd3 (12.cxd3 ♘f5 13.♗f2 d4 14.♘e4 ♗b4+ 15.♔e2 ♗b7 16.g4 ♘e3⇄) 12...♘f5 13.♗f2 b4 14.♘e2 h5 15.♘ed4 ♘xd4 16.♘xd4 g6 17.O-O a5 18.♖fc1 ♗h6 19.♕d2 O-O 20.h3 Δ g4

**12.O-O**

12.♘d4 b4 13.♘ce2 ♘g4 14.♗g1 ♕h4+ 15.♘g3 ♘h6∞

**12...♘g4**

12...♘xd3 13.♕xd3 b4 14.♘e2 a5 15.♖fc1 ♗e7 16.c3 ♗a6 17.♕d1 ♘f5 18.♗f2 ♗xe2 (18...bxc3 19.♖xc3 Δ Rac1) 19.♕xe2 h5 20.h3 h4 21.c4↑; 12...d4!? 13.♘xd4 b4 14.♘ce2 ♘g4 15.♗c1 ♕d5 16.♖f3 ♖d8=∞

**13.♗d4 b4**

13...♘xd3 14.♕xd3 b4 15.♘a4! ♗c6 16.♘b6!? ♗b5 (16...♖b8 17.♕xa6 ♘h6 18.♖fd1 Δ c4) 17.c4 dxc4 18.♕c2 ♖a7 19.♖ad1 b3 20.axb3 cxb3 21.♕xb3 ♖b7 22.♘c4 ♕c8 23.♘a5± ♖c7 24.♖fe1 ♗e7 25.f5! exf5 26.h3 ♘h6 27.♗b6 ♖d7 28.♘d4 O-O 29.e6±

**14.♘e2↑ ♗e7**

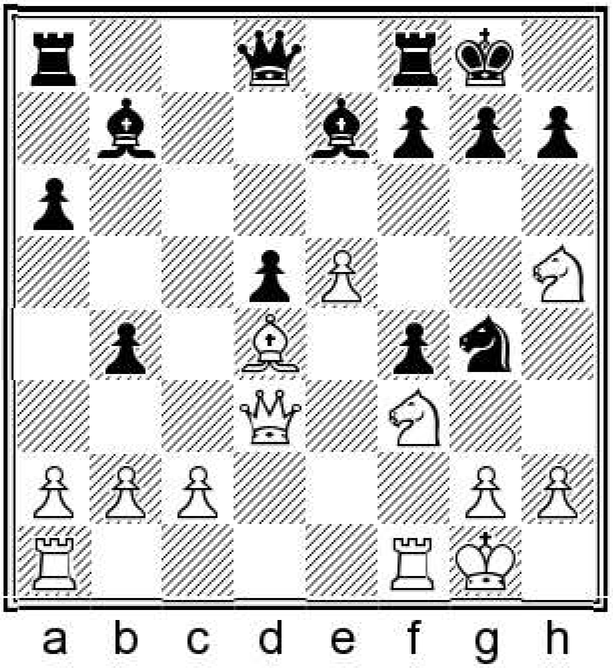
14...♘xd3 15.cxd3 ♗e7 16.h3 ♘h6 17.g4±

**15.f5!?**

15.h3 ♘h6 16.g4 O-O 17.♔g2 ♘e4 18.c3 a5 19.♘g3↑

**15...♘e4?!**

15...exf5 16.♘g3↑ f4 (16...♘xd3 17.♕xd3 f4 18.♘h5 O-O



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**16.fxe6± O-O**

16...fxe6? 17.♘f4 ♕d7 18.♘d2! ♘xd2 19.♕xg4+-

**17.♘f4 ♕c8 18.exf7+?!**

18.♘h4 ♘h6 19.exf7+ ♖xf7 20.e6 ♖f8 21.♕h5 ♕e8! 22.g3! ♕xh5 23.♘xh5 g6 24.♗xe4 dxe4 25.♘f6+ ♖xf6 26.♖xf6 ♗xf6 27.♗xf6 ♖e8 28.♗g5 ♘g4 29.h3 ♘e5 30.e7 ♘f7 31.♗f6 e3 32.♖e1 ♘d6 33.♖xe3

♘e4⩲; 18.♘g5! ♗xg5 19.♕xg4 ♗xf4 20.exf7+ ♖xf7 21.♖xf4 ♕xg4 22.♖xg4 g6 23.a3±

**18...♖xf7 19.g3 ♗c5!∞ 20.c3**

20.e6 ♖xf4! 21.gxf4 ♘e3 22.♕e2 ♘xf1 23.♔xf1 ♕xe6 24.♗xc5 ♕h3+ 25.♔g1 ♕g4+ (25...♘xc5? 26.♘g5±) 26.♕g2 ♕xg2+ 27.♔xg2 ♘xc5 28.♘d4 ♖f8⇄

**20...bxc3 21.bxc3 ♘e3⇄ 22.♕e2 ♘xf1 23.♖xf1 ♘xc3**

23...♗xd4+ 24.cxd4 ♕g4 25.♕g2 ♖af8 26.e6 ♖xf4 27.gxf4 ♕xe6∞

**24.♕e3 ♘e4**

⌓24...♗xd4 25.♕xd4 ♘e4 26.♘xd5 ♘xg3! 27.♗c4 (27.hxg3 ♕h3 28.♔f2 ♖xf3+ 29.♔xf3 ♖f8+ 30.♔e3 ♖xf1 31.♘f6+ gxf6 32.♕d8+ ♔f7! 33.♗c4+ ♔g6 34.♕g8+ ♔h6=) 27...♘f5! 28.♘g5 ♘xd4 29.♘e7+ ♔f8 30.♖xf7+ ♔e8 31.♘xc8 ♖xc8 32.♗d3 ♖c3=

**25.♗xc5**

25.e6 ♖f8 26.♗xe4 dxe4 27.♗xc5 ♖xf4 28.gxf4 exf3 29.♔f2⩲

**25...♕xc5?!**

25...♖xf4! 26.gxf4 ♕g4+ 27.♔h1 ♘g3+ 28.hxg3 ♕h3+ 29.♘h2 (29.♔g1 ♕xg3+=) 29...d4+ 30.♕f3 ♗xf3+ 31.♖xf3 ♕d7 32.♗d6 ♖c8 33.♔g2 ♕b7 Δ Qd5∞

**26.♕xc5 ♘xc5 27.♗xh7+! ♔h8?**

27...♔xh7 28.♘g5+ ♔g8 29.♘xf7 ♔xf7 30.♘d3+ ♔e7 31.♘xc5 ♗c6 32.♖c1 d4 33.♘b3 ♗d5 34.♘xd4 ♗xa2 35.♖a1 ♗c4 36.♖a5±

**28.♘g5 ♖f6**

28...♖xf4 29.gxf4 ♘e6 30.♗g6 ♘f8 31.f5+-

**29.exf6 gxf6 30.♘ge6**

30.♘f7+! ♔xh7 31.♖c1 ♖c8 32.♘d6+-

**30...♘xe6 31.♘xe6 ♔xh7 32.♖xf6± ♖b8**

32...♖e8 33.♘g5+ ♔g7 34.♖f7+ ♔g6 35.♖xb7 ♔xg5 36.♖d7±

**33.♘g5+ ♔g8 34.♖b6 d4 35.h4+- d3 36.♖d6 ♖c8 37.♖xd3 a5 38.♔f2 ♖c2+ 39.♔e3 ♗a6 40.♖d2 ♖c3+ 41.♔f4 ♖a3 42.h5 ♗c4 43.h6 ♖a4 44.♖d8# 1-0**

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**18. A56**
**Moskalenko, Alexander (2515) - Parligras, Mircea Emilian (2591)**
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**1.d4 ♘f6 2.c4 c5 3.g3!? cxd4 4.♘f3**

4.♕xd4 ♘c6 5.♕d1 (5.♕d3 d5! (5...b6 6.♗g2 ♗b7 7.♘f3 ♘e5 8.♕c3=) 6.cxd5 ♕xd5 7.♕xd5 ♘xd5 8.♗g2 ♘db4 9.♘a3 e5 10.♘f3 e4!? 11.♘g5 f5 12.O-O h6 13.♘b5 hxg5 14.♘c7+ ♔f7 15.♘xa8 ♘d4 16.♗xg5 ♘xe2+ 17.♔h1 ♘d3↑) 5...d5 6.♗g2 d4 7.♘f3 e5 8.O-O ♗g4 9.♕b3 ♕d7 10.e3 d3 11.♗d2 (11.h3!? ♗xf3 (11...♗xh3 12.♗xh3 ♕xh3 13.♕xb7 ♖c8 14.♕xf7+ ♔xf7 15.♘g5+ ♔g6 16.♘xh3 h5 17.♗d2 h4 18.g4 ♘xg4 19.♔h1∞) 12.♗xf3 e4 13.♗g2 O-O-O 14.♗d2 h5⇄ 15.♘c3 ♖e8 16.♖ac1 (16.h4 ♔b8 17.♕a4 ♖g8 18.b4 g5↑) 16...h4 17.g4 ♘xg4! 18.♘xe4 ♘f6 19.♘g5 (19.♘xf6 gxf6 20.c5 ♖g8 21.♔h1 ♖xg2! 22.♔xg2 ♗h6→; 19.♘c3 ♖h6 20.♘d5 ♖g6 21.♘f4 ♖xg2+! 22.♔xg2 ♘e4∓) 19...♖h5 20.f4 ♖xg5! 21.fxg5 ♘e4↑) 11...♖c8 12.♗c3 ♗d6 13.♘bd2 O-O 14.♘g5 ♖fd8∞

**4...e5**

4...♕a5+ 5.♗d2 ♕b6 6.♕b3 (6.♕c2 ♘c6 7.c5 ♕d8 8.e3 dxe3 9.♗xe3 e6 10.♘c3 b6∓) 6...♘c6 7.♕xb6 axb6 8.♘a3 ♖a4!? 9.♘b5 ♖xc4! 10.e3 dxe3 11.♗xc4 (11.♗xe3 ♖b4 12.O-O-O d6 Δ g6, Bg7) 11...exd2+ 12.♘xd2 e6 Δ d5↑

**5.e3N**

5.♗g2 ♘c6 6.O-O ♗c5 7.e3 (7.a3 a5 8.♖e1 O-O 9.e3 ♕b6! 10.exd4 exd4 11.♗g5 d3 12.♕d2 ♘g4∓) 7...O-O (7...dxe3 8.♗xe3 ♗xe3 9.fxe3 O-O 10.♘c3 d6 11.♕d2 ♗e6 12.b3 ♕b6 13.♘g5∞) 8.exd4 exd4 9.♘bd2 d6 10.a3 a5 11.♘b3 ♕b6 12.♗g5 ♘e4⩱

**5...dxe3**

5...d5!? 6.exd4 exd4 7.♘xd4 (7.♗g2 ♗b4+ 8.♘bd2 ♕e7+ 9.♕e2 ♕xe2+ 10.♔xe2 d3+! 11.♔xd3 ♗f5+ 12.♔e2 O-O 13.cxd5 ♖e8+ 14.♔f1 ♗c5 15.♘b3 ♗b6↑) 7...♗c5! (7...♗b4+ 8.♘c3 O-O 9.♗g2 dxc4 10.O-O ♗c5 11.♗e3 ♗g4 12.♕d2 ♕d7 13.b3!? cxb3 14.♘xb3 ♗xe3 15.♕xe3⯹) 8.♘b3 (8.♗g2 dxc4 9.♗e3 O-O 10.O-O ♘g4⩱) 8...♗b4+ 9.♗d2 ♘c6 10.♗g2 ♗g4 11.f3 ♗f5⩱

**6.♗xe3 d6**

6...♘c6 7.♗g2 ♗b4+!? 8.♗d2 (8.♘c3 O-O 9.O-O ♗xc3 10.bxc3 d6 11.♘d2 h6 12.♖b1 ♕e7 13.♕a4 ♗f5 14.♖xb7 ♕xb7 15.♗xc6 ♕c7 16.♗xa8 ♖xa8⩱) 8...♗c5 9.♘c3 d6 10.O-O O-O 11.♗e3 ♗f5⩱

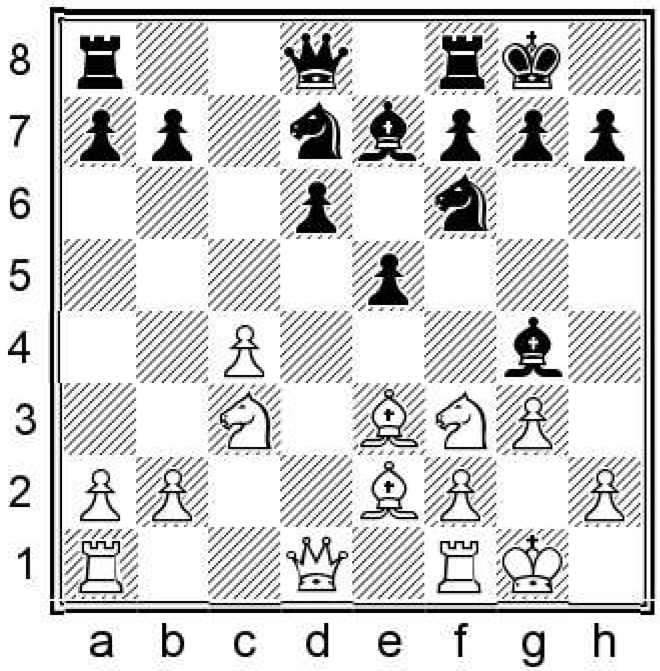
**7.♘c3 ♗e7 8.♗d3!?**

8.♗g2 O-O 9.O-O ♘c6 10.♕e2 ♗f5 11.♖ad1 ♕d7 12.♘g5 (12.b4 a6 13.♕b2 ♗h3⩱) 12...♖ad8 13.♘ge4 ♘xe4 14.♘xe4 ♗g4 15.f3 ♗h5 16.♘c3 f5⩱

**8...O-O 9.O-O ♗g4**

9...♘c6 10.♘g5 h6 11.♘ge4 ♘g4 12.♘d5 f5 13.♘ec3 ♗e6 14.♘b5 ♘xe3 15.fxe3 ♖c8 16.♗c2 ♗g5!? 17.♘xd6 ♕xd6 18.♘f6+ ♖xf6 19.♕xd6 ♗xe3+ 20.♔h1 ♗xc4 21.♕d1□ ♔h8 22.♖e1 ♗f2⩱

**10.♗e2 ♘bd7**



⌓10...♘c6 11.♘g5 ♗xe2 12.♕xe2 h6 13.♘f3 (13.♘ge4 ♘xe4 14.♘xe4 f5 15.♘c3 f4 16.♗d2 ♗g5∓) 13...♕d7 14.♖fd1 ♕h3↑ 15.♘d5 e4!? 16.♘d2 (16.♘e1 ♖ad8 17.♗d2 ♘g4 18.f3 exf3 19.♘xf3 ♕h5! 20.♘xe7+ ♘xe7 21.♕xe7 ♕c5+ 22.♗e3□ ♕xe3+ 23.♕xe3 ♘xe3∓) 16...♖ae8 17.♘f4 ♕f5 18.♘b3 g5 19.♘d5 ♘xd5 20.♖xd5 ♕g6 21.g4 f5 22.♖xf5 ♖xf5 23.gxf5 ♕xf5 24.♕h5 ♖f8! 25.♕xh6 ♖f7 26.♕h5 ♘e5 27.♔h1 ♕d7 28.♖g1 ♖h7 29.♕d1 ♘f3∓

**11.♘d2**

11.♘g5!? ♗xe2 12.♕xe2 ♘e8 (12...h6 13.♘f3 Δ Nh4∞) 13.f4!? (Δ Rad1) 13...h6 14.♘ge4 f5 15.♘d2 ♘c7 16.♖ad1 ♕e8 17.♕g2⇄ Δ♕c8 18.g4=∞

**11...♗e6**

11...♗xe2 12.♕xe2 Δa6 13.♖fd1 ♕c7 14.g4!?=∞; 11...♗h3 12.♖e1 ♘b8!? 13.♘de4 ♘xe4 14.♘xe4 ♘c6 15.♘c3 ♔h8 Δ f5⩱

**12.♗f3 ♘c5**

⌓12...♖c8 13.b3 ♘c5 (13...b6 14.♘de4 ♘xe4 15.♘xe4 ♘f6 16.a4! ♘xe4 17.♗xe4 ♔h8 18.♗d5 ♕d7 19.a5=∞) 14.♗xc5 (14.♕e2 b6 15.♖ad1 ♕d7 16.♖fe1 ♘g4 17.♘de4 ♘xe3 18.♕xe3 ♘xe4 19.♗xe4 ♔h8⩱) 14...♖xc5 15.♗xb7 (15.♘de4 ♘xe4 16.♘xe4 ♖c7 17.♘c3 ♖d7⩱) 15...d5 16.♖e1 (16.cxd5? ♖xc3 17.dxe6 ♖d3-+) 16...♕d7 17.♗xd5 ♗xd5 18.♘xd5 ♘xd5 19.♘e4 ♖a5 20.cxd5 ♗b4! (20...♖xd5 21.♕e2 ♖c8 22.♖ac1=) 21.♖e3 (21.♖f1 f5 22.a3 ♖xd5⩱) 21...f5 (21...♖xd5 22.♕e2 ♖c8 23.g4!?)

22.♘c3 ♖c5 23.♘a4 ♖xd5 24.♕e2 ♕d6! 25.♘b2 e4 26.♘c4 ♕d7∓

**13.b4**

13.♗xc5 dxc5 14.♖e1 ♕b6 (14...♕c7 15.♕e2 ♖ad8 16.♖ad1 ♗d6 17.♘de4=∞) 15.♕c2 ♘d7 16.♘d5 ♗xd5 17.♗xd5 ♖ad8 (17...♔h8 18.♘f3=∞ f6?! 19.♘h4↑) 18.♘f3 ♗f6 19.♕b3=∞

**13...♘cd7 14.a3 ♕b8 15.♖c1 ♖c8 16.♖e1 a5 17.♗g2 axb4 18.axb4 ♗xc4?!**

18...♖a3 19.h3 ♖xc3!? 20.♖xc3 b5 21.♕c2 bxc4 22.♘xc4 d5 23.♘xe5 ♖xc3 24.♕xc3 ♗xb4 25.♘xd7 ♗xc3 26.♘xb8 ♗xe1∓

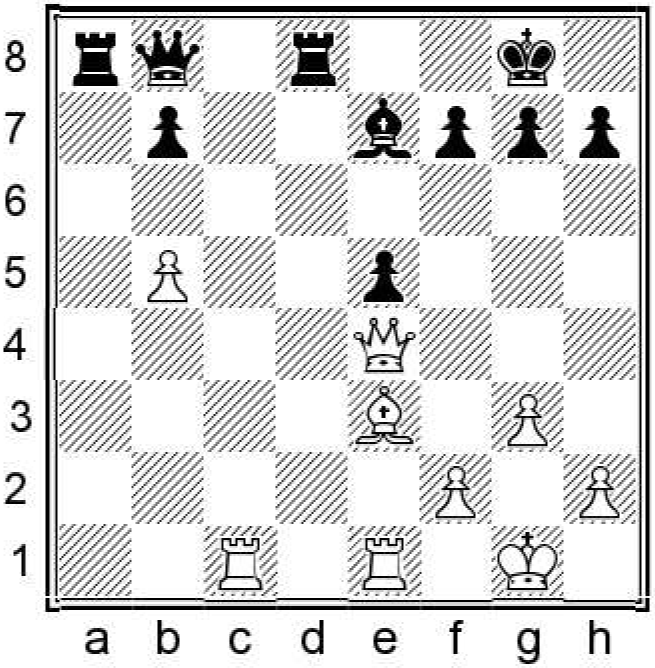
**19.♘xc4 ♖xc4 20.♕b3 ♖c8 21.♘d5=∞ ♘xd5**

⌓21...♖xc1 22.♖xc1 ♕d8 23.♘xf6+ ♘xf6 24.♗xb7 ♖b8 25.♗c6 d5 26.b5 d4=

**22.♗xd5**

22.♖xc8+ ♕xc8 23.♗xd5=∞ Δ♘f6 24.♗xf7+ ♔h8 25.b5 ♕f5 26.♖c1 h5!? 27.♗e6 ♕f3 28.♗h3 ♕d5! 29.♕xd5 ♘xd5 30.♗d2 ♖a4! 31.♗e6 ♖d4 32.♗c3 ♘xc3 33.♖xc3 ♔h7 34.♖c7 ♗d8 35.♖xb7 h4 36.♔g2 hxg3 37.hxg3 ♔g6=

**22...♖f8 23.b5 ♘f6 24.♗g2 d5!? 25.♗xd5 ♘xd5 26.♕xd5 ♖d8 27.♕e4**



**27...♖c8?!**

27...♖d7 28.b6 ♕d6 (28...♖a5? 29.♖ed1 ♕d8 30.♖xd7 ♕xd7 31.♖c7 ♖a1+ 32.♔g2 ♕d1 33.♕c4! e4 34.♖c8+ ♗f8 35.♖xf8+ ♔xf8 36.♕c8+ ♔e7 37.♕xb7++-) 29.♔g2 ♗d8 30.♖ed1 ♕e6 31.♖xd7 ♕xd7 32.♖c2 h6 33.♖d2 ♕c8 34.h4 ♖a6 35.♖b2 ♕d7 36.♔h2=∞

**28.b6 ♖xc1?!**

28...h6 29.♖ed1 ♗g5 30.♗xg5 hxg5 31.h3 ♖xc1 (31...♖a5 32.♕f5±) 32.♖xc1 ♕d8! 33.♕xb7 ♖b8 34.♕c7 ♕xc7 35.bxc7 ♖c8 36.♔f1 (36.♔g2 e4 37.♔f1 f5 38.g4 g6=) 36...♔f8 37.♔e2 ♔e7 38.♔f3 f5 (38...♔e6? 39.♔g4 f6 40.♔h5 ♔f7 41.♖c6+-) 39.♖c6±

**29.♖xc1± ♗d6 30.h4 h6 31.h5**

31.♕d5 ♖a4 32.♔g2 ♖a6 33.h5+-

**31...♖a5**

31...f5 32.♕xf5 ♕e8 33.♕e4 ♕f7 34.♕g4±

**32.♕f5 ♖a8 33.♕g4**

33.♕d7! ♔f8 34.♔g2 ♔g8 35.♔h2! - 33.Qg4

**33...♔h8**

⌓33...♕f8 34.♕d7 ♖b8

**34.♕d7 ♔g8 35.♔h2! e4**

35...♔f8 36.♗c5+-

**36.♔g2 ♗e5 37.♖c4+- f5 38.♕xf5 ♗f6 39.♕d5+ ♔h8 40.♖xe4 ♕d8 41.♕xb7 ♖b8 42.♕c6 ♕d3 43.♖e6 ♖d8 44.♖xf6 gxf6 45.♕xf6+ ♔g8 46.♕xh6**

46.♕e6+ ♔h7 47.♕xh6+ ♔g8 48.♕e6+ ♔h7 49.b7 Δ Bf4

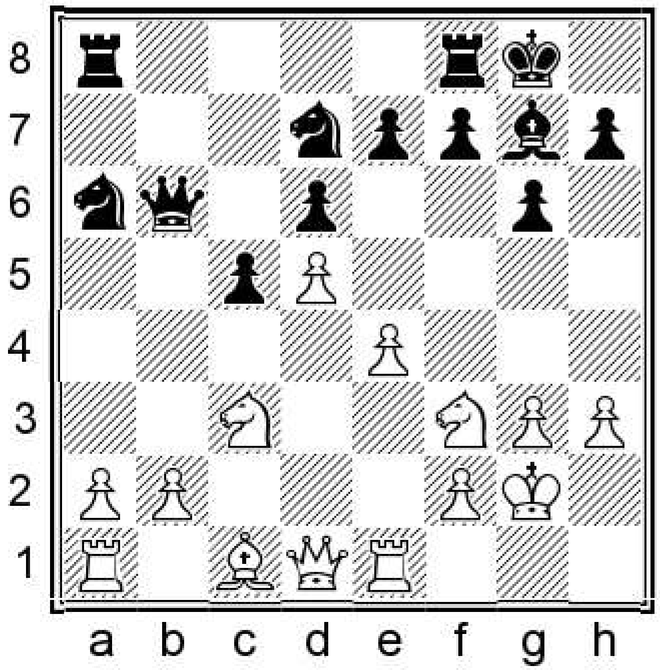
**46...♕e4+ 47.♔h2 ♖d1 48.♕g5+ ♔h7 49.♕h6+ ♔g8 50.♕g6+ ♕xg6 51.hxg6 ♔g7 52.♗f4 ♖b1 53.♗c7 ♔xg6 54.g4 ♔g5 55.♔g3 ♖b3+ 56.f3 ♔f6 57.♗d8+ ♔g6 58.♗c7 ♔g5 59.♔g2 ♖b2+ 60.♔h3 ♖b3 61.♔g3 ♔f6 62.♔h4 ♔g6 63.f4 ♖b4 64.f5+ ♔f6 65.♗d8+ ♔e5 66.♔g5 ♔d6 67.f6 ♔e6 68.♔h5 ♖b1 69.g5 ♔f5 70.♔h6 ♖h1+ 71.♔g7 ♖b1 72.g6 ♖g1 73.b7 ♖xg6+ 74.♔f7 ♖h6 75.b8=Q ♖h7+ 76.♔g8 1-0**

**19. A59**
**Gharibyan, Mamikon (2423) - Gabuzyan, Hovhannes (2557)**
**Armenia 147/19, 2021**

**1.d4 ♘f6 2.c4 c5 3.d5 b5 4.cxb5 a6 5.bxa6 ♗xa6 6.♘c3 d6 7.♘f3 g6 8.e4 ♗xf1 9.♔xf1 ♗g7 10.h3 O-O 11.g3**

11.♔g1 - 114/24

**11...♕b6 12.♔g2 ♘a6 13.♖e1 ♘d7**



**14.a4N**

14.♖e2 ♘b4 15.♗e3 (15.a3 ♕a6 16.♖b1 ♘d3 17.♗g5 f6 18.♗e3 f5∞) 15...♕a6=∞

**14...♖fb8**

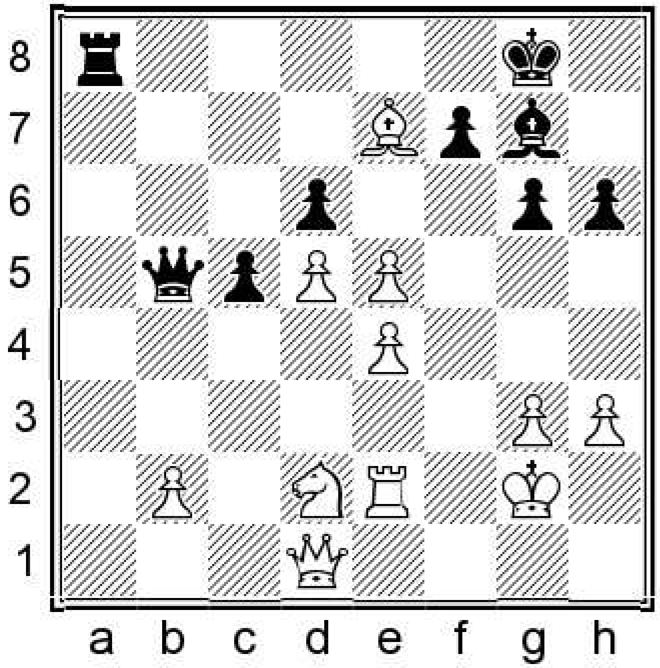
14...♘b4 15.♕e2 (15.♘b5 ♕b7 16.♖a3 ♘b6=∞) 15...♖a5 16.♖a3 ♕a6=∞

**15.♖a3 ♘c7 16.♖e2 ♕a6 17.♗g5 h6! 18.♗xe7 ♖e8 19.♘b5**

19.♗h4 g5 20.♖e3 gxh4 21.♘xh4=∞

**19...♕b6?!**

19...♘xb5 20.axb5 ♕b6! 21.♖xa8 ♖xa8 22.♘d2 ♘e5 23.♕b3 (23.f4 ♕xb5! 24.♕f1 (24.fxe5??



24...♖a1! 25.♕xa1 ♕xe2+ 26.♔h1 ♗xe5-+) 24...♘d3 25.♗xd6 ♖a2=∞; 23.♖e3 c4=∞) 23...g5 24.f4 (24.h4!? ♕c7 25.hxg5 ♕xe7 26.f4 ♘d7 27.gxh6 ♗xh6 28.♘c4 ♗g7∞) 24...gxf4 25.gxf4 ♘g6 26.♘c4 ♘xf4+ 27.♔h2 ♕a7 28.♖f2 ♕xe7 29.♖xf4∞

**20.♘xd6**

20.♘xc7 ♕xc7 21.♗h4 g5 22.♗xg5 hxg5 23.♘xg5∞

**20...♖xe7 21.♘c4 ♕a6 22.b3?**

22.d6 ♖ee8 23.dxc7 ♕xc4 24.♖d2 ♘f8 (24...♘e5 25.♖d8 ♕xe4 26.♖e3 ♕c6 27.♕d5 ♕xd5 28.♖xd5 f6 (28...♖ec8 29.♘xe5 ♖xc7 30.b3±) 29.a5 ♖ec8 30.♘xe5 fxe5 31.♖d7 e4 32.♖xe4 ♗xb2 33.♖e6±) 25.♖d8 ♘e6 (25...♗d4 26.♖xa8 ♖xa8 27.♕b3 ♕a6 (27...♕xb3 28.♖xb3 ♖c8 29.♖b7 ♔g7 30.a5 ♘e6 31.a6 ♖xc7 32.b4!+-) 28.♕b8 ♔g7 29.♖b3 ♘e6 30.a5±) 26.♖xa8 ♖xa8 27.♕d7 ♕a6 28.♖b3 ♔h7 29.♖b8 ♘xc7 30.♕xc7 ♖xb8 31.♕xb8 ♕xa4 32.♕b7±

**22...♘b6 23.♘fd2 ♖d7 24.♘xb6 ♕xb6 25.♘c4 ♕b7 26.♕d3 ♘e6 27.a5 ♘d4 28.♖e3 ♖a7 29.♘b6 ♖d8 30.♖a4 ♕c7 31.f4 h5?!**

31...g5! 32.e5 (32.♕f1 gxf4 33.gxf4 ♔h8∓) 32...♖xa5! 33.♖xa5 ♕xb6 34.♖a4 ♖xd5∓

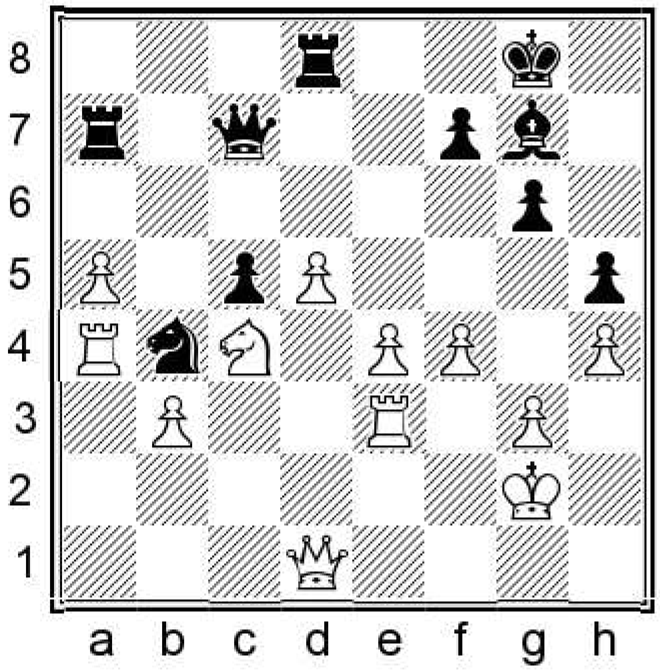
**32.h4! ♘c6**

32...♖xa5 33.♖xa5 ♕xb6 34.♖a6 (34.♕a6 ♕b4∞) 34...♕b7∞

**33.♘c4?!**

33.♕b5 ♘b4 (33...♘d4 34.♕c4∞) 34.♕c4∞

**33...♘b4 34.♕d1**



**34...f5?!**

34...♕b7! 35.♔h2 (35.♕f3? ♘c2-+) 35...f5 36.exf5 ♕xd5 37.♕xd5+ ♘xd5 38.♖e6 gxf5∓

**35.♖xb4! cxb4 36.e5∞ ♕b7 37.♖d3 ♗f8 38.♕f3 ♗c5 39.d6?!**

39.♔h3∞

**39...♕xf3+ 40.♔xf3 ♖a6**

40...♔f7?! 41.♖d5 ♗g1 42.♖d1=

**41.♖d5 ♖c6 42.a6 ♖a8 43.a7??**

43.e6 ♗xd6 (43...♔f8 44.e7+ ♔e8 45.d7+ ♔xe7 46.♘e5 ♖c7 47.♘xg6+ ♔f6 48.d8=Q+ ♖xd8 49.♖xd8 ♔xg6 50.♖g8+ ♔f6 51.♖h8∓) 44.♘xd6 ♔f8 45.♘c4 ♖axa6 46.♖b5 ♖c7 47.♖xb4 ♖xe6∓

**43...♔f7!-+ 44.♘a5**

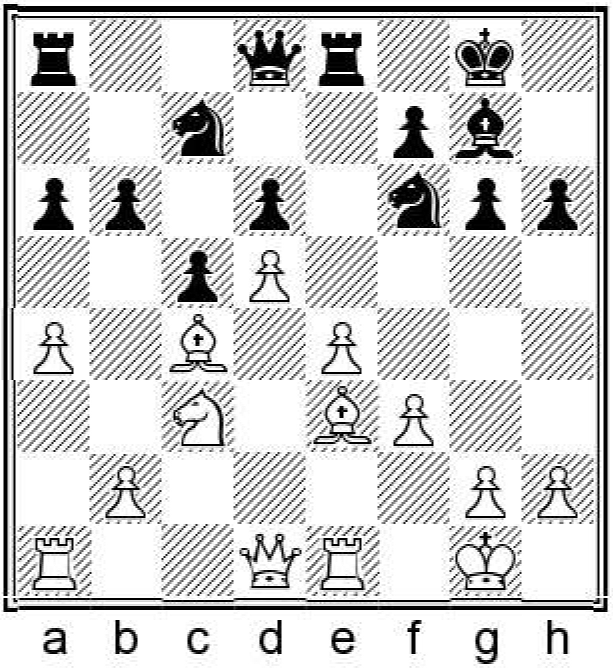
44.e6+ ♔xe6 45.♖e5+ ♔f7 46.♘a5 ♖xd6 47.♖xc5 ♖xa7-+

**44...♔e6 45.♖d3 ♖b6 46.d7 ♗e7 47.♘c4 ♖a6 0-1**

# A75-A99

**20. A79**
**Pechac, Jergus (2507) - Edouard, Romain (2614)**
**lichess.org (Internet) 147/20, 2021**

**1.d4 ♘f6 2.c4 e6 3.♘f3 c5 4.d5 d6 5.♘c3 exd5 6.cxd5 g6 7.♘d2 ♗g7 8.e4 O-O 9.♗e2 ♘a6 10.O-O ♘c7 11.a4 ♖e8 12.f3 b6 13.♘c4 ♗a6 14.♗g5 h6 15.♗e3 ♗xc4 16.♗xc4 a6 17.♖e1**



17.♕d2 - 75/66

**17...♘d7N**

17...♔h7

**18.♖a3 ♖b8 19.♕e2?!**

19.♖b3 ♘e5 20.♗f1 b5 21.axb5 (21.f4 ♘c4 22.♗xc4 bxc4 23.♖xb8 ♕xb8 24.e5! dxe5 (24...♕xb2 25.♘e4∞) 25.f5! gxf5 26.♕d2 f4 27.♗xc5∞) 21...axb5 (21...c4 22.♖a3 axb5 23.♖a7 f5∞) 22.♘xb5 c4 23.♘xc7 ♖xb3 24.♘xe8 ♕xe8 25.♗d4 ♕b5↑

**19...♘e5 20.♗b3**

20.♗xa6 ♘xa6 21.♕xa6 b5! 22.axb5 (22.♘xb5 ♖b6 23.♕a7 ♖e7-+) 22...♘c4 23.♗f2 ♘xa3 24.♕xa3∓

**20...b5 21.axb5**

21.♖aa1 c4 22.♗c2 b4 23.♘d1 b3 24.♗b1 f5∓

**21...axb5 22.♖a7?**

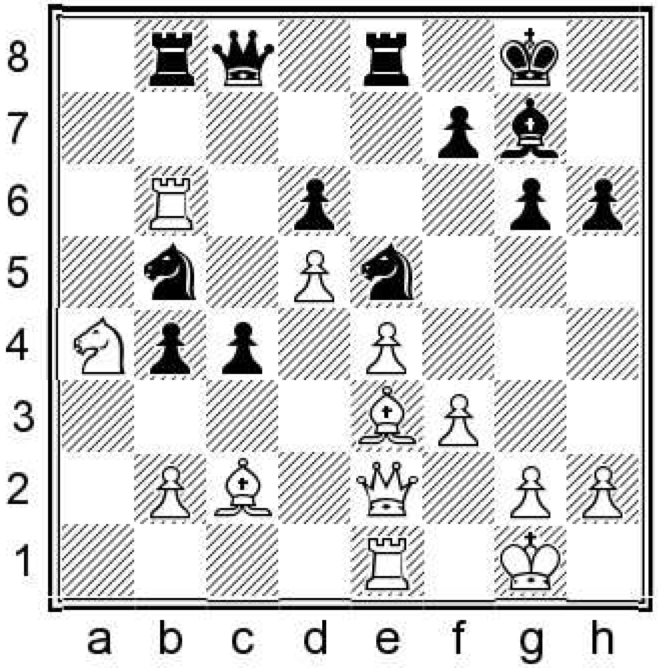
22.♖aa1 f5 23.♔h1 b4 24.♘b1 ♘f7∓

**22...c4 23.♗c2 b4 24.♘a4**

24.♘d1 ♘b5 25.♖a1 b3 26.♗b1 ♕c7 27.♔h1 (27.f4 ♘d3 28.♗xd3 cxd3 29.♕xd3 ♕c2 30.♕f1 ♕xe4-+) 27...♖a8 28.♖xa8 ♖xa8-+

**24...♘b5 25.♖a6 b3**

25...♕c8! 26.♖a5 (26.♖b6



26...♘d4! 27.♕f2 ♘xc2 28.♖xb8 ♕xb8 29.♕xc2 b3 30.♕d2 ♘d3 31.♖b1 ♕b5 32.♘c3 ♕a5-+)
26...♕c7 27.♖a6 b3 28.♗b1 ♖a8 29.♖xa8 ♖xa8 30.♘b6 ♖a1-+

**26.♗b1 ♖a8 27.♖xa8 ♕xa8 28.♘b6**

28.♘c3 ♘xc3 29.bxc3 ♕a5 30.♗d2 b2-+

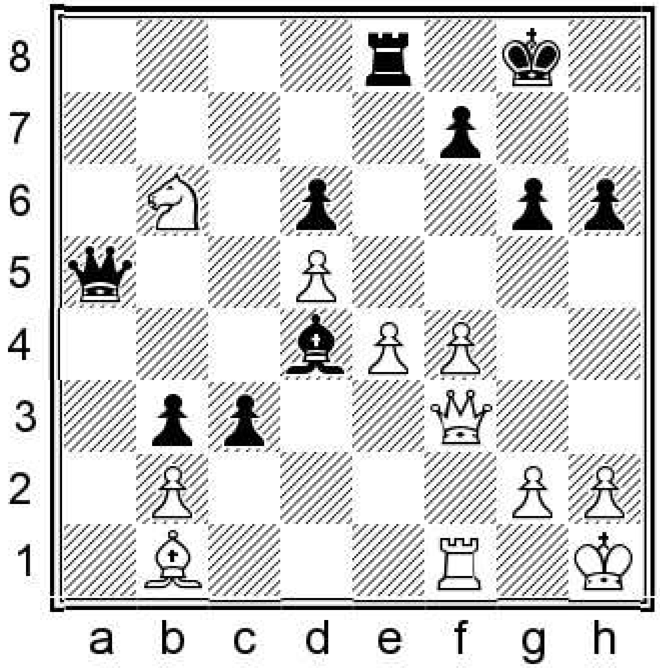
**28...♕a5 29.♖f1 c3 30.f4 ♘d4**

30...♘g4! 31.♕xg4 (31.♘c4 ♕c7-+) 31...c2 32.e5 ♕b4! 33.♕d7 ♖f8 34.♗xc2 bxc2 35.♕c6 ♕xb2-+

**31.♗xd4 ♘f3+ 32.♕xf3**

32.gxf3 ♗xd4+ 33.♔h1 ♗xb6 34.bxc3 ♕xc3 35.♕b5 ♖b8-+

**32...♗xd4+ 33.♔h1**



**33...♕xb6?**

33...c2! 34.♘c4 ♕b4 35.♗xc2 (35.♕d3 ♖c8-+) 35...bxc2 36.♕d3 ♖c8 37.b3 ♕c3! (37...♖xc4?! 38.bxc4 ♕b2 39.♕d2 ♕b1 (39...♗c5 40.e5! ♗a3 41.exd6 ♗xd6 42.♕e3=) 40.♕d3 ♕b2=) 38.♕xc3 ♗xc3 39.♖c1 ♖a8-+

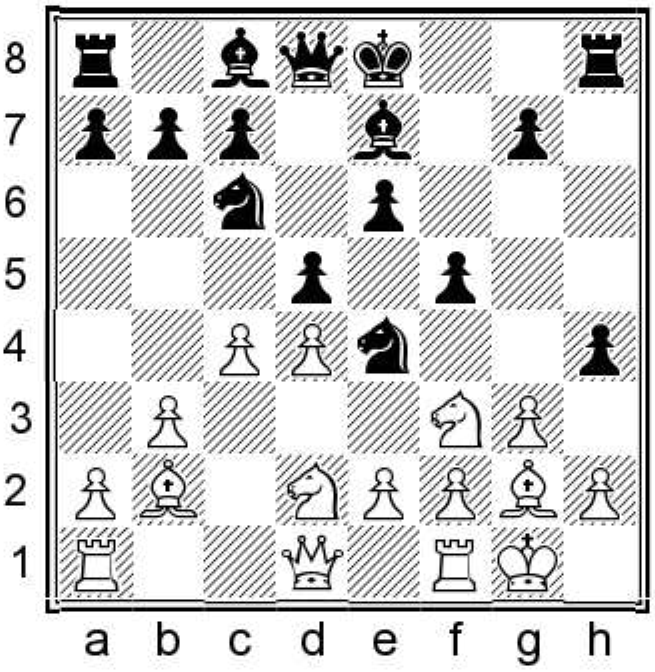
**34.bxc3 ♗f6 35.c4 ♖e7**

35...b2 36.g3 ♕c7 37.c5! ♕xc5 38.e5 ♕c1 39.♔g2 ♗g7 40.f5! ♗xe5 41.fxg6 f6∞

**36.c5! ♕xc5 37.♕xb3= ♔g7 1/2-1/2**

**21. A90**
**Vakulenko, Oleksandr (2232) - Grieve, Harry (2356)**
**Great Britain (Int.-playoff) 147/21, 2020**

**1.d4 e6 2.c4 f5 3.♘f3 ♘f6 4.g3 d5 5.♗g2 ♗e7 6.O-O ♘e4 7.b3 ♘c6 8.♗b2 h5! 9.♘bd2?! h4**



**10.♘e5N**

10.♖c1 hxg3 11.hxg3 ♗b4!∓ ∆ Qf6-h6

10.e3 - 144/22

**10...hxg3**

10...♘xe5 11.dxe5 ♗d7! 12.cxd5 (12.e3?! ♗b4 13.♘xe4 (13.♘f3 dxc4∓) 13...dxe4∓) 12...exd5 13.♘xe4 dxe4∓

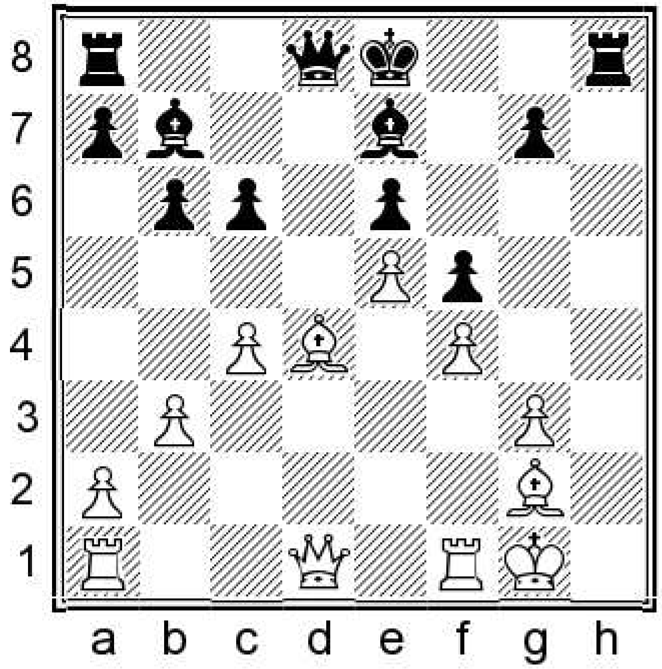
**11.hxg3 ♘xe5 12.dxe5 c6 13.♗d4?!**

13.♘xe4 dxe4 (13...fxe4 14.♕d2±) 14.♕xd8+ ♔xd8 15.♖ad1+ ♔c7 16.f3=

**13...b6**

13...c5 14.♗b2 ♕b6∓

**14.♘xe4 dxe4 15.f3 exf3 16.exf3 ♗b7 17.f4?!**



17.♗e3=

**17...♕d7**

17...g5! 18.♗e3 gxf4 19.♕xd8+ ♖xd8 20.gxf4 ♖g8∓

**18.♗e3= O-O-O 19.♕xd7+ ♖xd7 20.♖ad1 ♖hd8**

20...♖xd1 21.♖xd1 ♖d8=

**21.♖xd7 ♖xd7 22.♔f2 c5**

22...♖d3!? Δ Rc3-c2

**23.♗xb7+ ♔xb7?!**

23...♖xb7! 24.♖h1 ♔d7 25.g4!± (25.♖h7 ♗f8=)

**24.♖h1**

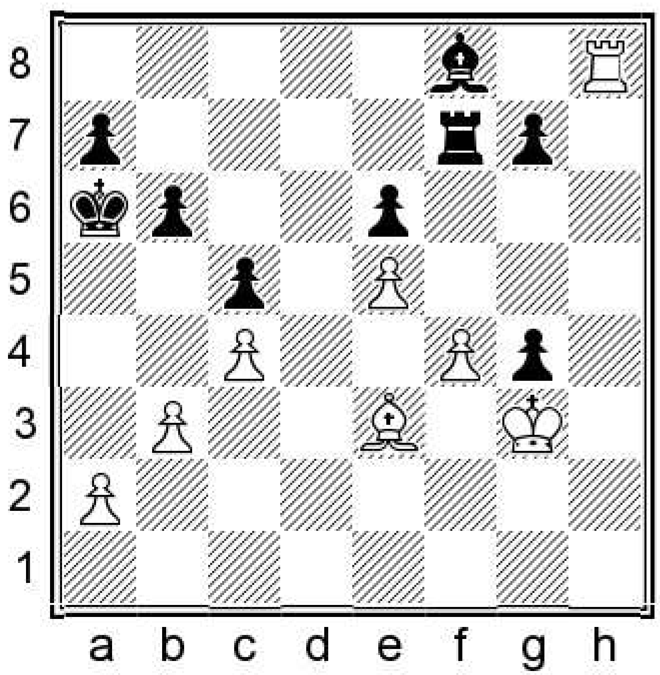
24.g4!±

**24...♔a6?**

24...♖d8 25.♖h7 ♖g8 26.g4 ♔c6 27.♔f3↑

**25.♖h7 ♗f8 26.♖h8 ♖f7 27.g4! b5?**

27...♔b7 28.g5 g6 29.♖g8 ♗g7 30.♖e8+-; 27...fxg4 28.♔g3



28...g5! (28...♔b7 29.♔xg4 ♔c6 30.♔g5 ♔d7 31.♔g6 ♔e8 32.a4 a5 (32...♖f5 33.a5 ♖f7 (33...♔d7 34.axb6 axb6 35.♖h5! ♖xh5 36.♔xh5 ♔e8 37.♔g6 ♔e7 38.♗f2 ♔e8 39.♗h4Θ+-) 34.♖h2 ♖d7 35.♖d2 ♖b7 36.a6 ♖c7 (36...♖f7 37.♖d8+) 37.f5 exf5 38.e6! ♖e7 39.♔xf5 g6+ 40.♔e5+-) 33.♖h2 ♖d7 34.♖d2 ♖b7 35.♗f2+- Δ Bh4+-) 29.fxg5 ♗g7 30.♖g8 ♗xe5+ 31.♔xg4 ♗d4±

**28.g5 g6**

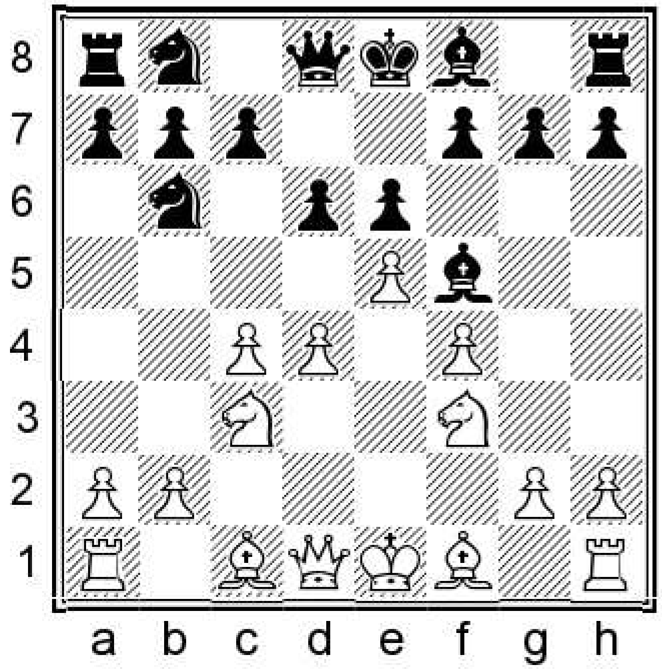
28...♗e7 29.♖g8+-

**29.♖g8 bxc4 30.bxc4 ♔a5 31.♖xg6 ♔b4 32.♖f6 ♖xf6 33.exf6 1-0**

# B00-B24

**22. B03**
**Lagunow, Raphael (2378) - Hansen, Sune Berg (2557)**
**chess.com (Int.-blitz) 147/22, 2020**

**1.e4 ♘f6 2.e5 ♘d5 3.d4 d6 4.c4 ♘b6 5.f4 ♗f5 6.♘c3 e6 7.♘f3**



**7...♗g4!?**

7...♗e7 - 92/49

**8.♗e2N**

8.h3

**8...dxe5 9.fxe5**

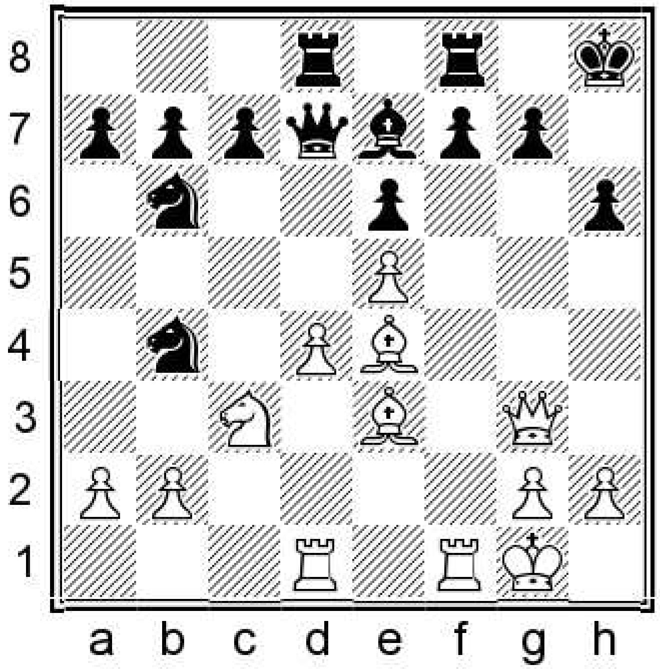
9.♘xe5!? ♗xe2 10.♕xe2 ♗b4 (10...♕xd4?! 11.♗e3 ♕d8 12.♖d1 ♕c8 13.O-O ♘8d7 14.♘xd7 ♘xd7 15.f5 e5 16.♕f3 c6 17.♘e4±) 11.a3 ♗xc3+ 12.bxc3 O-O 13.♖b1 ♘8d7 14.O-O c5 15.♗e3 ♕c7 16.♘xd7 ♘xd7 17.f5 cxd4 18.cxd4 ♖fe8 19.♕d3 ♖ac8 20.fxe6 ♖xe6 21.d5 ♖g6 22.♗f4 ♕c5+ 23.♔h1 ♘b6 24.♖fc1±

**9...♘c6 10.♗e3 ♗xf3 11.♗xf3**

11.gxf3 ♗b4 12.♕d2 ♕h4+ 13.♗f2 ♕h5 14.O-O-O O-O-O 15.a3 ♗xc3 16.♕xc3 ♔b8 (16...f6 17.exf6 gxf6 18.♕e3 ♕f7 19.♖hg1 ♖hg8 20.♖g3 e5 21.d5 ♘d4 22.♕e4 ♘xe2+ 23.♕xe2 c6 24.♖xg8 ♕xg8 25.♕e4 ♔b8 26.h4 cxd5 27.♗xb6 axb6 28.cxd5 ♕f7 29.♔b1 h6 30.♖d2±) 17.♕e3±

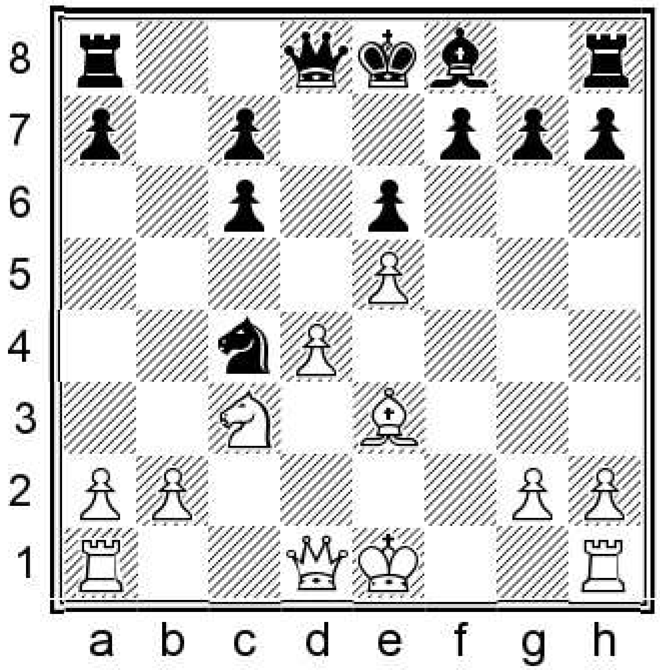
**11...♘xc4 12.♗xc6+?!**

12.♗f2 ♘b6 (12...♗b4 13.♗xc6+ bxc6 14.♕b3 ♗xc3+ 15.♕xc3 ♕d5 16.O-O ♘b6 17.♖fc1 O-O 18.♕xc6 ♕xc6 19.♖xc6 ♘d5=) 13.O-O ♗e7 14.♗e4 O-O 15.♕d3 h6 16.♖ad1 ♕d7 17.♕h3 ♖ad8 18.♕g4 (18.♕g3 f5 (18...♘b4 19.♗e3 ♔h8



20.♖f6! gxf6 21.♗xh6 ♖g8 22.♕h4 ♖g6 23.♗xg6 fxg6 24.exf6 ♗xf6 25.♕xf6+ ♔h7 26.♘e4 ♘6d5 27.♘g5+ ♔xh6 28.♘f7+ ♔h7 29.♕h4+ ♔g7 30.♖f1 ♕xf7 31.♖xf7+ ♔xf7 32.♕xd8 ♘xa2 33.♕d7+ ♔f6 34.♕c8+-) 19.exf6 ♖xf6 20.d5 exd5 21.♘xd5 ♘xd5 22.♖xd5 ♗d6 23.♕b3 ♔h8∓) 18...f5 19.exf6 ♖xf6 20.d5 exd5 21.♕xd7 ♖xd7 22.♘xd5 ♘xd5 (22...♖fd6 23.♘xe7+ ♖xe7 24.♗f3 ♖ed7 25.♗c5 ♖xd1 26.♗xd1 ♘e5 27.♖f8+ ♔h7 28.♗c2+ g6 29.♖e8 ♘d3 30.♗xd3 ♖xd3 31.♖e7+ ♔g8 32.♖xc7 ♖d1+ 33.♔f2 ♖d2+ 34.♔f3 ♖xb2 35.♖xb7 ♖xa2=) 23.♗xd5+ ♔f8=

**12...bxc6**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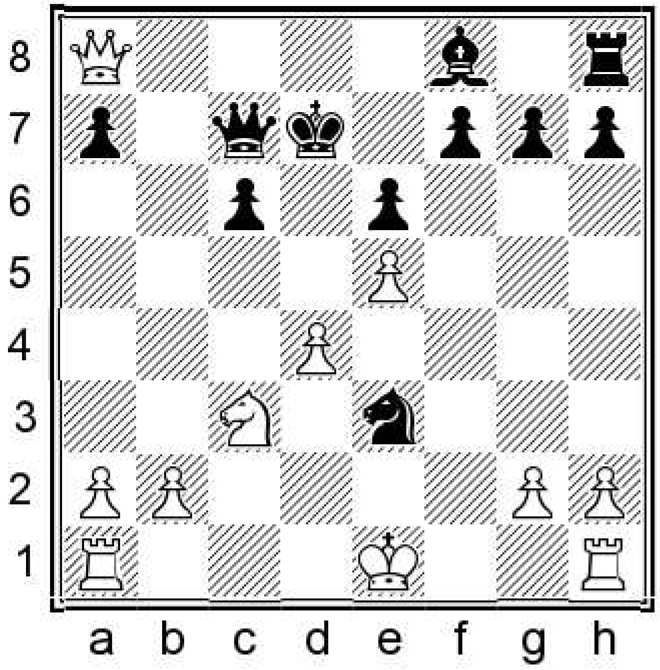
a b c d e f g h

**13.♕a4?!**

13.♕e2 ♘xe3 14.♕xe3 ♖b8 15.b3 ♗e7 16.O-O ♗g5 17.♕f2 O-O 18.♘e4 ♗e7 19.♖ac1 ♖b4 20.♖fd1 ♕d5 21.♘c3 ♕d7 22.♘e4 a5∓

**13...♘xe3 14.♕xc6+ ♔e7 15.♕c5+ ♔d7 16.♕b5+ c6∓ 17.♕b7+ ♕c7 18.♕xa8**


8 7 6 5 4 3 2 1
a b c d e f g h

**18...♘c2+?**

18...g6! 19.♔e2 ♗g7 20.♕xh8 ♗xh8 21.♔xe3 c5 22.♖he1 cxd4+ 23.♔xd4 ♗xe5+ 24.♖xe5 ♕d6+ 25.♘d5 f6 26.♖e2 ♕xd5+ 27.♔c3 ♕c5+ 28.♔d2 ♕d6+ 29.♔c2 ♕xh2-+

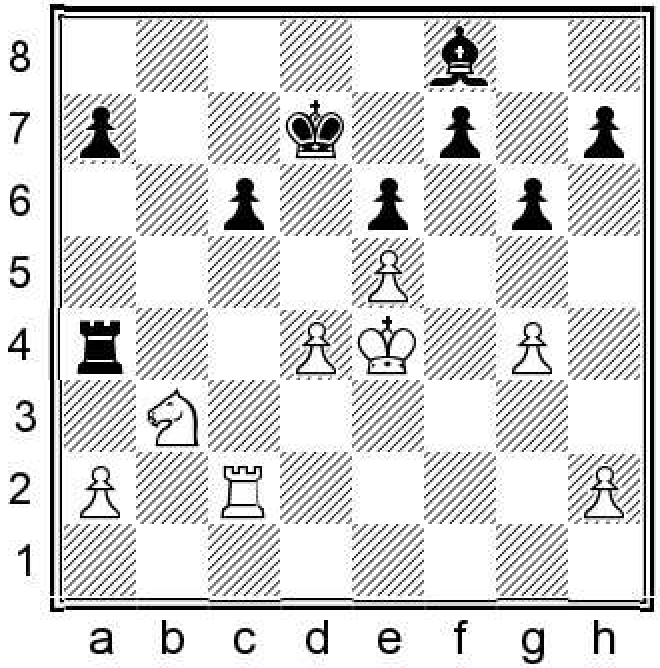
**19.♔f2 ♘xa1 20.♖xa1 g6 21.♘a4 ♗g7 22.♘c5+ ♔e7 23.♕b7 ♕xb7 24.♘xb7 ♖b8 25.♘a5 ♖xb2+**

**26.♔f3 ♔d7 27.♖c1 ♖b6?!**

27...♖xa2 28.♘xc6 ♗h6 29.♘b8+ ♔d8 30.♘c6+ ♔e8 31.♖c5 ♖a3+ 32.♔e2 ♗e3 33.♖b5 ♗g5 34.d5 exd5 35.♖xd5 h5 36.g3 ♖a2+ 37.♔f3 ♖xh2 38.♘xa7 ♖c2 39.♘b5 ♔e7 40.♖d3 ♖c4 41.♖a3 ♔e6 42.♘d6 ♖c7∓

**28.♘b3∓ ♗f8 29.♔e4 ♖a6 30.♖c2 ♖a4 31.♔d3**

31.g4

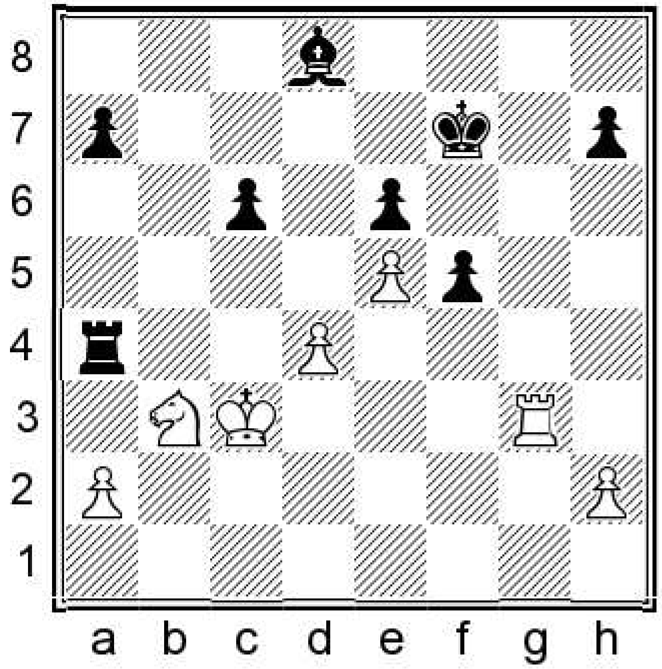


31...♗e7 (31...h6 32.♖f2 ♔e8 33.♖c2 ♗e7 34.h3 a5 35.♖xc6 ♖xa2 36.♖a6 ♗b4 (36...♗d8 37.♘c5 ♖a1 38.♘b7 ♗c7 39.♘c5 ♖e1+ 40.♔d3 ♗d8 41.♘e4=) 37.♘c5 ♖e2+ 38.♔d3 ♖d2+ 39.♔c4 ♖d1 40.♖a8+ ♔e7 41.♖a7+ ♔f8 42.♖a8+=) 32.♔d3 ♔e8 33.♖f2 ♔f8 34.♖c2 a5 (34...♖a3 35.♔c4 ♔g7 36.♘c5 ♖a5 37.♘e4 ♖a4+ 38.♔d3 ♖a3+ 39.♔c4 ♗d8 40.♘c5 ♖f3 41.♘d3 ♗b6 42.♘b4 ♖f4 43.♘xc6 ♖xg4 44.a4 ♖g1 45.a5 ♗c7 46.♖a2 ♖c1+ (46...a6 47.♘b4 ♖c1+ 48.♔d3 ♖d1+ 49.♔e4↑) 47.♔b5 ♖b1+ 48.♔a6 ♗b6 49.♖a4 f5 50.exf6+ ♔xf6 51.♘xa7 ♗c7 52.♘b5 ♗d8 53.♘c3 ♖b3 54.♘e4+ ♔e7 55.♔a7 g5 56.a6 g4 57.♘c5 ♖b5 58.♖a2 e5 59.♖e2 ♗c7 60.♖e3 h5 (60...♔f7? 61.♖b3 ♖xb3 62.♘xb3 exd4 63.♔b7+-) 61.♖b3 ♖xb3 62.♘xb3 h4 63.♔b7 g3 64.hxg3 h3 (64...hxg3 65.♘c1 exd4 66.a7 g2 67.♘e2 d3 68.a8=Q dxe2 69.♕a3+ ♗d6 70.♕e3+ ♔d7 71.♔b6+-) 65.♔xc7 h2 66.d5 h1=Q 67.d6+ ♔e6 68.d7 ♕g1 69.d8=Q ♕a7+ 70.♔c6 ♕xa6+ 71.♔c5 ♕a3+ 72.♔c4 ♕a4+ 73.♔c3 ♕c6+ 74.♔b4 ♕b7+ 75.♔a4 ♕a7+ 76.♘a5 ♕g7 77.♕d3+-) 35.♖xc6 ♖xa2 36.♖c8+ ♔g7 37.♖c7 ♖a3 (37...♗d8 38.♖a7 ♖f2 39.♘c5 ♔h6 40.h3 ♗h4 41.♔e4 a4 42.♖xa4 ♖e2+ 43.♔f3 ♖h2 44.♖a7 ♖xh3+ 45.♔e2 ♖h2+ 46.♔e3 ♗f2+ 47.♔d3 ♖h3+ 48.♔c4 ♖f3 49.♘e4 ♖f4 50.♔d3 g5 51.♖a6 ♔g7 52.d5 ♖f3+ 53.♔e2 ♖e3+ 54.♔xf2 ♖xe4 55.dxe6 ♖xe5 56.exf7 ♔xf7=) 38.♔c4 ♖a4+ 39.♔d3 ♗d8 40.♖a7 ♗b6 41.♖a6 ♖b4 42.♔c3=

**31...♗e7 32.♖f2 ♔e8 33.♖c2 ♖a6 34.g4 f5 35.gxf5?**

35.exf6 ♗xf6 36.♘c5 ♖a3+ 37.♔c4 ♖e3 38.♖b2 ♗e7 39.♖b8+ ♔f7 40.♖b7 ♖a3 41.♘d3 ♖xa2 42.♘e5+ ♔f8 43.♖b8+ ♔g7 44.♖b7=

**35...gxf5∓ 36.♖g2 ♔f7 37.♔c4 ♖a4+ 38.♔c3 ♗d8 39.♖g3**



**39...♗b6?!**

39...♖xa2 40.♖h3 ♔g7 41.♖g3+ ♔f8 42.♖h3 f4 (42...♗e7 43.♖xh7 f4 44.♖h3 ♔g7 45.♖f3 ♗g5 46.h4 ♗h6 47.h5 a5 48.♖f1 ♔f7 49.♘c5 ♖h2 50.♘b7 ♖xh5 51.♘xa5 c5 52.dxc5 ♖xe5 53.♔d4 ♔f6 54.♘b3 ♖e3 55.c6 ♔e7 56.♘a5 ♗g7+ 57.♔c5 f3 58.♖d1 f2 59.c7 ♖e1 60.c8=Q f1=Q 61.♕c7+ ♔f6 62.♖xe1 ♕xe1 63.♕f4+=) 43.♘c5 ♖a3+ 44.♘b3 ♗e7 45.♔b2 a5 46.♖f3 ♖a4 47.♖xf4+ ♔e8 48.♔c3 ♖a2 49.h4 a4 50.♘c5 a3 51.♘xe6 ♖g2 52.♖f1 ♗xh4 53.♖h1 a2 54.♖a1 ♗g3 55.♔b3 ♔e7 56.♘g5 ♗xe5 57.♘xh7 ♗xd4 58.♖xa2 ♖g4 59.♔c4 ♔d6 60.♖d2 c5; 39...h6!∓

**40.♖g2?!**

40.♖h3 ♔g6 41.♖g3+ ♔h6 42.♖h3+ ♔g7 43.♖g3+ ♔f8 44.♖h3 ♖xa2 45.♖xh7

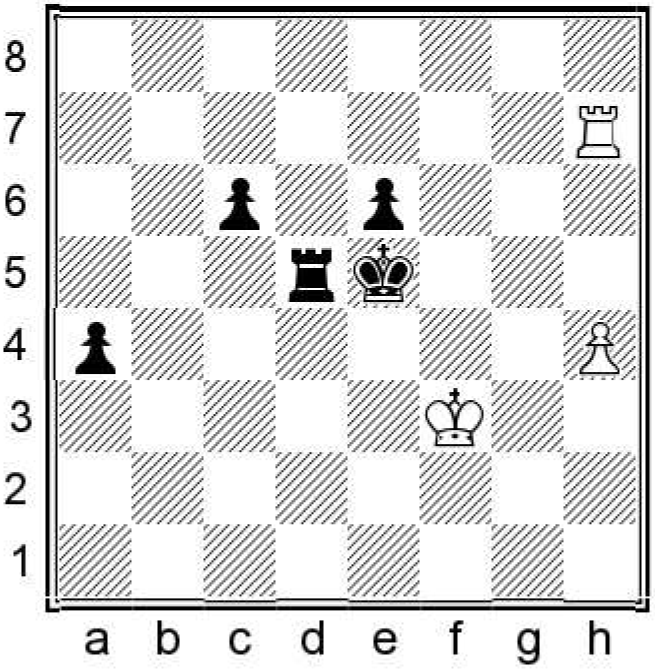
**40...a5 41.♔d3 ♖b4 42.♔c3 ♖b5 43.a4 ♖b4 44.♖a2 ♔g6 45.♖a1?**

45.♖g2+ ♔h6 46.♖g8 ♖xa4 47.♖e8 ♔g5 48.♖xe6 ♖a3 49.♔b2 ♖a4 50.♔c3=

**45...f4-+ 46.♖g1+ ♔f5 47.♖g7 ♖xa4 48.♖xh7 ♔e4 49.♖b7 ♗xd4+ 50.♘xd4 ♖xd4 51.♖a7 ♖d5 52.♖c7 ♖c5+**

52...f3 53.♖b7 ♔e3 54.♔c4 f2 55.♖b1 ♖xe5-+

**53.♔d2 ♔xe5 54.h4 f3 55.♖h7 ♖d5+ 56.♔e3 a4 57.♔xf3**



**57...♖a5??**

57...♔d4 58.♖a7 c5 59.♖a5 c4-+; 57...c5 58.♔e2 ♖d4 59.h5 ♖h4-+

**58.♖c7??**

58.♖h5++-

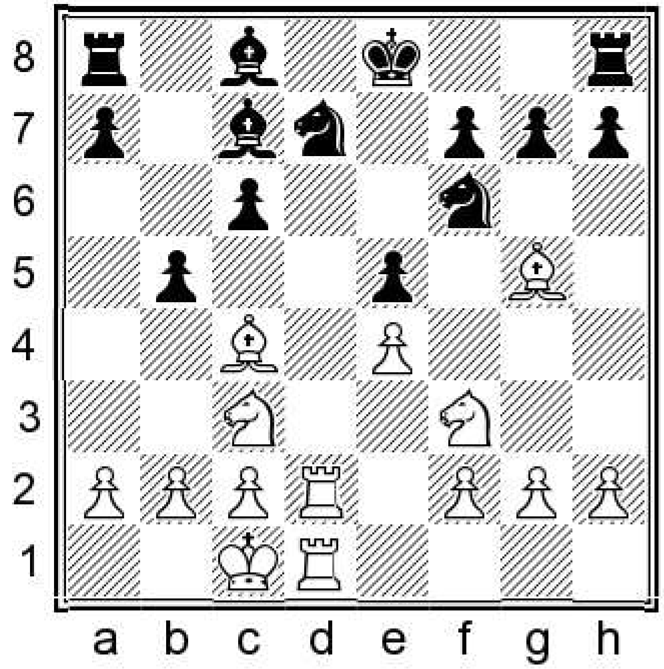
**58...♔d6 59.♖b7 a3 60.♖b1 a2 61.♖d1+ ♔e5 62.♖a1 ♔f6 63.♔g4 ♔g6 64.♔g3 ♖a4 65.♔g2 ♔h5 66.♔f3 ♔xh4 67.♔e2 c5 68.♔d3 c4+ 69.♔c2 e5 0-1**

**23. B07**
**Rublevsky, Sergei (2651) - Kadric, Denis (2579)**
**Srbija 147/23, 2020**

**1.e4 d6 2.d4 ♘f6 3.♘c3 e5 4.dxe5 dxe5 5.♕xd8+ ♔xd8 6.♗c4 ♔e8 7.♘f3 ♗d6 8.♗g5 c6**

8...♘bd7 - 109/44

**9.O-O-O ♗c7 10.♖d2 ♘bd7 11.♖hd1 b5**



**12.♗b3N**

12.♗f1 a6 13.♗xf6 gxf6 14.♘h4 ♘c5 15.f3 ♔e7∞

**12...♖g8!?**

12...a6? 13.♗xf6! gxf6 (13...♘xf6 14.♘xe5+-) 14.♗xf7+!+-

**13.♗e3**

13.a4 a6∞

**13...♖f8 14.♘h4 a5**

14...b4? 15.♘a4 ♘xe4 16.♖e2 ♘df6 17.f4 ♘g4 18.♗g1 f5 19.h3 ♘gf6 20.fxe5 ♗xe5 21.♘c5+- ×Ke8

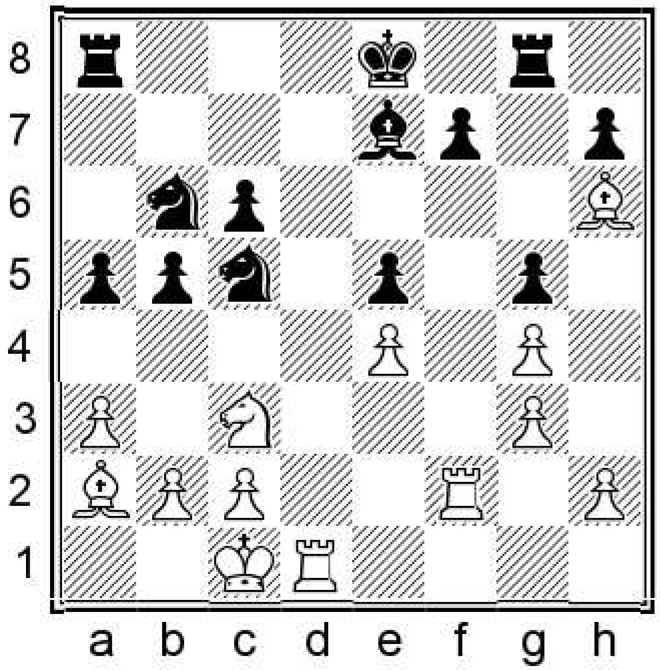
**15.a3 g6 16.f3 ♗d8! 17.g3 ♗e7 18.♘g2 ♘c5 19.♗a2 ♘fd7 20.♗h6 ♖g8 21.♘e3?!** [×Bh6] **21...♘b6**

21...b4! 22.♘b1 ♘b6∓

**22.♘g4?**

22.♖d6! ♗xd6 (22...♗d7? 23.♘xb5) 23.♖xd6 b4 (23...♗d7? 24.♘xb5±) 24.♖xc6 bxc3 25.♖xc5 cxb2+ 26.♔b1 ♗e6 27.♗xe6 fxe6 28.♖c7=∞

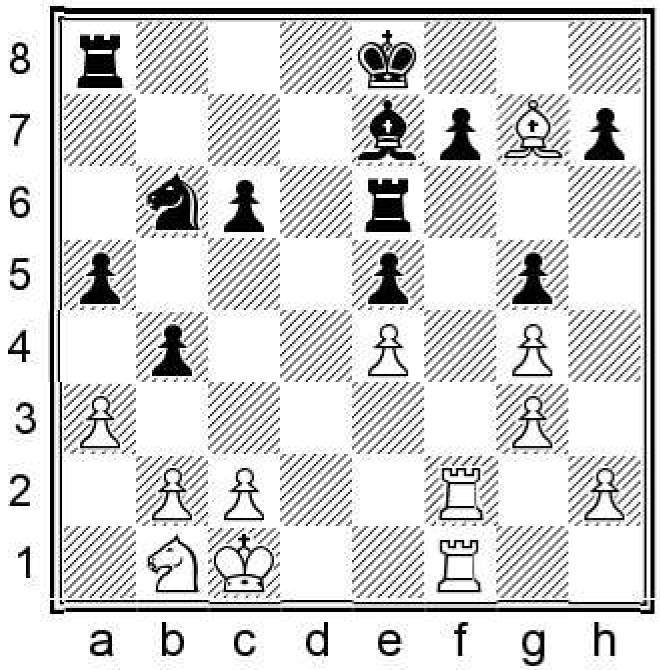
**22...♗xg4 23.fxg4 g5 24.♖f2**



**24...♘e6**

24...♘c4! 25.a4 (25.♖df1 ♖g6-+) 25...♘e6 26.♖f3 (26.axb5 ♘e3 27.bxc6 ♘xd1 28.♔xd1 ♖g6-+) 26...♖g6 27.axb5 cxb5 28.♘xb5 ♖c8 29.♘a7 (29.♖c3 ♘b6 30.♗xe6 (30.♖xc8+ ♘xc8-+) 30...fxe6 31.♘c7+ ♔f7 32.♖f1+ ♔g8 33.♖c6 ♖xh6 34.♘d5 ♗d8!-+) 29...♖c5 30.♖c3 ♘d6 31.♗xe6 ♖xc3 32.♗f5 ♖c5 33.♗xg6 hxg6∓

**25.♖df1! ♖g6 26.♗xe6 ♖xe6 27.♗g7 b4! 28.♘b1**



**28...♖d8**

28...♗c5! 29.♖xf7 ♖d8 30.♘d2 bxa3 31.bxa3 ♗xa3+ 32.♔d1 ♗e7∓ (32...♗b4 33.c3)

**29.axb4**

29.♗f6!

**29...♘c4 30.♖f3 axb4 31.b3 ♘d6 32.♘d2 ♖a8 33.♔b2 ♖a7 34.♗f6 ♗xf6 35.♖xf6 ♔e7 1/2-1/2**

**24. B12**
**Wei, Yi (2732) - Ding, Liren (2791)**
**chess.com (Int.-rapid) 147/24, 2020**

**1.e4 c6 2.d4 d5 3.f3 dxe4 4.fxe4 e5 5.♘f3 ♗g4**

5...♗e6

**6.♗c4**

6.c3

**6...♘d7 7.c3**

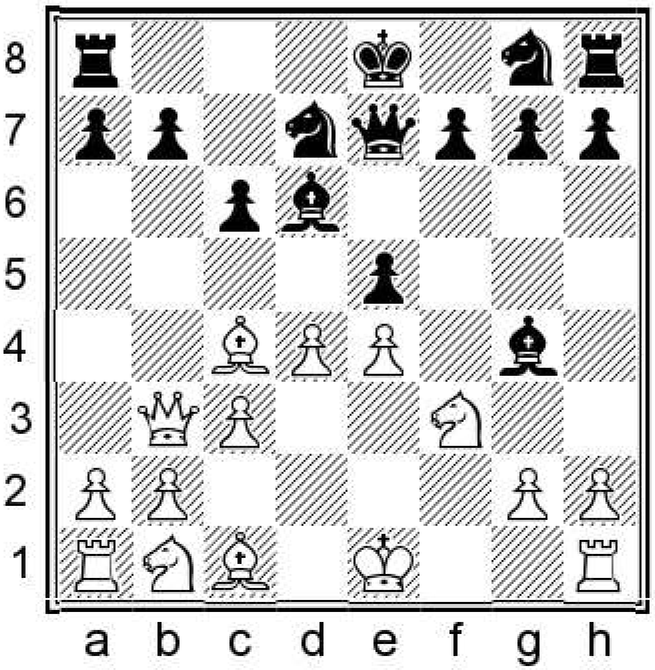
7.O-O

**7...♗d6!?**

7...♗h5

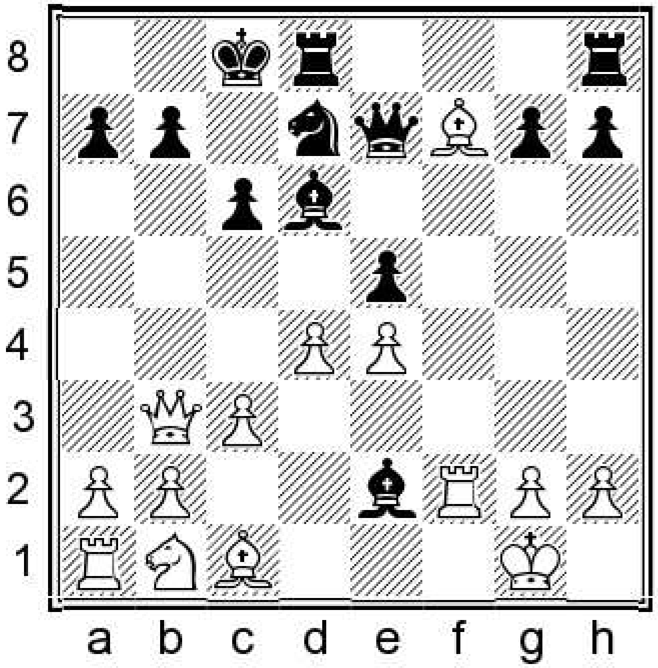
**8.O-O**

8.♕b3 ♕e7



9.O-O (9.♘g5 O-O-O!? 10.O-O (10.♘xf7 exd4 11.cxd4 (11.♘xd8?? ♕xe4+ 12.♔f2 d3 13.♕xb7+ ♔xd8 14.♕a8+ ♘b8 15.♖e1 ♗e2 16.♗g5+ ♘f6-+; 11.♘xd6+?! ♕xd6 12.O-O (12.cxd4? ♘c5! 13.♕e3 ♕xd4 14.♕xd4 ♖xd4 15.♘d2 b5 16.♗e2 ♗xe2 17.♔xe2 ♘f6 18.♖e1 ♖e8-+) 12...d3∓)

11...♕xe4+ 12.♕e3 ♗b4+□ (12...♕xe3+?? 13.♗xe3 ♘b6 14.♗b3 ♘f6 15.O-O+-; 12...♕xg2?? 13.♘xd6+ ♔c7 14.♖g1 ♕xh2 15.♖xg4+-) 13.♔f1 ♘gf6 14.♕xe4 ♘xe4 15.♘xh8 ♖xh8 16.♔g1 ♖f8 17.♗e3 (×Ra1, Nb1, Rh1) 17...♖e8=∞) 10...♘h6 11.h3 (11.♘xf7?? ♘xf7 12.♗xf7 (12.♖xf7 ♕h4 13.g3 ♕h5-+ ×Kg1) 12...♗e2 13.♖f2



13...♘c5!! 14.dxc5 ♗xc5 15.♘d2 ♖hf8 16.♕e6+ ♖d7-+) 11...f6 12.♘e6 ♗xe6 13.♗xe6 ♔b8 14.♗e3 ♖he8 15.♗xd7 (15.♗c4? exd4 16.cxd4 ♕xe4 17.♖f3 (17.♗f2 ♕f4 18.g3 ♕g5-+) 17...♘b6-+) 15...♕xd7∓; 9.♕xb7?! ♖b8 10.♕xc6 (10.♕xa7? exd4 11.♕xd4 ♘gf6 12.♘bd2 O-O∓) 10...♗xf3 11.gxf3 ♘f6 12.dxe5 (12.O-O? O-O 13.♗b3 ♖b6! 14.♕c4 exd4 15.cxd4 ♗xh2+! 16.♔xh2 ♘h5 17.♖f2 ♖g6 18.♖g2 ♕h4+ 19.♔g1 ♘g3-+) 12...♗xe5 13.♗e3 O-O (13...♖xb2? 14.♕c8+ ♕d8 15.♕xd8+ ♔xd8 16.f4 ♗c7 17.e5 ♘g4 18.♗c1 ♖xh2 19.♖xh2 ♘xh2 20.♗xf7+-) 14.♘d2 ♖xb2↑) 9...♗xf3 10.♖xf3 ♘gf6 11.♗d3 O-O∞

**8...♘gf6 9.♗g5 O-O 10.♘bd2 b5**

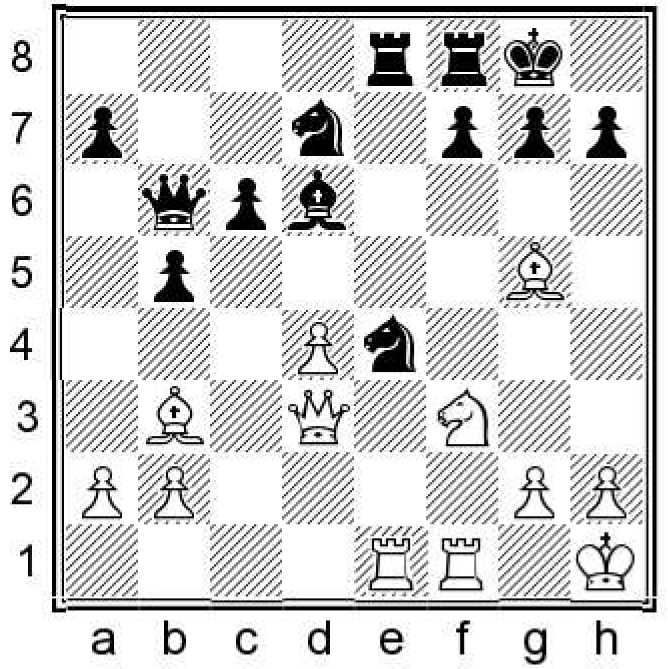
10...♗h5 - 146/(30)

**11.♗b3**

11.♗e2 ♕b6 12.♔h1!? ♗xf3 13.gxf3!? exd4 14.cxd4 ♕xd4 15.♘b3 ♕xd1 16.♖axd1 ♗e5 17.♘d4 ♖ac8 18.♘f5 ♔h8 19.♗c1 ♘b6 20.b3=∞

**11...c5N**

11...♕b6 12.♔h1 ♖ae8 (12...exd4? 13.cxd4 ♗xf3 14.♘xf3 ♘xe4 15.♕c2!? (15.♕d3?! ♖ae8 16.♖ae1



16...c5! 17.♗xf7+ (17.♖xe4 c4 18.♕e3 ♖xe4 19.♕xe4 cxb3 20.axb3∞) 17...♖xf7 18.♖xe4 ♖xe4 19.♕xe4∞) 15...♖ae8 (15...♘xg5?? 16.♘xg5 g6 17.♗xf7+ ♔h8 18.♕e4+-) 16.♖ae1 ♘ef6 17.♖xe8 ♖xe8 (17...♘xe8 18.♘e5 ♘xe5 19.dxe5 ♗xe5 20.♗e7±) 18.♗xf6 ♘xf6 19.♘g5 ♖e7 20.♕d3!?±) 13.♗c2∞

**12.dxc5?!**

12.dxe5 ♗xe5 13.♕e1 c4 (13...♕b6 14.♘xe5 ♘xe5 15.♗xf6 c4+ 16.♔h1 gxf6 17.♗d1±; 13...♗xf3 14.♘xf3 ♕b6 (14...♕c7? 15.♘xe5 ♕xe5 16.♖f5 ♕c7 (16...♕xe4 17.♕xe4 ♘xe4 18.♗e7+-) 17.♕h4+-) 15.♘xe5 ♘xe5 16.♗c2±) 14.♘xe5 ♘xe5 15.♗c2 ♕b6+ 16.♗e3 ♕e6 17.♗d4±

**12...♗xc5+ 13.♔h1 h6 14.♗h4**

14.♗xf6 ♘xf6 15.h3 ♗xf3 (15...♗h5 16.g4 ♗g6 17.♘xe5 ♘xe4 18.♘xg6 ♘g3+ (18...♘xd2?? 19.♘xf8 ♘xf1 20.♗xf7+! ♔xf7 (20...♔xf8 21.♕xf1 ♕f6 22.♕g2 ♖d8 23.♖f1 ♖d2 24.♕a8+ ♖d8 25.♖xf6 ♖xa8 26.♖f5 ♔e7 27.♖xc5 ♔xf7 28.♖xb5+-) 21.♕b3+ ♔xf8 22.♖xf1+ ♔e7 23.♕f7+ ♔d6 24.♖d1+ ♔c6 25.♖xd8 ♖xd8 26.♕xg7+-) 19.♔g2 ♘xf1 20.♘xf1 ♕f6! (20...♕xd1 21.♖xd1+-) 21.♕c2 (21.♕f3?? ♕xg6-+) 21...♖fe8 (21...♕c6+ 22.♔h2 ♖fe8 23.♘g3∞)) 16.♘xf3 (16.♖xf3 ♕b6 17.♕e2 ♖ad8∓) 16...♕e7 (16...♕xd1 17.♖axd1 ♘xe4 18.♔h2 ♖ad8!? (18...♖ae8?! 19.♘h4±) 19.♖xd8 ♖xd8 20.♘xe5 ♗d6 21.♔g1 ♗xe5 22.♖xf7 ♖e8 23.♖e7+ ♔f8 24.♖f7+ ♔g8=) 17.♘h4 ♘xe4 18.♘f5 ♕g5 19.♕e1 ♘f6 20.♕xe5 ♖ac8∞

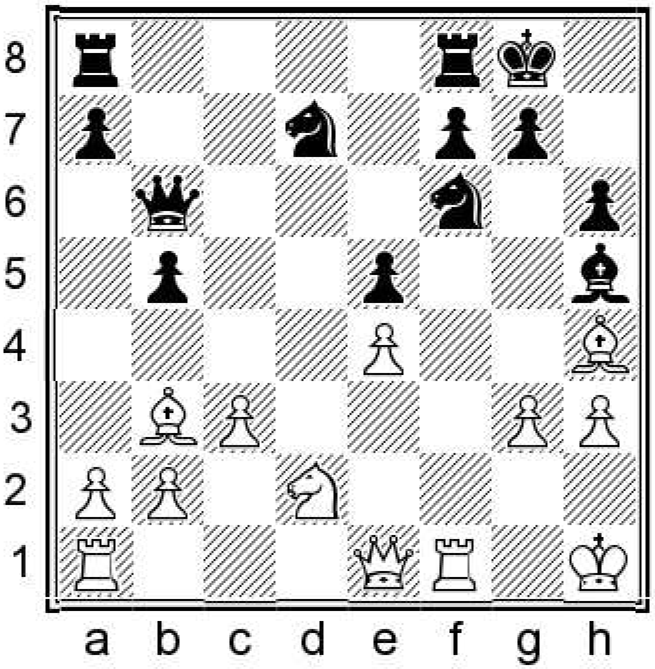
**14...♗e3**

14...g5!? 15.♗e1 (15.♗f2 ♗xf2 16.♖xf2 a5 17.a4 (17.♗c2 ♗e6∓) 17...bxa4 18.♗xa4 ♕b6 19.♕e1 ♗e6∓ (19...♕xb2?? 20.♘b3+-); 15.♗g3 ♘h5 16.♕e1 ♘f4∓) 15...♖b8 16.h3 ♗h5 17.♕e2 ♗g6∓

**15.h3 ♗h5 16.♕e1?!**

16.♕e2 ♗f4 17.♖ad1 (17.♕xb5 ♖b8 18.♕e2 ♘c5⇄) 17...♕b6∞

**16...♗f4!?⩱ 17.g3 ♗xd2 18.♘xd2 ♕b6**



⌓18...a5 19.g4 (19.♕e3 a4 20.♗c2 ♖a6!? 21.♗d3 ♕b6 22.♖ae1 g5 23.g4 gxh4 24.gxh5 ♘xh5∓) 19...♗g6 20.♔h2 (20.a3 ♖a6!? 21.♕e3 a4 22.♗a2 ♔h7!? 23.g5 (23.♖f2?? ♘xg4 24.♗xd8 ♘xe3 25.♗e7 ♖e8 26.♗h4 f5-+; 23.♗g3? ♖d6-+; 23.♕e2 ♖d6∓) 23...hxg5 24.♗xg5 ♕c7∓) 20...♕c7 21.a3 (21.a4 ♖fb8∓) 21...♖a6!? 22.♕e3 ♖d6⩱

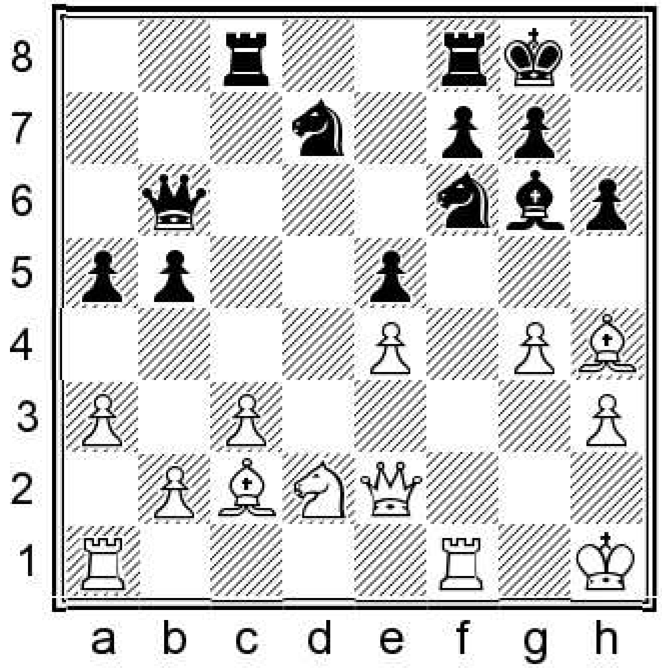
**19.♗c2?!**

19.g4 ♗g6 20.♔h2 a5 21.a3 ♖ac8⩱

**19...♖ac8∓**

19...b4 20.c4 ♕d4 21.♖b1 a5 22.g4 ♗g6 23.♗f2 ♕d6∓

**20.a3 a5 21.g4 ♗g6 22.♕e2?!**



22.♕f2 ♖fd8 23.g5 hxg5 24.♗xg5 b4 25.♕xb6 ♘xb6 26.axb4 axb4∓

**22...♖fe8?**

22...b4! 23.axb4 (23.♗f2 ♕c6 24.axb4 axb4-+) 23...axb4 24.♗f2 (24.c4 ♕d4 25.♖ab1 b3!? 26.♘xb3 (26.♗xb3 ♘c5 27.♗c2 (27.♗f2 ♗xe4+ 28.♘xe4 ♕xe4+ 29.♕xe4 ♘fxe4 30.♗c2 ♘d2-+; 27.♗xf6 ♘xb3 28.♘xb3 ♕xe4+ 29.♕xe4 ♗xe4+ 30.♔g1 ♗xb1 31.♗xe5 ♗d3 32.♖e1 ♗xc4 33.♘d4 ♖fe8-+) 27...♘cxe4 28.♘xe4 ♘xe4 29.♖fd1 ♕xc4 30.♕xc4 (30.♗d3 ♕b3-+) 30...♖xc4 31.♗d3 ♖d4-+) 26...♕xc4 27.♕xc4 ♖xc4 28.♗d3 ♖b4 29.♘a5 (29.♘d2 ♖d4 30.♖f3 ♘c5 31.♗f2 ♖xd3 32.♗xc5 ♖xd2 33.♖xf6 (33.♗xf8 ♗xe4-+) 33...gxf6 34.♗xf8 ♗xe4+ 35.♔g1 ♔xf8-+) 29...♘c5 30.♗c2 ♗xe4+ 31.♗xe4 ♘cxe4-+) 24...♕c6 25.c4 (25.♖a6 ♕c7 26.♖a7 ♕d6 27.♖a6 ♕e7-+) 25...♘c5 26.♖fe1 (26.♗xc5 ♕xc5-+) 26...♘e6-+

**23.♔h2 ♘d5∓**

23...b4∓

**24.♗f2?!**

24.exd5!? ♗xc2 25.♘e4 ♗xe4 26.♕xe4 ♕d6±

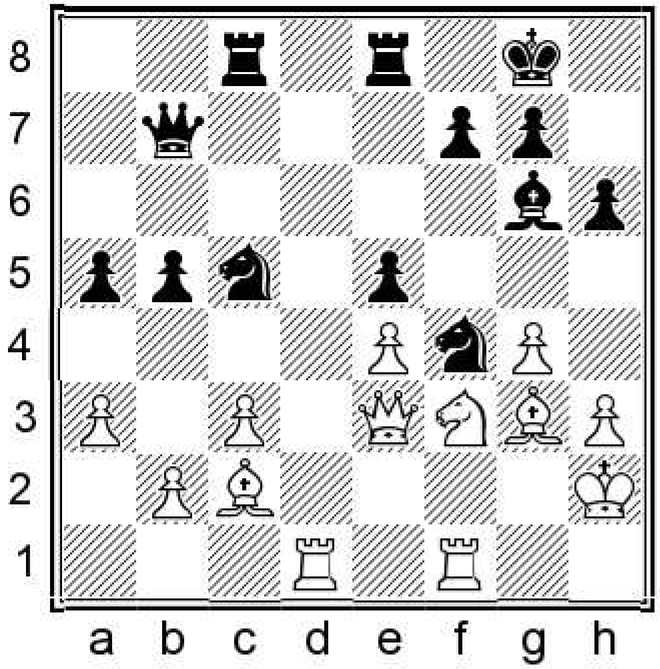
**24...♕b7 25.♖ad1 ♘f4 26.♕e3 ♘c5**

26...b4∓

**27.♗g3 ♘ce6?!**

27...♘d5!? 28.♕e2 ♘f6 29.♖de1 b4∓

**28.♘f3 ♘c5?!**



28...f6 29.♘h4 b4∓

**29.♘xe5?!**

29.♖fe1!? f6 (29...♘a4 30.♘xe5 ♖xe5 31.♕xf4 ♖ee8 32.♖b1 ♘c5∞; 29...b4 30.axb4 axb4 31.♘xe5 ♖xe5 32.♗xf4 ♖e6 33.♖d4 bxc3 34.bxc3 ♖ce8 35.♖b4 ♕e7 36.♖b5 ♘xe4 37.♗b3 ♘xc3 38.♗xe6 ♘xb5 39.♗c4 ♕xe3 40.♖xe3 ♖xe3 41.♗xe3 ♘d6 42.♗d5=) 30.♘h4 b4 31.axb4 axb4 32.♘f5 ♗xf5 33.gxf5 bxc3 34.bxc3∞

**29...♖xe5 30.♖xf4 ♖ee8?!**

30...♗xe4!? 31.♗xe4 ♖xe4 32.♖xe4 ♘xe4 33.♕f3 ♖e8∓ ×Kh2

**31.♖e1 b4 32.axb4 axb4 33.cxb4?!**

33.h4∞

**33...♕xb4 34.♕c3?**

34.♗b1!? ♕xb2+ 35.♖f2 ♕b7 36.♕d4 ♖ed8 37.♕e3 ♕b4∓

**34...♕b7?**

34...♘a6! 35.♕d3 (35.♕xb4?? ♖xc2+ 36.♖f2 ♘xb4-+) 35...♖ed8 36.♕xa6 (36.♕e2?? ♖d2-+) 36...♖xc2+ 37.♖f2 (37.♔h1 ♖xb2 38.♕f1 ♖b3 39.♕g2 (39.♗h2 ♖xh3-+) 39...♖dd3 40.e5 ♕a3 41.♗h2 ♖xh3-+) 37...♕xe1 (37...♖xb2 38.♖xb2 ♕xb2+ 39.♖e2 ♖d2 40.♖xd2 ♕xd2+ 41.♔g1 ♗xe4 42.♕f1 ♗c6∓) 38.♖xc2 ♕b1 39.♕e2 ♗xe4 40.♕xe4 ♖d2+ 41.♖xd2 ♕xe4∓

**35.♕e3 ♕xb2 36.♖f2 ♕b7 37.e5**

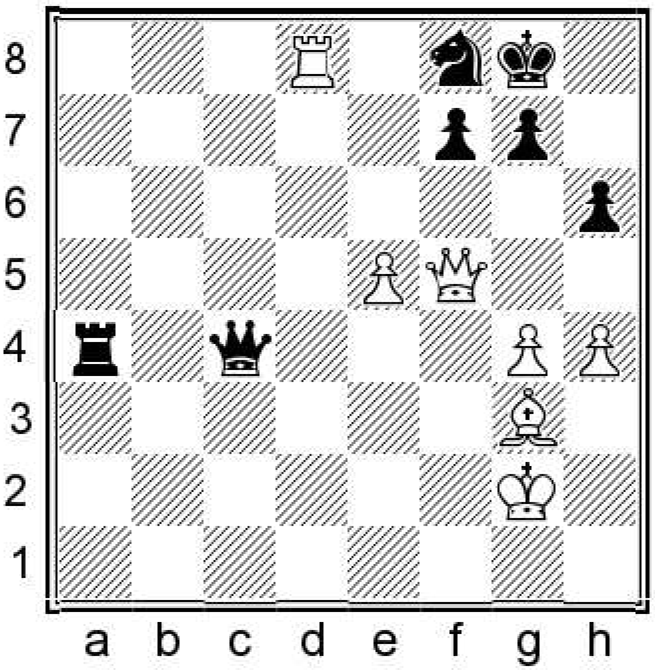
37.♖fe2 ♕a8 (37...♗xe4? 38.♕d4 f5 (38...♖ed8?! 39.♖xe4 ♘xe4 (39...♖xd4?? 40.♖e8+ ♖xe8

41.♖xe8#) 40.♗xe4 ♖xd4 41.♗xb7 ♖c2+ 42.♔g1±) 39.gxf5 ♖ed8□ 40.♕c4+ ♗d5 41.♕f4∞) 38.♕f4 ♘e6 39.♕f2 ♖ed8 40.♗b1 ♖c3∓

**37...♗xc2 38.♖xc2 ♘e6 39.♖f2 ♖c4 40.♕f3 ♕c7**

40...♕xf3?! 41.♖xf3∞

**41.♖ef1 ♖c2 42.♖xc2 ♕xc2+ 43.♖f2 ♕c7 44.♖d2 ♖b8 45.h4 ♕c4 46.♖f2 ♕c7 47.♖d2 ♕a7 48.♔g2 ♕a4 49.♖f2 ♕d7 50.♕c3 ♖a8 51.♖d2 ♕e8 52.♕f3 ♖a4 53.♔h2 ♕c8 54.♔g2 ♘f8 55.♕f5 ♕a8+ 56.♕f3 ♕c8 57.♕f5 ♕c4 58.♖d8??⊕**



58.♕f3 ♖b4∓ (58...♕xg4? 59.♕xg4 ♖xg4 60.♖d8 (×Kg8) 60...g5 61.♔f3 h5 62.e6! (62.hxg5?? ♔g7 63.♖d3 ♘e6-+) 62...fxe6 63.♗d6 ♖xh4 64.♖xf8+ ♔g7∞)

**58...♖a2+?**

58...♕c6+! 59.♔h2 (59.♕f3 ♖a2+ 60.♗f2 ♖xf2+! 61.♔xf2 ♕b6+ 62.♔g2 ♕xd8+-) 59...♖a2+ 60.♗f2 ♕b6 61.♖xf8+ ♔xf8 62.♔g1 ♕c6-+

**59.♔h3??**

59.♗f2 ♕c6+ 60.♔g3 (60.♕f3?? ♖xf2+ 61.♔xf2 ♕b6+ 62.♔g2 ♕xd8-+) 60...♕c3+ 61.♖d3 ♕c7∓

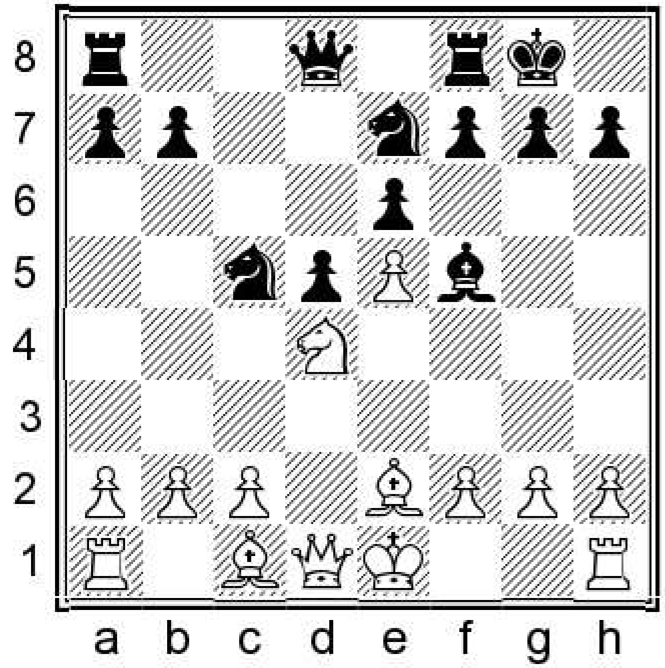
**59...♕c6-+ 60.♕f1 h5! 61.♖d4 ♘e6 62.♖c4 hxg4+ 63.♔xg4 ♕d7! 64.♔h5 g6+ 65.♔g4 ♘d4+ 66.♔g5 ♖g2! 67.e6 ♕d5+ 68.♔g4 ♕xe6+ 0-1**

**25. B12**
**Svidler, Peter (2723) - Shankland, Samuel L (2691)**
**chess24.com (Int.-rapid) 147/25, 2020**

**1.e4 c6 2.d4 d5 3.e5 ♗f5 4.♘d2 e6 5.♘b3 ♘d7 6.♘f3 c5 7.dxc5**

7.♘xc5 - 108/(36)

**7...♗xc5 8.♘xc5 ♘xc5 9.♘d4 ♘e7 10.♗e2 O-O**



**11.♗e3N**

11.O-O

**11...♖c8**

11...♘a4 12.O-O ♕c7 13.♕c1 ♗e4 14.c3±

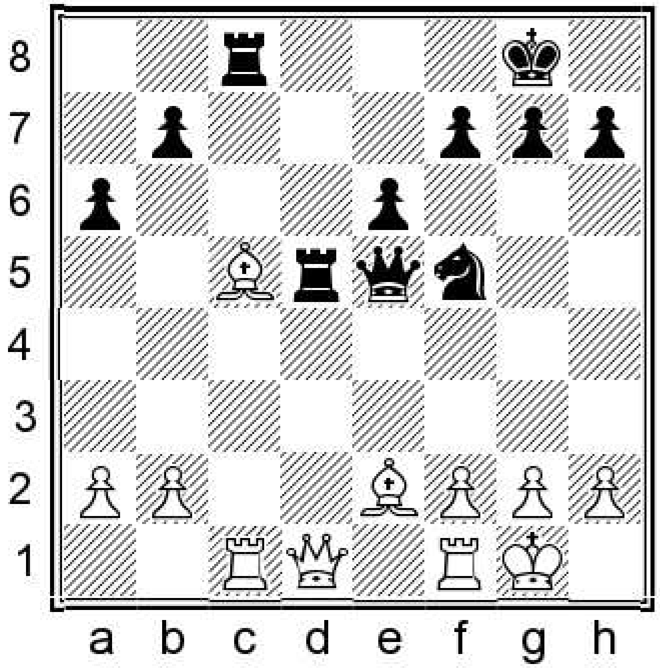
**12.O-O a6**

12...♗g6!=

**13.♖c1 ♕c7 14.c4 ♕xe5 15.cxd5 ♖fd8??**

15...♘e4! 16.dxe6 ♗xe6 17.f4 ♕d6 18.♕d3 ♗d5 19.♗g4 ♖xc1 20.♖xc1 ♕g6 21.h3 f5 22.♗f3 ♖d8 23.♕a3 ♘c6 24.♘xc6 ♗xc6 25.♕b3+ ♕f7 26.♕xf7+ ♔xf7 27.♗e2=

**16.♘xf5+- ♘xf5 17.♗xc5 ♖xd5**



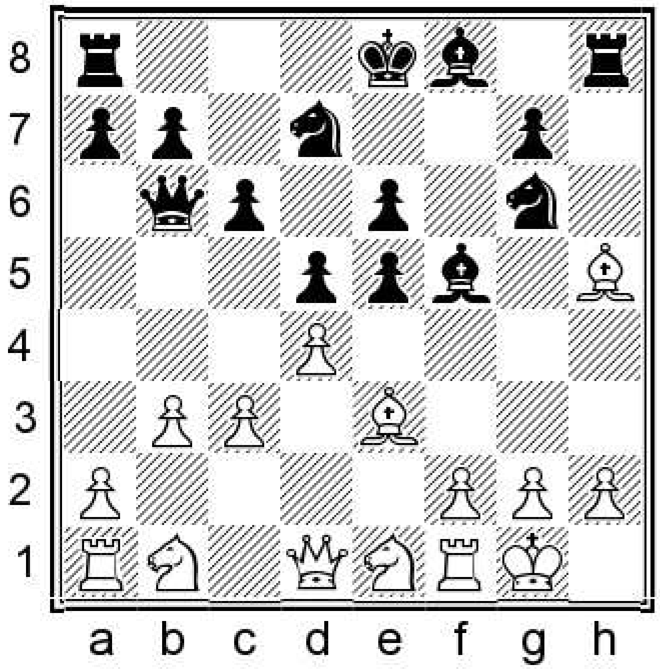
**18.♗d4!! ♕b8 19.♖xc8+ ♕xc8 20.♕c1! 1-0**

**26. B12**
**Tari, Aryan (2625) - Firouzja, Alireza (2749)**
**Wijk aan Zee 147/26, 2021**

**1.e4 c6 2.d4 d5 3.e5 ♗f5 4.♘f3 e6 5.♗e2 ♘e7 6.c3 ♘g6 7.O-O ♘d7 8.♘e1 h5 9.♗e3 ♕b6 10.b3 f6N**

10...h4 - 98/(70)

**11.♗xh5 fxe5**



**12.g4?!**

12.dxe5 ♕d8 (12...c5 13.f4) 13.f4 ♕h4 14.♗xg6+ ♗xg6 15.♘f3 ♕h6 16.h3±

**12...♖xh5 13.gxh5 ♘f4**

13...exd4 14.♗xd4 c5 15.hxg6 cxd4 16.♕xd4 ♕d6

**14.dxe5**

14.♗xf4 exf4 15.♘f3 ♕d8!↑ Δ Qf6, Bd6

**14...♘h3+ 15.♔g2 c5 16.f4 ♕c6 17.♘f3 O-O-O 18.♘bd2 ♘b6?!**

18...♗e7 19.♘d4! cxd4 20.cxd4 ♔b8 21.♖f3 Δ Rh3±

18...♔b8 19.♖c1 (19.♔g3 ♗e7 20.b4∞ (20.♘g5? d4 21.cxd4 cxd4 22.♗xd4 ♘xg5 23.fxg5 ♘c5-+)) 19...♗e7 20.b4 d4 21.cxd4 ♘b6!∞

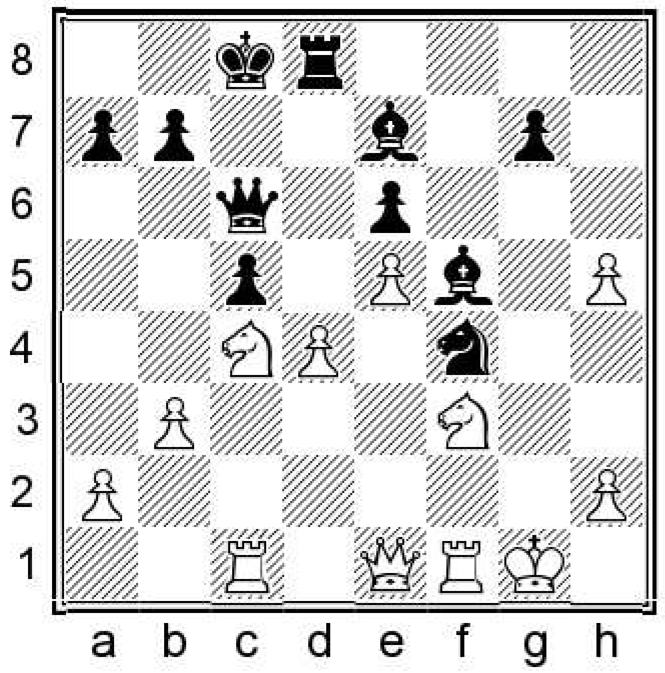
**19.♕e1**

19.♔g3! ♗e7 20.♘g5 d4 21.cxd4 ♘d5 (21...cxd4 22.♗g1 ♕c3+ 23.♘df3+-) 22.♘c4±

**19...♗e7 20.♖c1 d4 21.cxd4 ♘d5 22.♘c4?!**

22.♔h1 ♘hxf4 (22...♔b8 23.♘c4 ♘hxf4∞) 23.♗xf4 ♘xf4 24.♕e3∞

**22...♘dxf4+ 23.♗xf4 ♘xf4+ 24.♔g1**

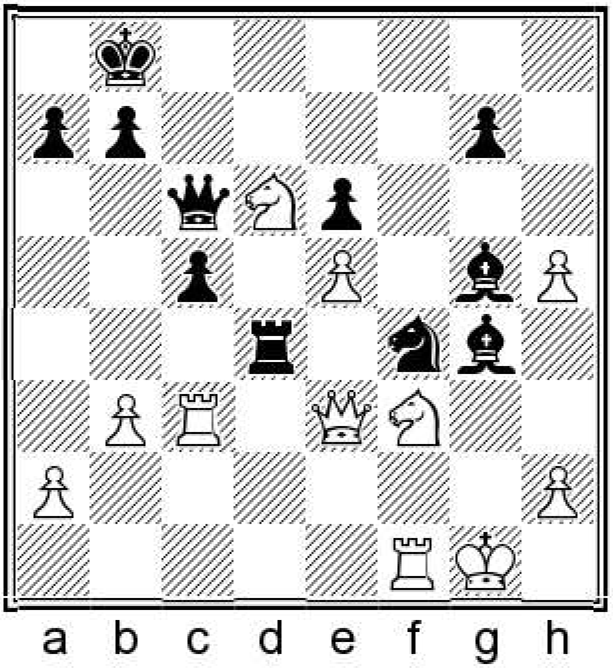


24.♔g3 ♘xh5+-+

**24...♗g4?!**

24...♖xd4! 25.♘d6+ ♗xd6 26.exd6 ♘h3+ 27.♔h1 ♗e4 28.♕g3 ♘g5 29.♖c3 ♘xf3 30.♖fxf3 ♗xf3+ 31.♖xf3 (31.♕xf3 ♕xd6-+) 31...♖d3 32.d7+ ♖xd7-+

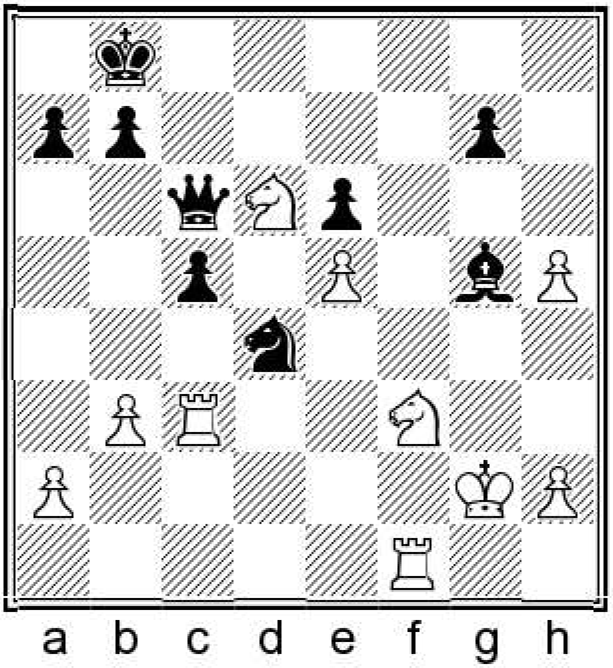
**25.♖c3 ♖xd4 26.♘d6+ ♔b8 27.♕e3 ♗g5?**



27...♗xh5 28.♔f2 ♗xf3 29.♕xf3 ♕b6∞; 27...♕d5!?

**28.♖xc5?**

28.♔h1! ♗h3 (28...♖d5 29.♘f7; 28...♘h3 29.♕xd4+-; 28...♕d5 29.h4! ♖d1 30.♔h2! ♖xf1 31.♖xc5+-) 29.♕xd4 ♗g2+ (29...♗xf1 30.♕e4+-) 30.♔g1 ♘e2+ 31.♔xg2 ♘xd4



32.b4! ♘xf3 33.♖fxf3+-

**28...♕xc5 29.♘xg5**

29.♘xd4 ♘e2+ 30.♔g2 ♗xe3-+

**29...♘e2+?**

29...♗e2! 30.♖e1 (30.♖xf4 ♖d1+ 31.♔f2 ♖f1+ 32.♔xe2 ♖e1+) 30...♖d1! 31.♕xc5 ♖xe1+ 32.♔f2 ♘d3+-+

**30.♔g2**

30.♔g2 ♕c6+ (30...♕d5+ 31.♘ge4 ♗f5 32.♕xe2 ♗xe4+ 33.♔g1! a6 34.♖f8+ ♔c7 35.♕e3 ♖d1+ (35...♕xe5? 36.♖c8+ ♔d7 37.♖d8+ ♔e7 38.♘f7) 36.♔f2 ♕xe5 37.♖f7+ ♔xd6 (37...♔c6? 38.♕xe4+) 38.♕b6+ ♗c6 39.♕d8+ ♔c5 40.♕xd1 ♕xh2+ 41.♔e3±) 31.♘ge4 ♗f5 32.♕xe2 ♗xe4+ 33.♔g1 ♗d3 34.♖f8+ ♔c7 35.♖c8+ ♔d7 36.♖xc6 ♗xe2 37.♖c3=

**1/2-1/2**

**27. B15**
**Garifullina, Leya (2348) - Goryachkina, Aleksandra (2593)**
**Russia (ch) 147/27, 2020**

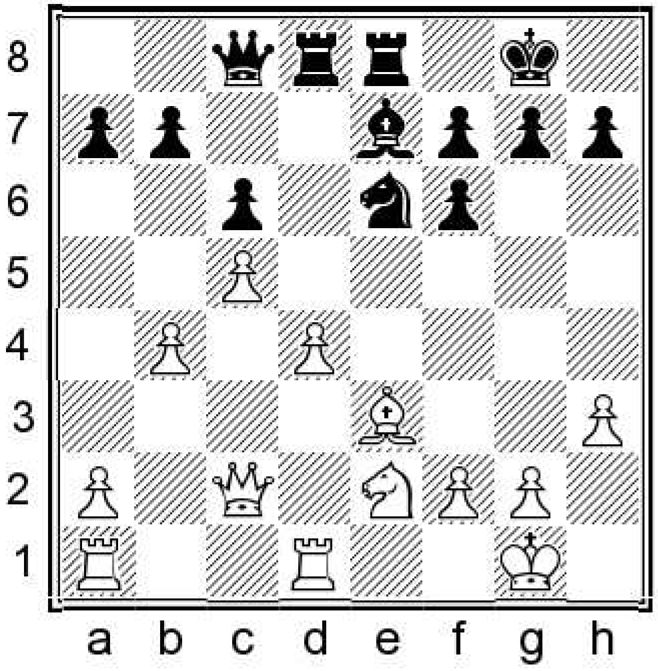
**1.e4 c6 2.d4 d5 3.♘c3 dxe4 4.♘xe4 ♘f6 5.♘xf6+ exf6 6.c3 ♗f5!? 7.♗d3 ♗xd3 8.♕xd3 ♗d6 9.♘e2**

9.♕e3+ - 131/46

**9...O-O 10.O-O ♕c7 11.h3 ♘d7 12.♗e3 ♖fe8 13.c4 ♖ad8 14.♕c2 ♘f8N**

14...♕a5

**15.c5 ♗e7 16.b4 ♘e6 17.♖fd1 ♕c8**



17...♖d7!? 18.♘c3 ♕d8

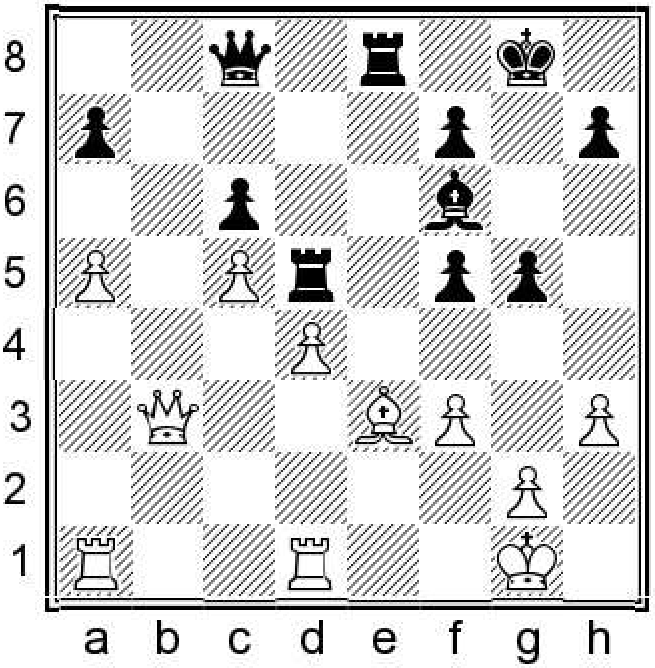
**18.a4?!**

18.♘c3! Δ♘c7 19.d5! ♘xd5 (19...cxd5 20.♖d2) 20.♘xd5 ♖xd5 21.♖xd5 cxd5 22.b5±

**18...♘c7 19.♘c3 ♘d5 20.♘xd5 ♖xd5 21.b5 f5 22.bxc6?!**

22.a5! cxb5 23.♕b3 ♕d7 (23...♖ed8 24.♕xb5∞) 24.a6 bxa6 25.♖dc1 f4 (25...♖c8 26.♖xa6 f4 27.♗xf4 ♖xd4 28.c6 ♕e6 29.♕xe6 fxe6 30.♖xa7 ♖xf4 31.♖xe7 ♖f7 32.♖xe6 ♖fc7=) 26.♗xf4 ♖xd4 27.♗e3 ♖d3 28.c6 ♕d6 29.♕b1 ♗f6 (29...♖c8? 30.♗c5) 30.♖xa6 b4 31.♖xa7 ♖c3∞

**22...bxc6 23.a5 ♗f6 24.♕b3 g5 25.f3**



**25...♕d7**

25...g4! 26.fxg4 (26.♔h1 f4! 27.♗xf4 gxh3 28.g4 (28.♖a2 ♗xd4∓) 28...♗xd4∓) 26...fxg4 27.♗f2 (27.hxg4 ♕xg4 28.♕d3 ♖e4-+) 27...♖e2∓

**26.♖a4 ♕e6**

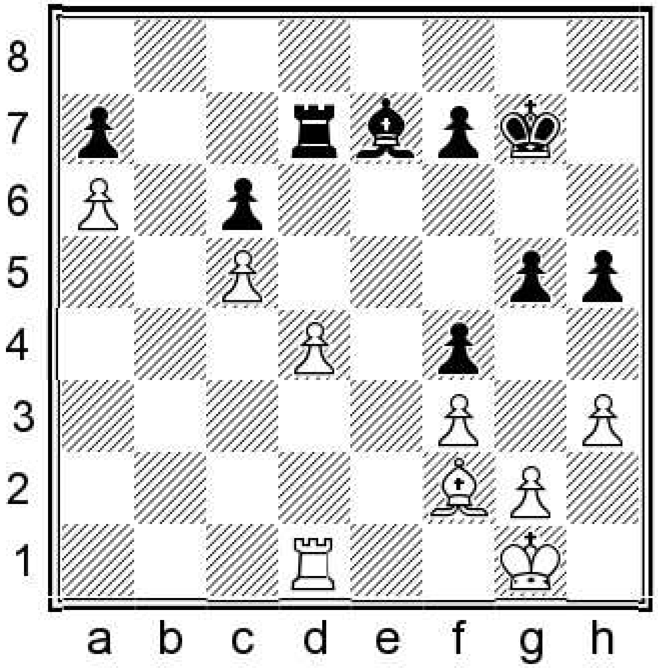
26...g4 27.hxg4 fxg4 28.fxg4 ♕xg4 29.♖f1 ♗h4 30.♖aa1 ♗g3 31.♖f3 ♖e7↑ (31...♕h4 32.♕b7⇄)

**27.♖d3 f4 28.♗f2 h5 29.♖b4 ♔g7 30.♖b7 ♖e7 31.a6 ♕e2 32.♕b1 ♕e6 33.♖d1 ♕c8?**

33...♖dd7

**34.♖xe7 ♗xe7 35.♕b7 ♕d7 36.♖b1**

36.♕xd7! ♖xd7



37.d5! (37.♖b1 ♔f6 38.♖b7 ♔e6 39.♔f1 f5 40.♔e2 g4 41.♔d3 ♗f6 42.♔c4 g3 43.♗g1 h4 44.♖xd7 ♔xd7 45.d5+-) 37...cxd5 38.♖b1 ♔f6 39.♖b7 ♔e6 40.c6 ♖d6 41.c7 ♖c6 (41...♔d7 42.c8=Q+ ♔xc8 43.♖xe7+-) 42.♖xa7+-

**36...♖xd4**

36...♕f5! 37.♖c1 ♗f6 38.♕xc6 (38.♕xa7 g4 39.♕b8 g3 40.a7 gxf2+ 41.♔h2□ ♖d8 42.♕xd8 ♗xd8 43.a8=Q ♕d5∞) 38...♗xd4 39.♗xd4+ ♖xd4⇄

**37.♗xd4+ ♕xd4+ 38.♔h1 ♗xc5 39.♕xc6 g4 40.fxg4**

40.♖c1 ♗b6 41.♕b5 g3! 42.♕g5+ ♔h7 43.♕xh5+ ♔g7 44.♕g5+ ♔h7=∞ ×Kh1

**40...hxg4 41.♕c8 g3 42.♕g4+ ♔h7 43.♕h5+ ♔g7 44.♖d1 ♕e3?**

44...♕c4=∞

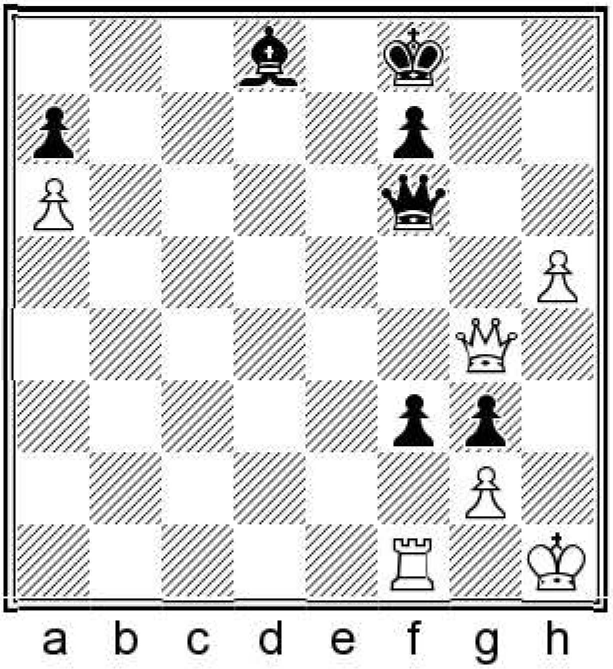
**45.♕g5+ ♔h7 46.♕d5?!**

46.♖f1! ♗d6 47.♕f6 ♕e6 48.♕xe6 fxe6 49.♖c1 Δ Kg1+-

**46...♔g6 47.♕c4 ♔g7**

47...♕e5 48.♕d5 ♕xd5 49.♖xd5 ♗e3=

**48.♕f1 ♗d4 49.♖d3 ♕e5 50.♕d1 ♗f2 51.♖d5 ♕f6 52.♕g4+ ♔f8 53.♖d1 ♗e3 54.♖b1 ♕d6 55.♕g5 ♗b6 56.♖c1 ♗d8 57.♕g4 ♗b6 58.♖d1 ♕e5 59.♖c1 ♕d6 60.h4 ♕e5 61.h5 ♕f6 62.♖c8+ ♗d8 63.♖c1 f3! 64.♖f1**



64.gxf3? ♕b2-+; 64.♕xg3 ♕h6 65.♖c5 (65.♖f1 ♕xh5+ 66.♕h3 fxg2+ 67.♔xg2 ♕g6+=) 65...fxg2+ 66.♕xg2 ♕f4=∞

**64...f2?**

64...♗c7!! 65.gxf3 (65.♕c8+ ♔g7 66.♕g4+ ♔f8=) 65...♕b2 66.♕c8+ (66.♕h3 ♕d2 67.♔g1 (67.h6? g2+ 68.♕xg2 ♕xh6+ 69.♔g1 ♗b6+ 70.♖f2 ♗xf2+ 71.♕xf2 ♕xa6∓) 67...♗b6+ 68.♔h1 ♗c7=) 66...♔g7 67.h6+ ♔xh6 (67...♔h7!?) 68.♕h3+ ♔g5 (68...♔g7? 69.f4) 69.♕g4+ ♔h6 70.♕h3+ ♔g5=

**65.♕xg3 ♗b6 66.♕g4 ♗d4 67.g3 ♕xa6 68.♔g2 ♕c6+ 69.♕f3 ♕xf3+ 70.♔xf3 ♔g7 71.♔g2 ♔h6 72.♖d1 ♗b6 73.g4 f6?**

73...♔g5? 74.♖d6+-; 73...♔g7! 74.♖d7 ♗c5 75.g5 ♔g8 76.h6 ♗e3=

**74.♖d5?**

74.♖d7! ♗c5 75.♖f7 ♗d4 76.♔f1 a5 (76...♔g5 77.♖d7 ♗b6 78.♖g7++-) 77.♖d7 ♗c5 78.♖d5 ♗b4 79.♔xf2+-

**74...♔g7 75.♔f1**

75.♖d7+ ♔g8! 76.♔f1 ♗c5 77.♔e2 ♗b6 78.h6 ♗c5 79.♖g7+ ♔h8 80.♖f7 ♗d4 81.♔f1 ♔g8 82.♖d7 ♗c5 83.♖c7 ♗e3=

**75...♗e3 76.♔e2 ♗b6 77.♖f5 ♗d4 78.♔d3 ♗b6 79.♔c4 ♗e3 80.♖f3 ♗b6 81.♔d5 ♗e3 82.♔c4**

82.♔e6 ♗d4 83.♔e7 ♗e3=

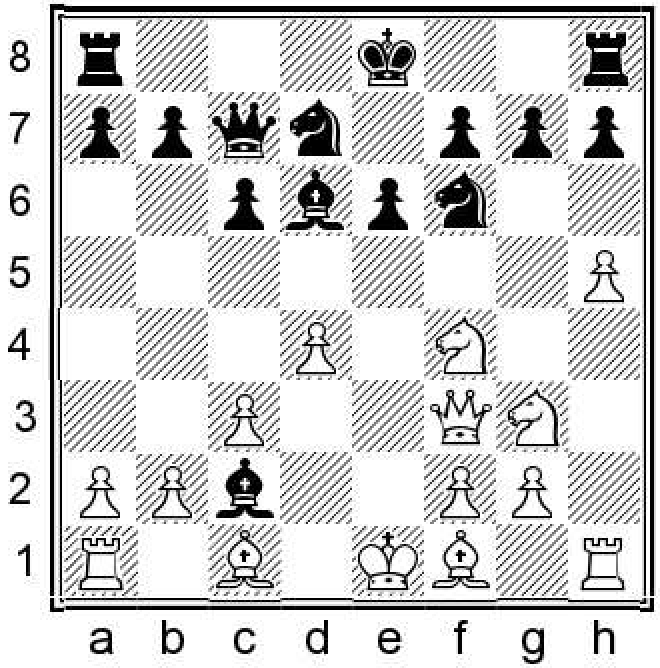
**82...♗b6 83.♖f5 ♗e3 84.♔d3 ♗b6 85.♔e2 ♗d4 86.♖d5 ♗b6 87.♖f5 ♗d4 88.♖d5 ♗b6 89.♖f5 1/2-1/2**

**28. * B18**
**Howell, David (2658) - Jobava, Baadur (2603)**

**1.e4 c6 2.d4 d5 3.♘d2 dxe4 4.♘xe4 ♗f5 5.♘g3 ♗g6 6.♘h3 e6**

6...♘f6 7.♘f4 e5! 8.♘xg6 hxg6 9.dxe5 ♕a5+ 10.♗d2 ♕xe5+ 11.♕e2 ♘bd7 12.♕xe5+ ♘xe5±

**7.♘f4 ♕c7 8.c3 ♘f6 9.h4 ♗d6 10.♕f3 ♘bd7 11.h5 ♗c2**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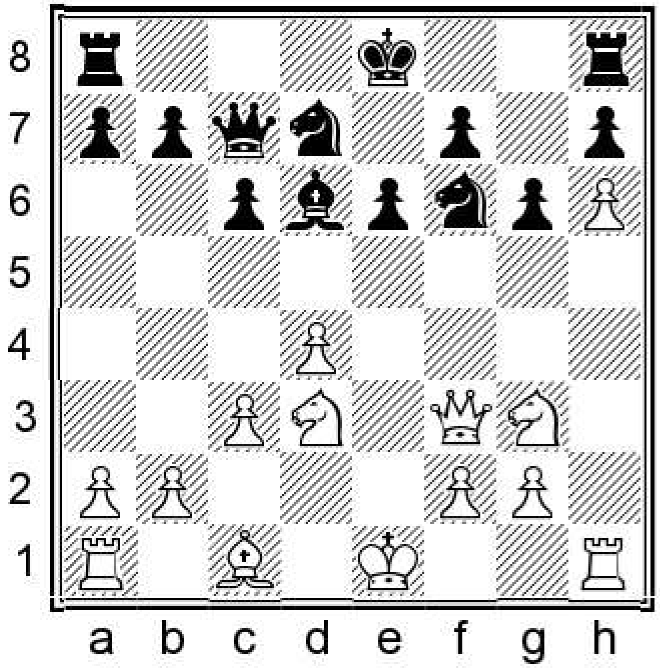
**12.h6! g6 13.♗d3 ♗xd3 14.♘xd3**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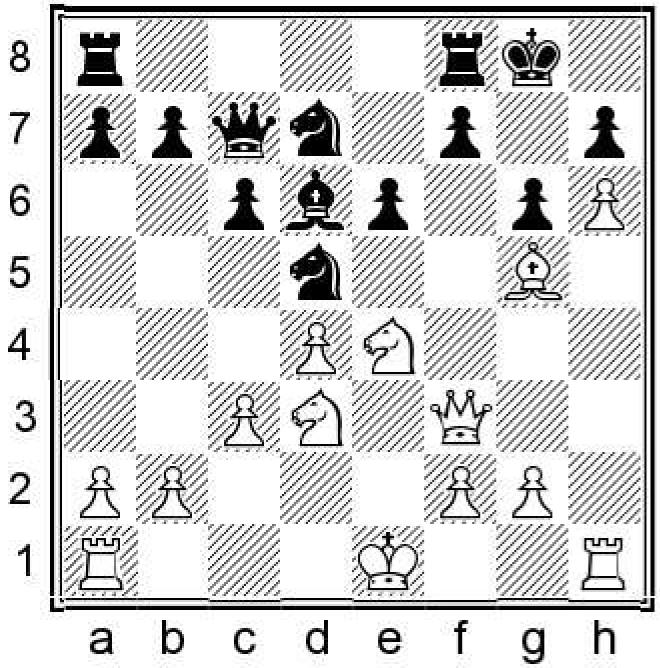
a b c d e f g h

**14...O-O?!**

14...♕a5! 15.O-O (15.♗f4 - 112/(86)) 15...♕d5 16.♕e2 g5!? (16...O-O-O±)

**15.♗g5!± ♗e7**

15...♘d5 16.♘e4

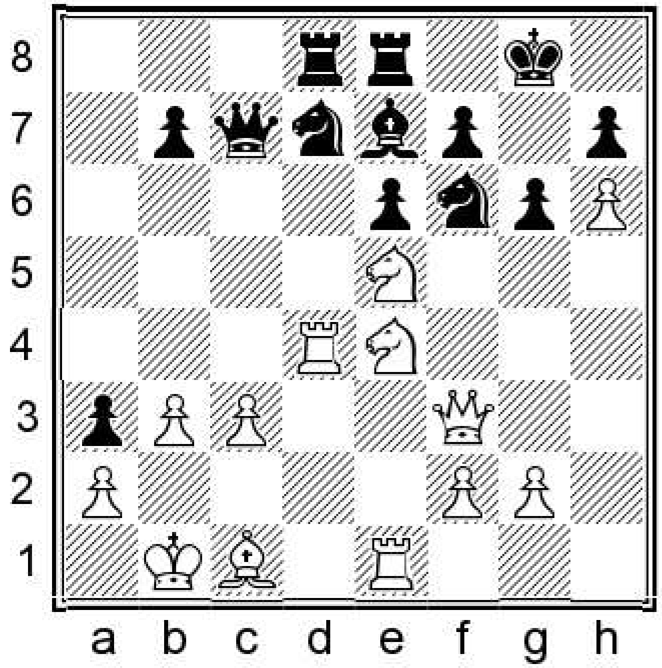


16...e5?N (16...f6 17.♗d2 b5 18.O-O±; 16...f5) 17.c4+- Golubev,M (2461)-Novik,M (2434) chess.com (Int.-blitz) 147/(28) 2021

**16.O-O-ON**

16.O-O

**16...♖fe8 17.♔b1 a5 18.♗f4 ♕b6 19.♘e5 ♖ad8 20.♖he1 a4 21.♗c1 a3 22.b3 c5 23.♘e4 cxd4 24.♖xd4! ♕c7**



24...♘xe5? 25.♘xf6+ ♗xf6 26.♕xf6+-

**25.♘xf7**

25.♖xd7! ♕xe5 (25...♖xd7 26.♘xf6+ ♗xf6 27.♕xf6+-) 26.♖xe7!+-

**25...♔xf7 26.♘g5+ ♔g8 27.♘xe6 ♕c8 28.♘xd8 ♕xd8 29.♕d3 ♗f8 30.♕c4+ ♔h8 31.♖e6 b5 32.♕e2 ♖xe6 33.♕xe6 ♕c7 34.♗d2 ♗xh6 35.♗xh6 ♕xc3 36.♖d2 1-0**

**29. B22**
**Nisipeanu, Liviu Dieter (2657) - Fier, Alexandr (2562)**
**Bad Wiessee 147/29, 2020**

**1.e4 c5 2.c3 a6!? 3.d4 cxd4 4.cxd4 d5 5.exd5 ♘f6 6.♘c3 ♘xd5 7.♘f3 ♘c6 8.♗c4**

8.♗e2 ♗g4 9.h3 ♗h5 10.O-O e6⇄

**8...♗e6**

8...e6

**9.♗b3**

9.♘g5 ♘xc3 10.♗xe6 ♘xd1 11.♗xf7+ ♔d7 12.♗e6+ ♔c7!? (12...♔e8=) 13.♗f4+ ♔b6 14.♖xd1 ♔a7 15.d5 ♕a5+ 16.♗d2 ♘b4 17.O-O g6 (17...♕b5 18.♘f7 ♖g8 19.♘e5 g6 20.♗e3+ b6 21.♘c6+ ♘xc6 22.dxc6 ♕xc6 23.♗xg8 e6) 18.♘f7 ♗g7 19.a3∞

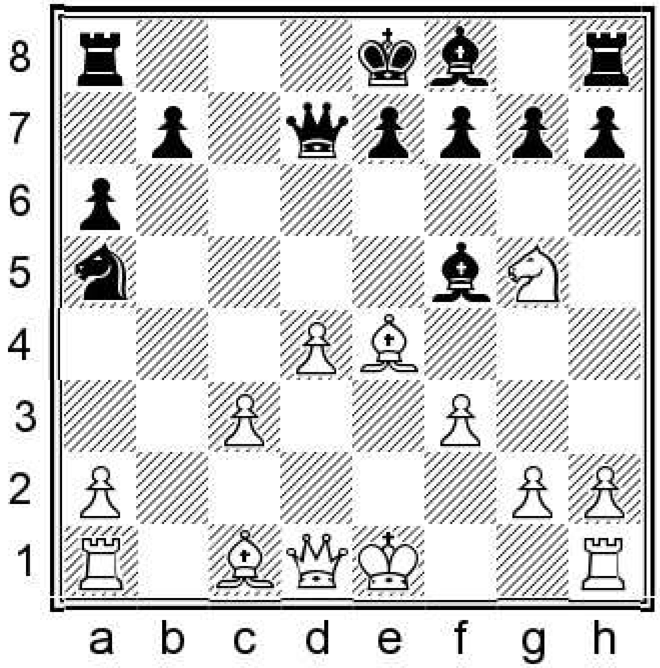
**9...♘a5**

9...♘xc3 10.bxc3 ♗xb3 11.axb3 e6 12.O-O ♗e7 13.♕e2 (13.♘d2 O-O 14.♘c4 b5 15.♘e3 b4⇄; 13.♗f4 O-O 14.♖e1 b5 15.♘e5 ♘xe5 16.♗xe5 a5⇄) 13...O-O 14.♗f4 (14.♖d1 ♗f6 15.♗e3 ♘e7 -

58/163) 14...♕d5 15.♖fd1 ♖fd8 (15...♕xb3 16.c4 ♖ad8 17.♖ab1 ♕a4 18.d5=∞) 16.c4 (16.♕c2 ♖ac8 17.c4 ♕h5 18.♕e4 g5!?⇄) 16...♕f5 17.♗c7 (17.♕e3 ♖d7 Δ Rad8) 17...♖d7 18.♗b6 a5⇄

**10.♗c2**

10.♘g5 ♕d7 11.♗c2 (11.O-O ♘xb3 12.axb3 ♗g4 13.♕d3 e6 14.♖e1 ♗e7 15.♕g3 ♗f5 16.♕f3 (16.♘f3 O-O 17.♘e5 ♕d8∓) 16...♘b4!? 17.♘xf7 ♔xf7 18.g4 ♖he8 19.gxf5 exf5 20.♖e2 ♘c6∓) 11...♗g4 12.f3 ♗f5 13.♘xd5 (13.♗e4 ♘xc3 14.bxc3

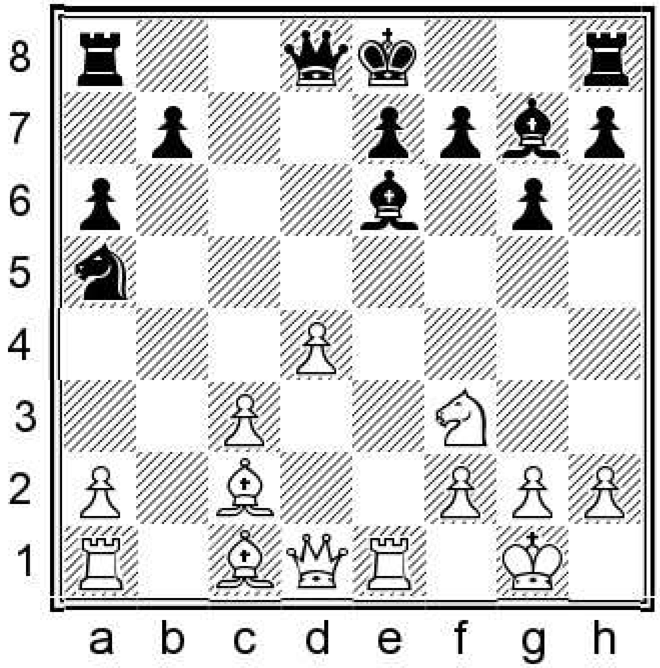


14...e6! 15.♗xf5 exf5 16.O-O ♗e7∓; 13.♗xf5 ♕xf5 14.O-O ♖d8⇄) 13...♕xd5 14.♗e4 ♕b5 15.a4 ♕d7 16.♗d2 ♘c4 17.♕b3 ♗xe4 18.fxe4 ♕xd4 19.♖d1 ♖c8 20.♕xb7 ♘d6 21.♕d5 ♕xd5 22.exd5 h6 23.♘f3 g5 24.♗c3 ♖g8 25.O-O g4 26.♘e5 ♗g7⇄

**10...♘xc3**

10...g6!? 11.O-O ♗g7 12.♖e1 O-O 13.♖xe6!? fxe6 14.♘g5 ♕b6 15.♘xh7 ♔xh7 16.♕h5+ ♔g8 17.♗xg6 ♘f6 (17...♖f6 18.♗h6 ♕xb2 19.♖f1 ♘f4 20.♗xf4 ♕xc3 21.♗e5 ♘c6 22.♗xf6 exf6 23.♗f7+ ♔f8 24.♗xe6 ♘d8 25.♗b3=∞) 18.♕h3 ♖ac8 19.♘e4 ♘c4 20.♘g5 ♖fd8 21.♗h7+ ♔f8 22.♘xe6+ ♔f7 23.♘g5+ ♔f8 24.♘e6+=

**11.bxc3 g6 12.O-O ♗g7 13.♖e1**



**13...♗d5N**

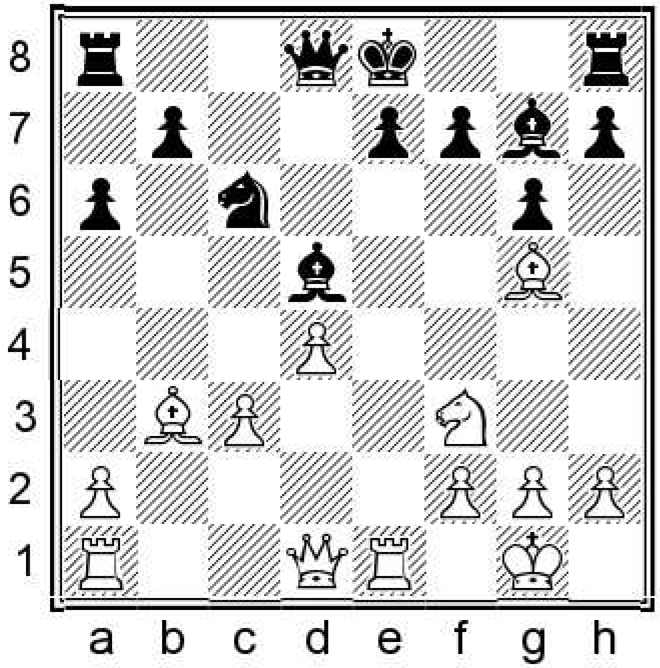
13...O-O 14.♖xe6!? (14.♗g5 ♖c8 15.♖xe6!? fxe6 16.♕e1 ♔h8∞) 14...fxe6 15.♘g5 ♕c8 16.♖b1 ♕xc3 17.♘xe6=∞

**14.♗g5 ♘c6**

14...f6!? 15.♗c1 ♖c8 16.♗a3 e6 17.♘d2 ♖xc3 (17...b5 18.♗b4 ♘c6 19.♗c5 ♗f8 20.♘b3±) 18.♗b4 ♖c6 19.♖b1 ♔f7 20.♗e4 (20.♗xa5 ♕xa5 21.♖xb7+ ♖c7 22.♖xc7+ ♕xc7 23.♗b3 ♕c6⇄) 20...♖e8 21.♕f3 ♘c4 22.♗xd5 ♕xd5 23.♗c5 b5 24.♘e4 h6∞

**15.♘d2!?**

15.♗b3



15...h6! (15...O-O 16.♗xd5 ♕xd5 17.♗xe7 ♘xe7 18.♖xe7 ♖fc8 19.♕e1!? Δ♗f6 (19...b5 20.♘e5 a5 21.♖d7 ♕e6 22.♖xf7 ♗xe5 23.♖f3±) 20.♖e3 ♖c7 21.♘e5 ♗g5 22.♘g4 ♕d6 23.♖e5 ♗f4 24.♖e4 h5 25.g3 hxg4 26.♖xf4 ♖ac8 27.♖xg4 ♖xc3 28.♕e4±) 16.♗h4 b5 17.a4 ♖c8 18.♗xd5 ♕xd5 19.♕d3 e6 20.♖ab1 ♖b8 (20...bxa4 21.c4 ♕d7 22.♕a3 Δ♘a5 23.♘d2 ♗xd4 24.♖bd1 ♘xc4 25.♘xc4 ♖xc4 26.♗f6±) 21.♗g3 ♖b7 22.♘d2 O-O 23.♘e4 e5 24.♘c5 (24.♕f3 ♖d7! 25.axb5 axb5 26.dxe5 ♘xe5 27.♘f6+ ♗xf6 28.♕xf6 ♘d3 29.♖e3 ♕f5 30.♕xf5 gxf5 31.♗h4 f4 32.♖f3 ♖e8 33.h3 ♖e4=) 24...♖e7 25.♘xa6 (25.axb5 axb5 26.♖xb5 exd4 27.♖xe7 ♘xe7 28.♘b3 ♕e6 29.cxd4 ♖d8 30.♕e3 ♕d7=) 25...bxa4 26.♖b5 ♕d8 27.d5 ♖a7 28.♘c5 ♘e7 29.d6 ♘f5⇄

**15...b5 16.♗e4**

16.♘e4 O-O 17.♘c5 b4⇄

**16...h6 17.♕f3**

17.♗e3 O-O 18.♕f3 ♗xe4 19.♘xe4 b4⇄; 17.♗h4 O-O 18.♗xd5 ♕xd5 19.♗xe7 ♘xe7 20.♖xe7 ♖ac8 21.♖e3 b4⇄

**17...♗xe4 18.♘xe4**

18.♕xe4 ♖c8 19.♗h4 O-O 20.♖ad1 (20.♗xe7 ♘xe7 21.♕xe7 ♖xc3∓) 20...♕a5 21.d5 ♗xc3 22.dxc6 ♗xd2 23.♖e2 ♗b4 24.♗xe7 ♖fe8 25.♕g4 ♗xe7 26.♖xe7 ♕c3 27.♕d7∞

**18...O-O**

18...hxg5 19.♘xg5 O-O 20.♕xc6 ♖c8 21.♕xa6 ♖xc3 22.♕xb5 ♗xd4=

**19.♗f4 e6**

⌓19...e5 20.♗xe5 ♘xe5 21.dxe5 ♗xe5 22.a4 bxa4 23.♖xa4 a5⇄

**20.♗d6**

20.♕h3 h5 (20...g5 21.♗d6 ♖e8 22.♗c5±) 21.♗g5 ♕d5 22.♕h4 e5 (22...♘b8 23.♗e7 ♖c8 24.♘d6 ♖c7 25.♘e8! ♖xc3 26.♗f6 ♘d7 27.♘xg7 ♘xf6 28.♕xf6 ♕d8 29.♕xd8+ ♖xd8 30.♘xe6±; 22...♕f5 23.h3 f6 24.♗c1 b4 25.♗d2±) 23.dxe5 ♘xe5 24.♗e7 (24.♖ad1 ♕c4 25.♖d4 ♕c7 26.♘f6+ ♗xf6 27.♗xf6 ♘d7 28.♗e7 ♖fe8 Δ Nf8=) 24...♖fc8 25.♖ad1 ♕e6 26.h3 ♖e8 27.♘f6+ ♗xf6 28.♗xf6 ♕f5 29.♖e4! ♘d7 (29...♘d3 30.f3! ♖e6 31.♖xe6 fxe6 32.♕d4±) 30.♖f4 ♕e6 31.♗d4 ♕xa2 32.♕g5↑

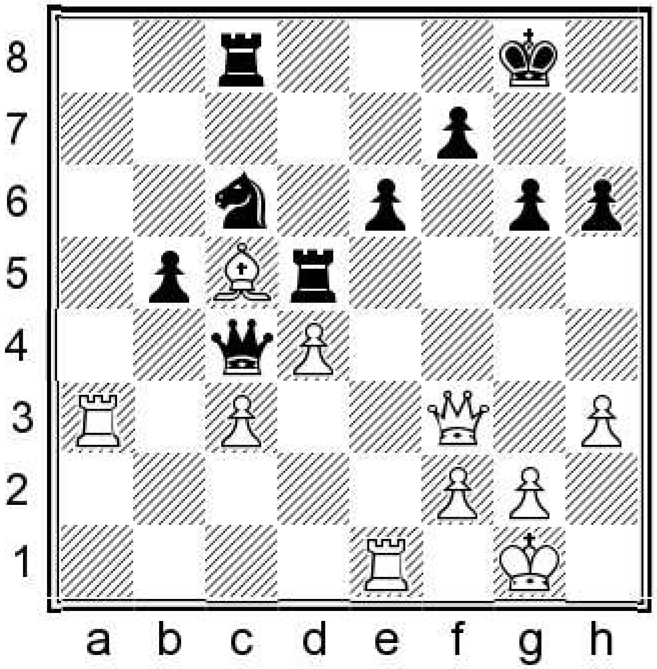
**20...♖e8 21.♗c5 ♕d5 22.a4 ♖ed8∞ 23.♘f6+ ♗xf6 24.♕xf6 ♕c4!?**

24...bxa4 25.h4!?; 24...♖dc8 25.♖e3 bxa4 26.♖xa4 ♘b8! Δ Nd7∞

**25.♕f3**

25.h4 ♖d5; 25.♖e3!? ♕d5 26.h4 ♕f5 27.♕xf5 gxf5 28.♖ee1 bxa4 29.♖xa4 a5 30.h5 ♔g7 31.♖b1 ♔f6 32.♖b6 ♖dc8 33.d5!? exd5 34.c4 d4! (34...dxc4? 35.♖xc4 ♔e5 36.♗e3±; 34...♔e5 35.♗e3 f4 36.♗d2±) 35.♗xd4+ ♔g5 36.♗b2 ♖ab8 37.c5 (37.♖b5 ♘a7=) 37...♔xh5 38.♗c1 (38.♖c4 ♘d8 Δ Ne6=) 38...f6! 39.f3 ♔g6 40.♗f4 ♖xb6 41.cxb6 ♖d8 42.♔h2 ♖d5 43.♖c4 ♘e5 44.b7 ♖b5 45.♖c7 a4 46.♗c1 ♘f7 47.♖d7 ♘e5=

**25...♖ac8 26.axb5 axb5 27.h3 ♖d5 28.♖a3?!**



28.♕e3 h5 29.♖ed1 ♖d7 30.g4 hxg4 31.hxg4 ♘e7 32.♔g2 ♘d5 33.♕h6 e5 34.♖h1 ♘f4+ 35.♔g3 ♘e2+ 36.♔f3 ♕d3+ 37.♔g2 ♘f4+ 38.♔g1 ♘e2+=

**28...♘e5!∓ 29.♖xe5**

29.♕e2 ♘d3

**29...♖xe5 30.dxe5 ♕xc5 31.♖a8 ♖xa8 32.♕xa8+ ♔g7 33.♕a5 g5**

33...♕xe5 34.c4=

**34.g4 ♔g6 35.♕d8 ♕xe5 36.♕g8+ ♕g7 37.♕c8 h5 38.♕c5 ♕f6 39.♕xb5 ♕f3**

⌓39...♕xc3 40.♔g2 ♕c2 41.♕b7 h4∓

**40.gxh5+ ♔xh5 41.♕e8= ♔g6 42.♕g8+ ♔f6 43.♕h8+ ♔e7 44.♕e5 ♕xh3 1/2-1/2**

**30. * B23**
**Grischuk, Alexander (2777) - Wei, Yi (2732)**
**chess.com (Int.-rapid) 147/30, 2020**

**1.e4 c5 2.♘c3 d6 3.f4 g6 4.♘f3 ♗g7 5.♗c4 ♘c6 6.O-O e6**

6...♘f6

**7.d4!?**

7.d3; 7.f5

**7...cxd4**

7...♘xd4 - 139/46

**8.♘b5 ♘ge7 9.♗b3 O-O 10.♘bxd4 ♘xd4?!**

10...♘a5!? 11.♗e3 a6 12.♕e1 b5 13.♖d1 ♕c7 14.♕h4 ♘c4 15.♗xc4 bxc4 16.f5 exf5 17.♗h6 ♗xh6 18.♕xh6 f6∞

**11.♘xd4 e5?!**

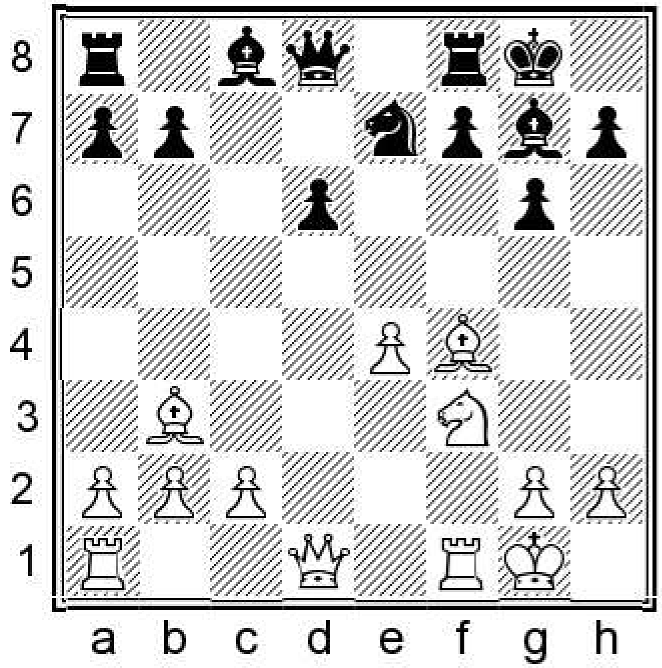
11...b5!? 12.♗e3 (12.♘xb5?? ♕b6++-) 12...a5!? 13.♘xb5 (13.c3 ♗b7 14.♗c2 (14.♘xb5?! ♗xe4 15.♘xd6 ♗c6 16.♘c4 ♘d5 17.♗d4 a4 18.♗xg7 ♔xg7 19.♗c2 ♗b5 20.♖f2 ♗xc4 21.♕d4+ ♕f6 22.♕xc4 a3⇄) 14...b4∞; 13.a3 ♗b7!? 14.f5!? exf5 15.exf5 ♘d5 16.♗xd5 ♗xd5∞) 13...a4 14.♗c4 a3 15.♘xd6 axb2 16.♖b1 ♗a6 17.♗xa6 ♖xa6 18.e5 ♖xa2∞

**12.♘f3±**

12.f5! exd4 (12...♕b6 13.f6 ♘c6 14.fxg7 ♔xg7 15.♖f2 ♘xd4 16.♗e3±) 13.f6 ♗h8 (13...♗xf6 14.♖xf6 ♘f5?? 15.♗g5+-) 14.fxe7 ♕xe7 15.♗h6 ♗e6 (15...♗g7 16.♗xg7 ♔xg7 17.♕xd4+ ♕e5 18.♖ad1 ♗g4 19.♕xd6 ♖ae8 (19...♕xb2? 20.♖b1 ♕c3 21.h3 ♗e2 22.♖xf7+ ♖xf7 23.♗xf7+-) 20.♕xe5+ ♖xe5 21.♖d4+-) 16.♗xf8 ♖xf8 17.♕f3±

**12...♘c6?!N**

12...exf4?! - 147/(30) 13.♗xf4

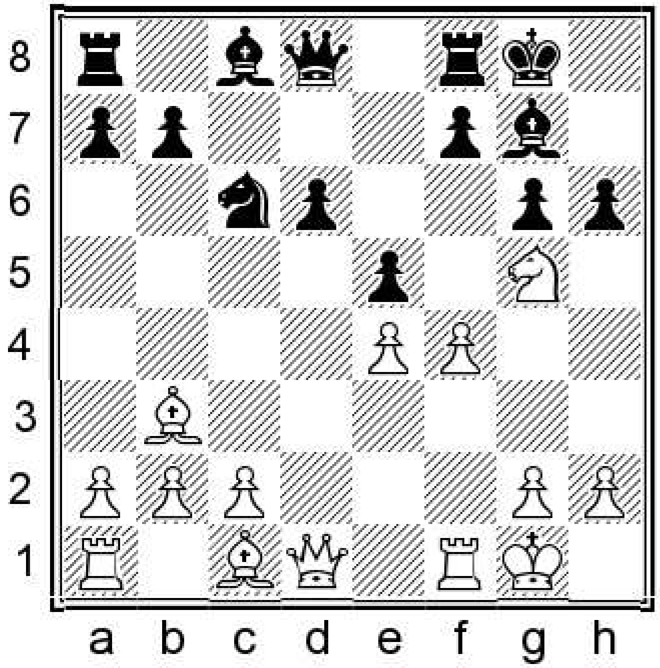


13...♗xb2?! (13...♗e6 14.♗xe6 ♕b6+ 15.♔h1 fxe6 16.♕xd6 ♘c8 17.♕d2 ♕xb2 18.♘g5 ♕f6 19.e5 ♕e7 20.♕e3↑) 14.♖b1 ♗g7 15.♗xd6± Saydaliev,S (2384)-Korobov,A (2688) chess. com (Int.-blitz) 147/(30) 2020

12...a5!? 13.a4 ♘c6 (13...h6?! 14.fxe5 dxe5 (14...♕b6+ 15.♕d4!? ♕xd4+ 16.♘xd4 dxe5 (16...♗xe5 17.c3±) 17.♘b5±) 15.♕xd8 ♖xd8 16.♗e3±) 14.♘g5 h6 15.♘xf7 ♖xf7 16.♗xf7+ ♔xf7 17.f5 (17.fxe5+?! ♔g8 18.♕d5+ ♔h7 19.exd6 ♘b4 20.♕d1 ♗e6∞) 17...gxf5 18.exf5 ♕f6 19.♕h5+ ♔e7 20.g4!?→

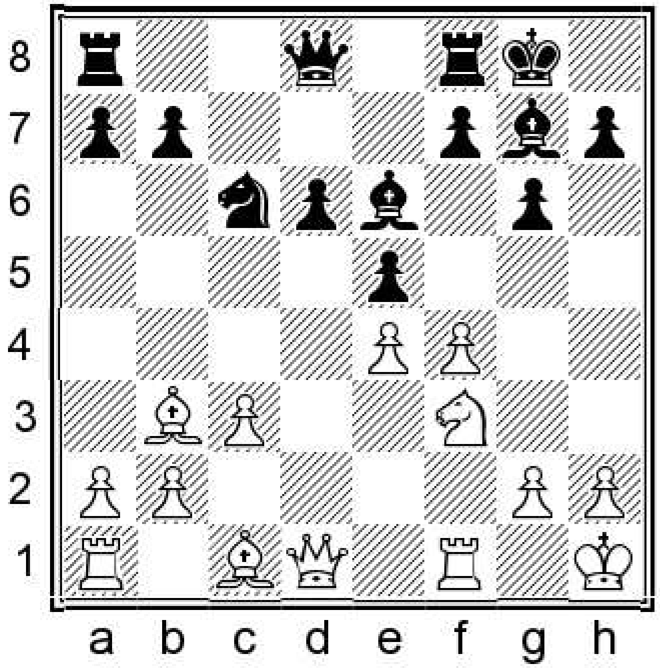
**13.♔h1?!**

13.♘g5!? h6



(13...♕e7?? 14.f5! ♗f6 15.♘xf7 ♖xf7 16.fxg6 hxg6 17.♗xf7+ ♕xf7 18.♕f3+-) 14.♘xf7! ♖xf7 15.fxe5 ♘xe5 16.♕d5 ♕b6+ (16...♕e7? 17.♗f4+-) 17.♔h1 ♔h7 18.♖xf7 ♘xf7 19.♕xf7 ♗e6!? (19...♗g4 20.♗xh6! ♔xh6 21.♕f4+ ♔h7 (21...♔h5?? 22.h3 ♗f3 (22...♗xh3 23.g4+! ♗xg4 (23...♔h4 24.g5+ ♔h5 25.♗c4+-) 24.♔g2 ♗h3+ 25.♔xh3 ♕d8 26.♖g1 ♕f6 27.♕g4+ ♔h6 28.♔g2 ♔h7 29.♖f1+-) 23.gxf3+-) 22.♕xg4±) 20.♕xe6 (20.♗xe6? ♖f8-+) 20...♕f2 21.♗xh6! ♖f8! 22.♗e3 ♕xe3 23.♕xd6 ♕xe4 24.♕d2± (24.c3?! ♕e2⇄)

**13...♗e6∞ 14.c3**

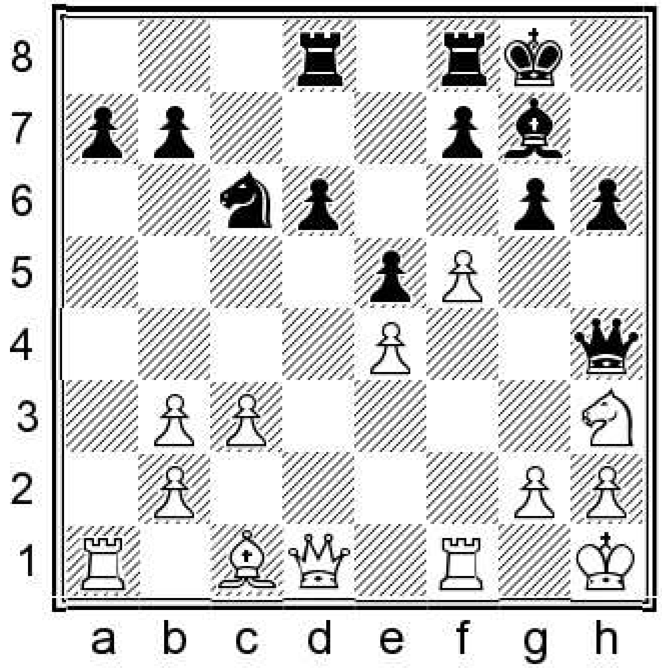


**14...♕e7?**

14...♕d7 15.♗e3 exf4 16.♗xf4 ♖ad8 17.♕d2 ♖fe8 18.♖ae1∞

**15.fxe5?**

15.f5! gxf5 (15...♗xb3 16.axb3 ♖ad8 17.♘g5!? h6 18.♘h3 ♕h4



19.♘f2! Δd5 (19...gxf5 20.exf5 d5 21.g3 ♕e7 22.♘g4+-) 20.g3 ♕e7 21.exd5 gxf5 22.♕f3+-) 16.exf5 ♗xf5 17.♘h4!? ♗g6 (17...♕xh4 18.♖xf5 h6 19.♗e3 ♘e7 20.♖h5 ♕f6 21.♕g4 ♕g6 22.♕h3 ♔h7 23.♖g5 ♕f6 24.♗c2+ ♘g6 25.♖f5 ♕e6 26.♖af1+-) 18.♕g4 d5 (18...♔h8 19.♗g5 ♕c7 20.♖f6! e4 21.♖af1+-) 19.♗xd5 ♖ad8 20.♘xg6 hxg6 21.♗c4 (21.♗g5 ♕d7 22.♕xd7 ♖xd7 23.♖ad1±) 21...♘a5 22.♗e2±

**15...dxe5 16.♗g5 f6 17.♗e3 ♖ad8 18.♕e2 ♗xb3?!**

18...b6 19.♖ad1 ♘a5 20.♗xe6+ ♕xe6 21.b3∞

**19.axb3 ♕e6 20.♕c4?!**

20.b4±

**20...♕xc4 21.bxc4 a6 22.♗b6 ♖d7 23.♖fd1 ♖xd1+ 24.♖xd1 f5 25.b4 ♖c8?!**

25...fxe4 26.♘g5 e3 27.♗xe3 ♗h6!? 28.h4 e4⇄

**26.h4?!**

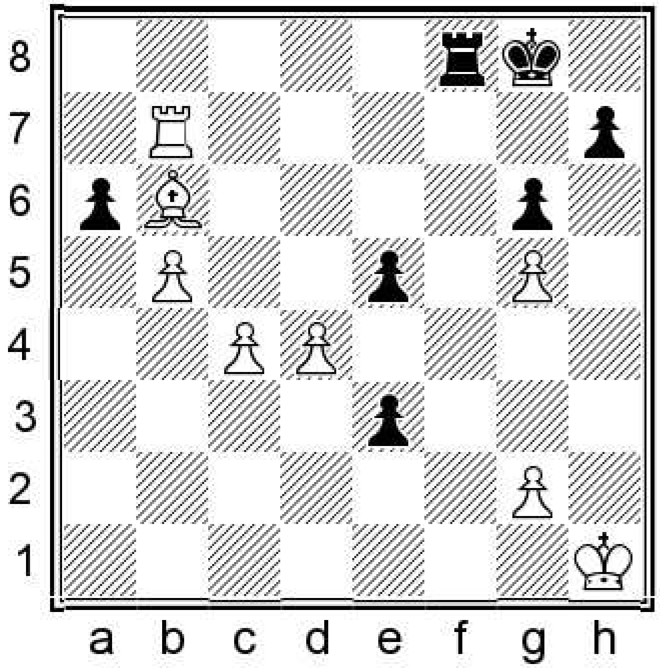
26.♖d7 fxe4 27.♘g1 (27.♘g5 e3 28.♗xe3 (28.♔g1 e4⇄) 28...e4⇄) 27...e3 28.♖xb7 e4⇄; 26.♘d2!?± Δ Nf1-e3-d5, Δ c5, Δ ef5

**26...♗f6?!**

26...fxe4 27.♘g5 e3 28.♗xe3 e4⇄

**27.♖d7 ♗d8?**

27...fxe4!? 28.♘g5 (28.♘d2 ♗d8 29.♗xd8 (29.♖xb7? ♗xb6 30.♖xb6 e3 31.♘f3 e2 32.♖xa6 ♖f8-+) 29...♖xd8 30.♖xd8+ ♘xd8 31.♘xe4 a5! 32.bxa5 ♘c6∞) 28...♗xg5 29.hxg5 ♖f8 30.♖xb7 (30.♔g1?! ♖f7∞) 30...♘d4! 31.b5!? (31.cxd4 e3 32.b5 axb5 33.cxb5 ♖f1+ 34.♔h2 e2= - 31.b5!?) 31...e3 32.cxd4



32...axb5! (32...♖f1+? 33.♔h2 e2 34.♗a5 ♖a1 35.♔g3 ♖xa5 36.♔f2 axb5 37.c5! exd4 38.♔xe2 ♖a6 39.♔d3+-) 33.cxb5 ♖f1+ 34.♔h2 e2 35.♗a5 ♖a1 36.♔g3 exd4 37.♔f2 ♖xa5□ 38.♔xe2 ♖a3! 39.b6 ♖b3 40.♖b8+ (40.♔d2 d3 41.g3 ♔f8 42.♖b8+ (42.♖xh7 ♖xb6=) 42...♔f7 43.b7 ♔g7=) 40...♔f7 41.b7 ♔g7 42.♔d1 d3 43.♔d2 ♖b5 44.♔xd3 ♖b1=

**28.♗xd8 ♖xd8 29.♖xd8+ ♘xd8 30.exf5 gxf5 31.♘xe5+- ♔g7 32.♔h2 ♔f6 33.♘d7+ ♔e7 34.♘b6 ♘e6 35.♔g3 ♔d6 36.♔f3 ♔c6 37.♘d5 b6**

37...♔d6 38.♘f6 b6 39.♘xh7 a5 40.c5+ ♔c6 41.♘g5! ♘xg5+ 42.hxg5 a4 43.g6 a3 44.g7 a2 45.g8=Q a1=Q 46.♕e6+ ♔b5 47.♕xb6+ ♔c4 48.♕e6+ ♔b5 49.♕d7+ ♔c4 50.♕d4+ ♔b5

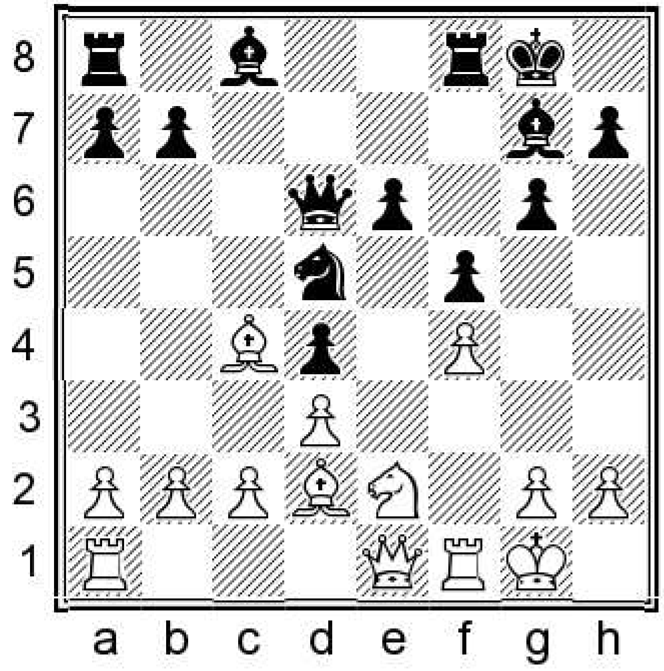
**38.♘e7+ ♔d7 39.♘xf5 a5 40.♘e3 a4 41.♘c2 ♔d6 42.♔e4 ♘f8 43.g4 ♘g6 44.h5 ♘e5 45.c5+ 1-0**

**31. !N B23**
**Cukanovic, Petar (2214) - Szuhanek, Ranko (2449)**
**Srbija 147/31, 2020**

**1.e4 c5 2.♘c3 ♘c6 3.f4 g6 4.♘f3 ♗g7 5.♗b5 ♘d4 6.O-O e6**

6...♘xb5 - 146/ 40

**7.d3 ♘e7 8.♘xd4 cxd4 9.♘e2 O-O 10.♕e1 f5 11.e5 d6 12.exd6 ♕xd6 13.♗d2 ♘d5 14.♗c4**



**14...b5!N**

14...♗d7

**15.♗xb5 ♖b8 16.♗c4 ♖xb2 17.♗b3 ♘e3 18.♗xe3**

18.♗b4 ♕c6 19.♖f2 ♖e8= (19...♗b7 20.♕c1 ♘xg2 21.♘g3 ♖e8 22.♕xb2 ♘xf4 23.♔f1 ♘h3 24.♗e1 ♘xf2 25.♗xf2 ♕g2+ 26.♔e1 f4 27.♘f1 ♗f3 28.♗a4 ♖d8 29.♖b1 ♕h1 30.♔d2 ♗f6 31.♕b3 ♗g4 32.♘g3 ♕xh2 33.♘e4 ♗h4 34.♖f1 ♗h3 (34...♕h3 35.♖e1 ♗xf2 36.♘xf2 ♕h2 37.♖xe6 ♔g7 38.♕b7+ ♔h6 39.♖e2 ♗xe2 40.♔xe2 ♕g3 41.♕h1+ ♔g7 42.♕b7+ ♔f8=) 35.♖h1 ♕xh1 36.♗xh4 ♗g4 37.♘f6+ ♔g7 38.♘xg4 ♕xh4 39.♕xe6 ♕g5 40.♗b3 ♔h8 41.♕f7 a5 42.♔c1 a4 43.♘f6 f3+ 44.♔b2 ♕h6 45.♘e8 axb3 46.♕f6+ ♔g8 47.♕xd8 f2 48.♘c7+ ♕f8 49.♕d5+ ♕f7 50.♕d8+ ♕f8=)

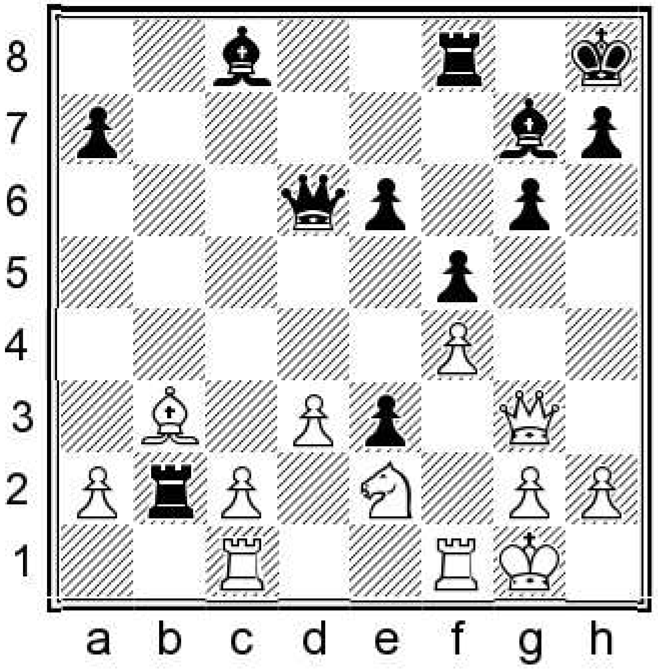
**18...dxe3 19.♖c1**

19.♖f3 ♗b7 20.♖xe3 ♕c6 21.♖g3 ♖xc2 22.♖b1 ♕b6+ 23.♔h1 ♖c7∓

**19...♔h8**

19...♗b7 20.♕g3 ♕b6 21.d4 ♗xd4 (21...♗a6 22.♕xe3 ♗xe2 23.♕xe2 ♖e8 24.♖cd1 ♗xd4+ 25.♔h1 ♔g7 26.♕c4 ♗f6 27.♖fe1 ♖e7 28.h3 a5 29.♕c8 ♗d4 30.♗xe6 ♕b4 31.a3 ♕c5 32.♕d8 ♗f6 33.♖d7 ♖xd7 34.♕xd7+ ♕e7 35.♕c6 ♕b7 36.♕xb7+ ♖xb7 37.♗d5 ♖e7 38.♖b1 ♖e3 39.♖b7+ ♔h8 40.♖b3 ♖xb3 41.cxb3 ♗e7 42.a4 h5=) 22.♘xd4 ♕xd4 23.♖fe1 ♗d5 24.♖cd1 ♕c5 25.♕xe3 ♖c8 26.♕xc5 ♖xc5 27.♖d2=

**20.♕g3**



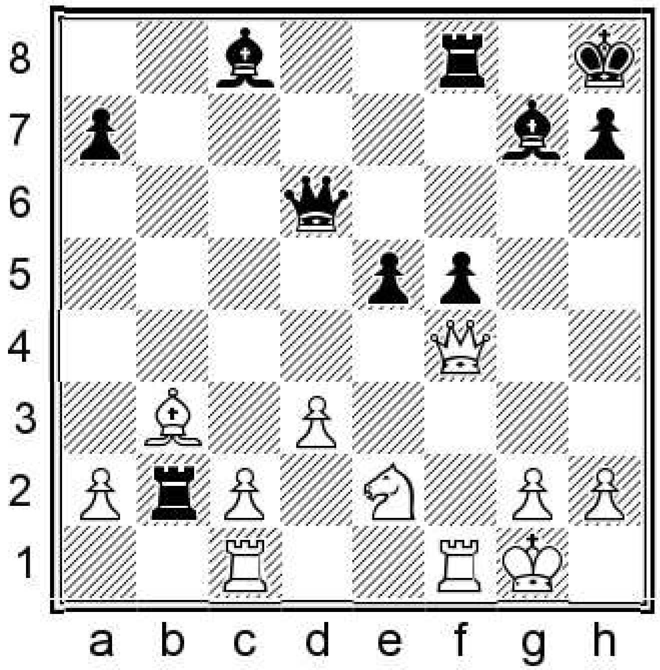
**20...g5!?**

20...♕b6 21.♖f3 ♗a6 22.♖xe3 ♗xd3 23.♔h1 ♗e4 24.♘c3 g5 25.♘xe4 gxf4 26.♕xf4 e5 27.♕f2 ♗h6 28.♖ee1 fxe4 29.♕xb6 axb6 30.♖cd1 e3 31.g3∞; 20...e5 21.♕xe3 exf4 22.♕xf4 (22.♕xa7 g5 23.♕f2?! ♖e8 24.h4 h6 25.♖b1 ♖e3 26.♖xb2 ♗xb2 27.hxg5 hxg5 28.♖b1 ♗a3 29.d4 ♗a6 30.c4 ♔g7 31.c5 (31.♖f1 ♕e7 32.♘xf4 gxf4 33.♕xf4 ♖e4 34.♕g3+ ♖g4 35.♕e5+ ♕xe5 36.dxe5 ♗c5+ 37.♔h2 ♗c8-+) 31...♕f6 32.♗d1 ♗xe2 33.♖b7+ ♔f8 34.♗xe2 ♕xd4 35.c6 ♕c3 36.♖b5 ♔g7 37.♖xf5 ♔g6 38.♖d5 ♗c5 39.♗f1 (39.♔f1 ♖h3 40.♖d6+ ♔f7 41.♖d7+ ♔f6 42.♕xc5 ♖h1+ 43.♕g1 ♖xg1+ 44.♔xg1 ♕e1+ 45.♗f1 g4 46.c7 g3 47.♖d6+ ♔e7-+) 39...♖e5 40.♕xc5 ♕xc5+ 41.♖xc5 ♖xc5 42.a4 ♖xc6-+) 22...♗e5 23.♕h4 ♗b7 24.♖ce1 ♖e8 25.♘f4 ♔g7 26.♔h1 ♗c6 27.h3 a5 28.a4∞

**21.♕xe3**

21.fxg5 ♕xg3 22.hxg3 e5 23.♖fe1 ♗b7∞

**21...gxf4 22.♕xf4 e5?!**



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**23.♕h4**

23.♕f2! a5 24.♖b1 ♖xb1 25.♖xb1 ♗d7 26.♗c4 e4 27.♕b6 ♗e5 28.g3 ♕xb6+ 29.♖xb6 exd3 30.♗xd3 ♖b8 31.♖xb8+ ♗xb8 32.c3 ♔g7 33.♔f2±

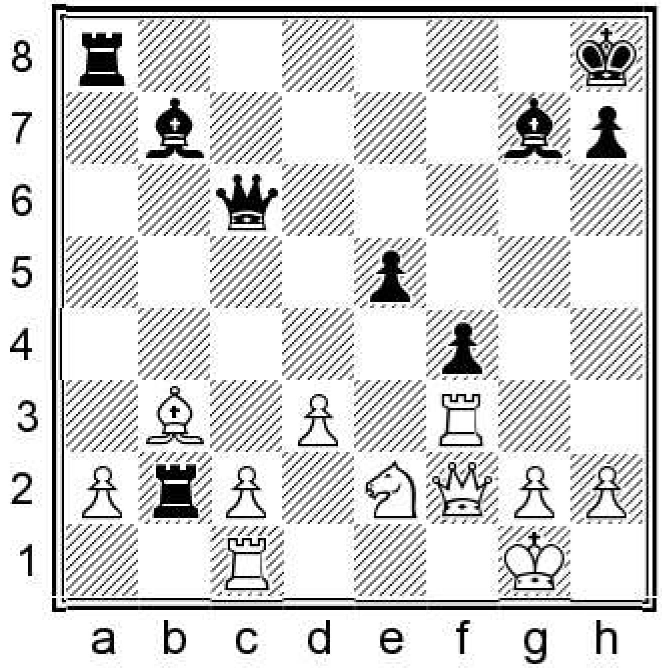
**23...f4 24.♕f2 ♗b7**

24...f3 25.♘g3 (25.gxf3 ♗b7 26.♕xa7 ♗xf3 27.♖xf3 ♖xf3 28.♖f1 ♖xf1+ 29.♔xf1 ♖b1+ 30.♔g2 ♕c6+ 31.♔f2 ♕f6+ 32.♔g2 ♕f1+ 33.♔g3 ♗f8 34.♕a8 ♕f6 35.♕f3=) 25...a5 26.♘e4 ♕h6 27.gxf3 ♗h3 28.♖fe1 ♕h5 29.♗d5 ♖xf3 30.♘g3 ♖xf2 31.♘xh5 ♖f5 32.♘xg7 ♔xg7 33.♗b3 a4 34.♗xa4 ♖xa2 35.♗b3 ♖a5 36.♖a1 ♖xa1 37.♖xa1 ♔f6 38.♗d5±

**25.♕xa7 ♕c6 26.♖f3**

26.♕f2 ♗f6 27.♕f3 ♕d7 28.♕h5 ♕g7 29.♖f2 ♗d8 30.♔h1 ♕g5 (30...♗b6 31.d4 h6 32.♖e1 ♕g5 (32...exd4 33.♘xf4+-) 33.♕h3 f3 34.gxf3 exd4 35.♘g1! ♗c8 (35...d3 36.♖g2) 36.♗e6 ♖g8 37.♗xc8 d3 38.♖ff1 ♗xg1 39.♗e6 ♖xc2 40.♖xg1 d2 41.♗xg8 dxe1=Q 42.♖xe1 ♖c1 43.♕e6 ♖xe1+ 44.♕xe1 ♕xg8 45.♕c3++-) 31.♕h3 ♕h4 32.♕xh4 ♗xh4 33.♖ff1 f3 34.gxf3 ♗g5 35.♖ce1 ♗xf3+ 36.♖xf3 ♖xf3 37.♘g3 ♗f4 38.a4 ♗xg3 39.hxg3 ♖xg3 40.♖xe5 ♔g7 41.♖e7+ ♔h6 42.d4 ♖b1+ 43.♔h2 ♖g5 44.♖e6+ ♔g7 45.d5 ♖bg1 46.a5 ♖1g2+=

**26...♖a8 27.♕f2**



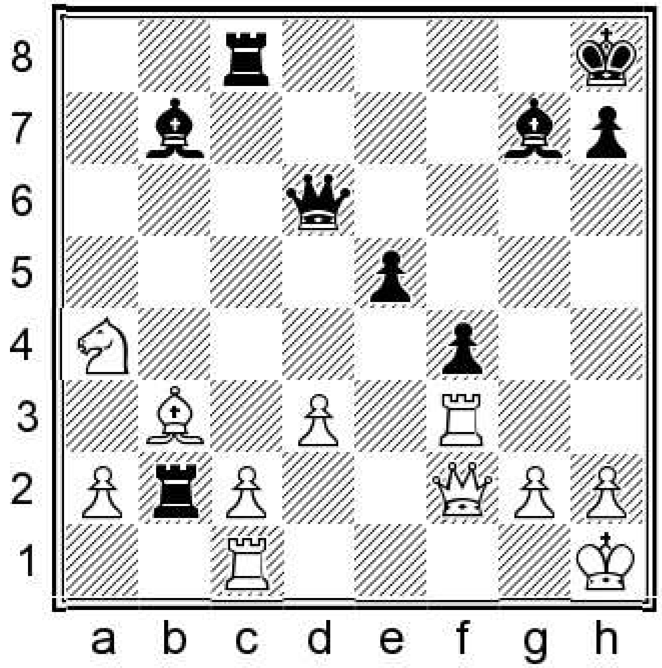
**27...♕g6?!⊕**

27...♕d6 28.♖h3∞; 27...♕d7 28.♖f1∞ (28.♖h3 ♖a6 29.d4 ♖g6 30.♖f3 ♗xf3 (30...♗e4 31.♖f1 ♕d6 32.♖d1 ♗xf3 33.♕xf3 exd4 34.♕a8+ ♗f8 35.♘xd4 ♖f6 36.♕f3 ♕e5 37.♕g4 ♖g6 38.♕c8 ♖f6 39.♕g4=) 31.♕xf3 ♕c6 32.♕xc6 ♖xc6 33.♖d1 ♗f6 34.♔f2 exd4 35.♔f3 (35.♘xd4 ♖d6-+) 35...♗e5 36.a4 d3 37.♖xd3 ♖b1 38.♔e4 ♖e1 39.♔xe5 ♖xe2+ 40.♔xf4 ♖f6+ 41.♔g3 ♖g6+ 42.♔f3 ♖exg2 43.♖d8+ ♔g7 44.♖d7+ ♔h6 45.♗f7 ♖6g5 46.a5 ♖xc2 47.a6 ♖a5 48.♗d5 ♖xh2 49.a7 ♖d2 50.♔e4 ♖d1 51.♔e5 ♖dxd5+ 52.♖xd5 ♖xa7 53.♔f4=)

**28.♘c3± ♖c8?**

28...♗f8 29.♘a4 ♗xf3 30.♕xf3 ♖xa4 31.♗xa4 ♖xa2 32.♗b3 ♖a5 33.♔h1 ♗c5 34.♖b1 ♔g7 35.♕b7+ ♔h6 36.♕c7±

**29.♘a4 ♕d6? 30.♔h1?**



30.♘xb2 e4 31.♘c4 ♖xc4 32.♗xc4 ♗d4 33.♖xf4 ♗xf2+ 34.♖xf2+-

**30...♖xa2! 31.♗xa2 ♕a3 32.♖f1?**

32.♖b1 ♗xf3 33.♗e6 ♖f8 34.gxf3 ♕xa4 35.♕c5 ♕d4 36.♕c6±

**32...♕xa2= 33.♘c5 ♗xf3 34.gxf3 ♗f8 35.♘e4 ♖xc2 36.♕h4 ♕f7**

36...♗e7 37.♕h5 ♕e6 38.♖g1 ♖c8=

**37.♖g1**

37.♕d8 h6 38.♘f6 ♕e7 39.♖g1 ♖c1! 40.♕xe7 ♖xg1+ 41.♔xg1 ♗xe7=

**37...♖c6 38.♕d8 ♕e7 39.♕d5**

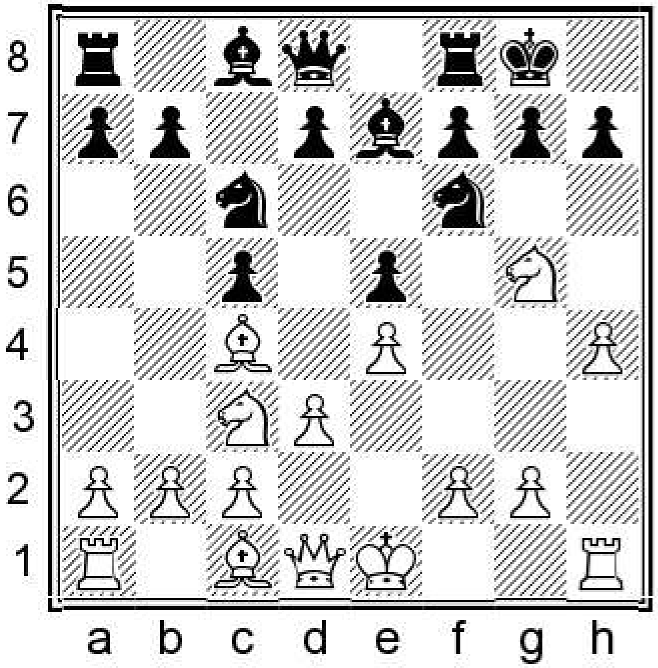
39.♘g5 ♖f6 40.♕d5 ♗h6 41.d4 exd4 42.♕xd4 ♗g7 43.♕d5 h6 44.♘e4 ♖a6=

**39...♖g6 40.♖xg6 hxg6 41.♕c6 ♔g7 42.♔g2 ♔h6 1/2-1/2**

# B25-B49

**32. * B30**
**Lomasov, Semen (2528) - Samusenko, Maksim (2466)**
**Russia 147/32, 2020**

**1.e4 c5 2.♘f3 ♘c6 3.♘c3 e5 4.♗c4 ♗e7 5.d3 ♘f6 6.♘g5 O-O 7.h4**



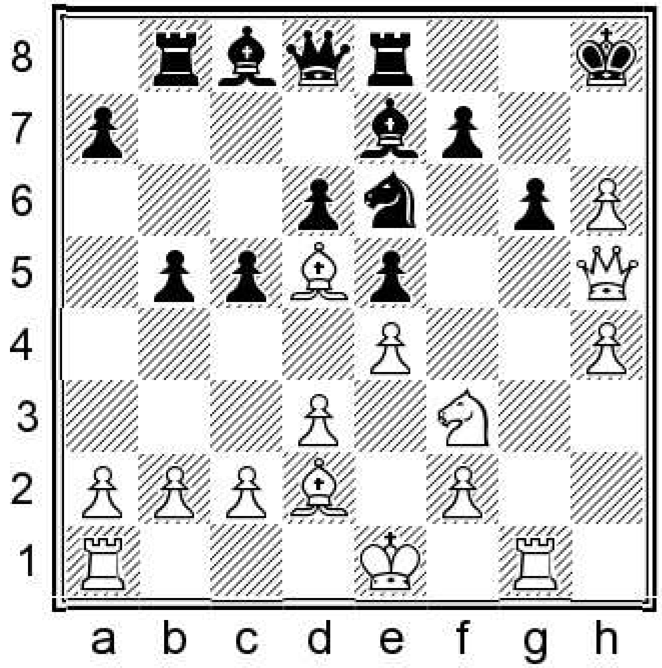
**7...♘d4N**

7...h6 - 143/38

**8.♘d5 ♘e6N**

8...b5? - 147/(32) 9.♘xf6+ ♗xf6 10.♕h5 h6 11.♗xf7+ ♖xf7 12.♕xf7+ ♔h8 13.♔d1+- Golubev,M (2461) -Rodriguez,S (2252) chess.com (Int.-blitz) 147/(32) 2020

**9.♘xf6+ ♗xf6 10.♕h5 h6 11.♘f3 d6 12.g4 ♗e7 13.♖g1 b5 14.♗d5 ♖b8 15.♗d2 ♖e8 16.g5 g6 17.gxh6 ♔h8**



**18.♕g4?!**

18.♘xe5!! gxh5 (18...dxe5 19.♕xe5+ ♗f6 20.♕xb8+-) 19.♘xf7+ ♔h7 20.e5! (20.♘xd8 ♗xd8 21.♗xe6 ♖xe6 22.♖g7+ ♔h8 23.♖f7 ♗xh4 24.♗c3+ ♖e5 25.♔e2 ♗e6 26.♗xe5+ dxe5 27.♖xa7±) 20...♘g5 (20...♗g5 21.hxg5+-) 21.♗e4+ ♔g8 22.♘xd8 ♖xd8 23.exd6 ♖xd6 24.hxg5+-

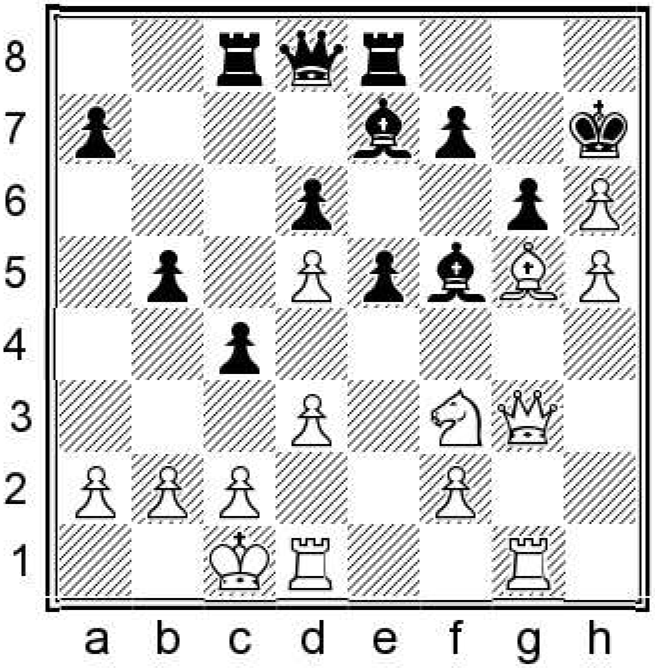
**18...♘f4 19.♕g3?**

19.♘g5 ♗xg5 20.♕xg5 ♘xd5 21.exd5↑

**19...♘xd5 20.exd5 ♗f5**

20...e4! 21.dxe4 ♗xh4 22.♘xh4 ♖xe4+ 23.♗e3 ♕xh4 24.♕xh4 ♖xh4∞

**21.h5 ♔h7 22.♗g5 c4 23.O-O-O ♖c8**



**24.♔b1?!**

24.♗xe7 ♕xe7 25.hxg6+ fxg6 26.d4 c3 27.b3±

**24...cxd3 25.cxd3 ♖c5**

25...♖c4! 26.♗xe7 ♕xe7 27.hxg6+ fxg6 28.♘g5+ ♔h8 29.♘e4 ♖d4∞

**26.♗xe7 ♕xe7 27.♘g5+ ♔h8 28.♕f3**

28.hxg6 fxg6 29.♘e6 ♗xe6 (29...♖xd5? 30.♘g7+-) 30.dxe6 ♕xe6 31.♕xg6 ♕xg6 32.♖xg6±

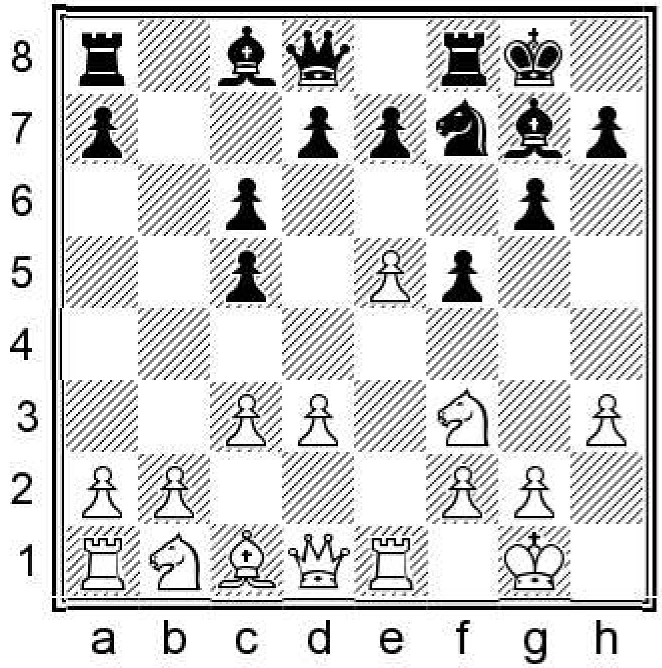
**28...♖ec8 29.♘e4 ♖xd5 30.♘g3 ♗e6 31.♘e4**

31.♖c1 ♖xc1+ 32.♖xc1 ♖c5∞

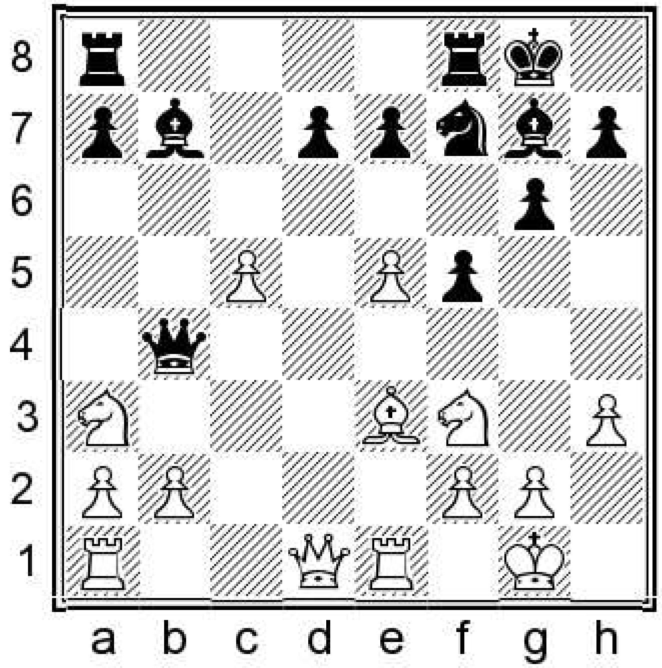
**31...♗f5 32.♘g3 ♗e6 33.♘e4 ♗f5 1/2-1/2**

**33. ** B31**
**Chigaev, Maksim (2619) - Dubov, Daniil (2702)**
**Russia (ch) 147/33, 2020**

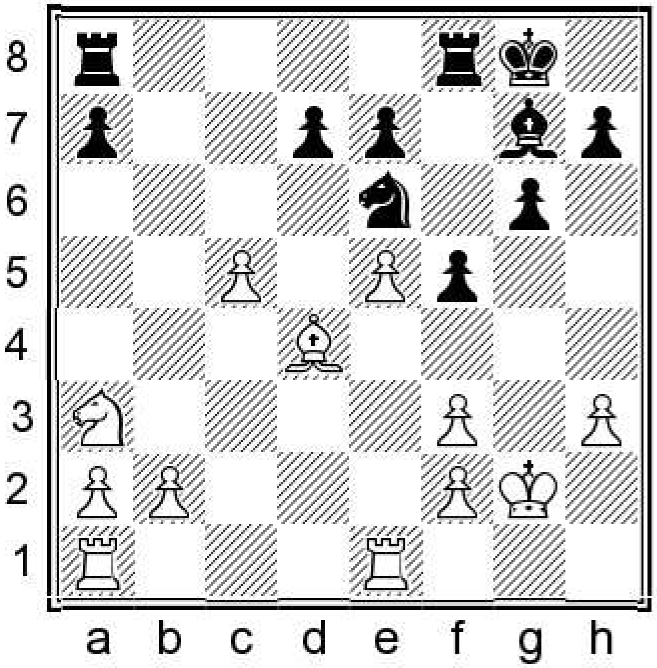
**1.e4 c5 2.♘f3 ♘c6 3.♗b5 g6 4.♗xc6 bxc6 5.O-O ♗g7 6.♖e1 ♘h6 7.c3 O-O 8.h3 f5 9.e5 ♘f7 10.d3**



10.d4 cxd4 11.cxd4 ♗b7 12.♘a3 (12.♘c3 - 129/ (47)) 12...c5 13.dxc5 ♕a5 14.♗e3 ♕b4



15.♘c2N (15.♕d4 - 147/(33) 15...♕xd4 16.♗xd4 ♗xf3 17.gxf3 ♘g5 18.♔g2 ♘e6



19.♘c2N (19.♖ad1) 19...♖fc8 20.b4 a5 21.a3 ♘xd4 22.♘xd4 axb4 23.axb4 ♖xa1 24.♖xa1 ♗xe5 25.♖d1 ♔f7= Goganov,A (2565)-Frolyanov,D (2546) Chelyabinsk 147/(33) 2020) 15...♕xb2 16.♘cd4 ♗e4 17.♖e2 ♕b7∞ Ding,L (2791)-Dubov,D (2699) chess24.com (Int.-rapid) 147/(33) 2020

**10...h6!?**

10...♖b8 - 130/50

10...♗a6 - 132/58

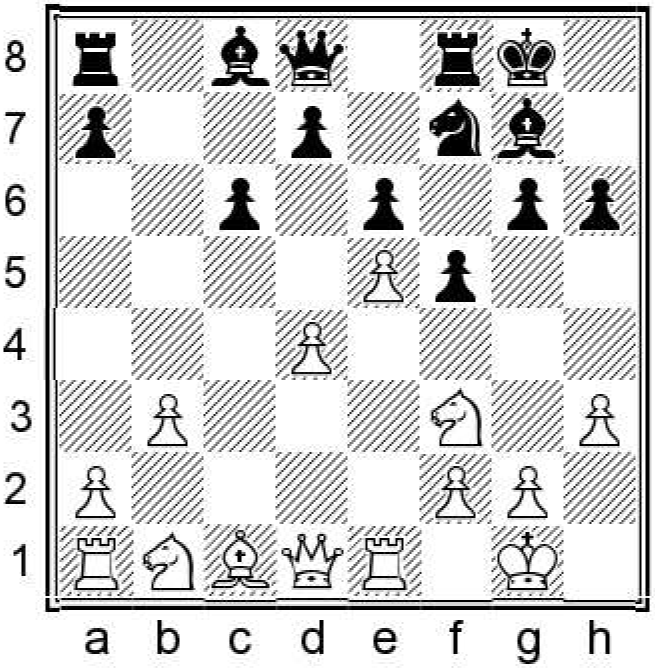
**11.d4N**

11.h4 d6 12.♗f4 e6 (12...♗a6 13.e6 ♘e5 14.♘xe5 dxe5 15.♗xe5 ♕xd3 16.♕xd3 ♗xd3 17.♘d2±) 13.exd6 g5 14.♗e5!? (14.hxg5?! hxg5 15.♗h2 (15.♗e5? g4! 16.♗xg7 ♔xg7 17.♘e5 ♘xe5 18.♖xe5 ♖h8-+) 15...g4 16.♘fd2 (16.♘e5 ♘xe5 17.♗xe5 ♗xe5 18.♖xe5 ♔f7 19.♘d2 ♖h8→) 16...e5 17.♘c4 (17.♘a3 f4 18.♘e4 ♘xd6 19.♘xc5?? ♕h4 20.g3 (20.♘c4 g3! 21.fxg3 fxg3 22.♗xg3 ♕xg3 23.♕d2 (23.♘xd6 ♖f2-+) 23...♘xc4 24.dxc4 ♗f5-+) 20...♕h5-+) 17...f4 18.♘bd2 ♕h4→) 14...g4 (14...♘xe5?! 15.♘xe5 ♗xe5 (15...♕xd6 16.♘g6!? ♖f6 17.h5 (×e5) 17...♕b8 (17...♗a6 18.♘d2!? ♗xd3 19.♘c4 ♕d8 20.♘ce5 c4 (20...♗e4 21.♕e2+- ×c6, c5) 21.♕a4+-) 18.♘d2! ♕xb2 19.♖c1 ♕xa2 20.♘c4 (×Qa2) 20...♕a6□ (20...♖b8? 21.♘e7+ ♔h7 22.♘xc8 ♖xc8 (22...♕b3 23.♕xb3 ♖xb3 24.♘8d6+-) 23.♖a1+-) 21.♘d6 ♔h7 (21...♗d7? 22.♘e5 ♖d8 23.♘ec4!+- ×Qa6) 22.♕f3 ♕b6 23.♖b1 ♕c7) 16.♖xe5 ♕xd6 17.♕e1±) 15.♗xg7 ♔xg7 16.♘e5 ♘xe5 17.♖xe5 ♕xd6 18.♕e1!? ♔f6 19.♖e3 e5 20.♘d2 ♗e6 21.♕e2 ♗f7 22.♖e1 ♖ad8 23.♖xe5 ♕xd3 24.♕xd3 ♖xd3 25.♘b3±

**11...cxd4 12.cxd4 e6?!**

12...d6? 13.e6 ♘h8 14.h4±; 12...♗b7!? 13.♘a3 (13.e6 dxe6 14.♖xe6 c5 15.♖xg6 e5; 13.♘c3 c5 14.dxc5 e6 15.♘b5 g5⇄) 13...♖c8 14.♗e3 d6! 15.e6 ♘h8 16.h4 f4 17.♗d2 c5⇄

**13.b3!?±**



**13...c5?**

13...d6 14.♗a3 (14.exd6 c5) 14...dxe5 15.♗xf8 ♔xf8=∞

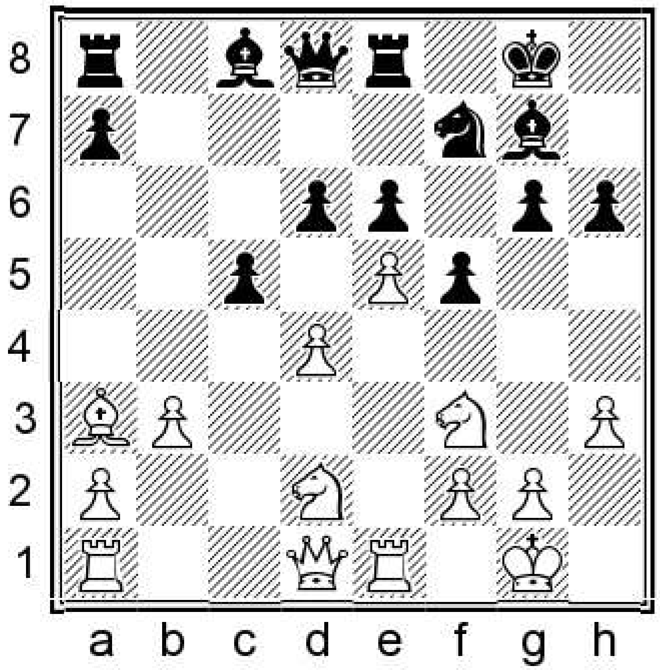
**14.♗a3 d6**

14...♗b7!? 15.♗xc5 (15.dxc5 ♗xf3 16.♕xf3 ♘xe5; 15.♘bd2!?) 15...♖e8 16.♘bd2 h5! 17.♘c4 (17.♘h2 ♕g5 18.♘df3 ♕h6=∞) 17...g5!⇄

**15.♘bd2**

15.dxc5? dxe5 16.♗b2 e4 17.♗xg7 ♔xg7 18.♘d4 ♕f6 19.♘c2 ♘e5-+; 15.exd6?! cxd4 16.♘bd2 (16.d7? ♗xd7 17.♗xf8 ♕xf8 18.♘bd2 e5∓; 16.♘xd4? ♕b6 17.♗b2 (17.♘xe6 ♗xe6 18.♖xe6 ♗xa1 19.♖xg6+ ♔h7 20.♖e6 ♖ae8 21.♖e7 ♕d4 22.♕f3 ♕f6-+; 17.♘c2 ♗xa1 18.♘xa1 ♖d8 19.♕d2 e5 20.♘c3 ♗b7 21.♘d5 (21.♘c2 ♘xd6-+) 21...♗xd5 22.♕xd5 ♕d4 23.♕e6 ♔g7 24.♘c2 ♕d2 25.♗b2 ♖e8 (25...♕xc2? 26.♗xe5+ ♘xe5 (26...♔f8?? 27.♕f6+-) 27.♕xe5+ ♔h7 28.♕e7+ ♔g8 29.♕e6+ ♔g7 30.♕e7+=) 26.♖xe5! ♖xe6 27.♖e2+ ♔h7 28.♖xd2 ♖xd6-+) 17...♖d8 18.♘a3 ♖xd6! 19.♘c4 ♖xd4! 20.♘xb6 ♖xd1 21.♖axd1 (21.♘xa8 ♖xe1+ 22.♖xe1 ♗xb2-+) 21...axb6 22.♗xg7 ♔xg7-+) 16...♕a5 (16...e5? 17.♘c4 ♖e8 (17...e4 18.♘xd4+-) 18.♘cxe5 ♘xe5 19.♘xe5 ♗xe5 20.♕f3 ♗xd6 (20...♗d7 21.♕d5+ ♔h7 22.♖xe5+-) 21.♗xd6 ♖xe1+ 22.♖xe1+-) 17.♘c4 ♕d5∞

**15...♖e8**



15...cxd4?! 16.♘c4!? ♗b7 (16...dxe5 17.♗xf8 ♕xf8 18.♘fxe5 ♘xe5 19.♘xe5 ♕d6 20.♕f3 ♖b8 21.♘xg6+-) 17.♘xd4 ♕g5 18.g3 ♘xe5 19.♗xd6! (19.♘xe5?! ♗xe5 20.♘xe6 ♕f6 21.♘xf8 ♖xf8 22.♖c1 f4⇄; 19.♘xe6 ♘f3+ 20.♕xf3 ♗xf3 21.♘xg5 hxg5 22.♗xd6 ♗xa1 23.♗xf8 ♔xf8 24.♖xa1 ♖e8=∞) 19...♘xc4 20.bxc4 ♖fe8 21.♘xe6 ♕f6 22.♕b3!? ♖xe6 23.♕xb7 ♖ae8 24.♕d5 ♔h7 25.♗b4 ♖e2 (25...♕xa1?? 26.♖xa1 ♗xa1 27.c5+-) 26.♖ad1±; 15...dxe5 16.♗xc5 (16.dxe5?! ♕a5 17.♕c1 ♗b7 18.♕xc5 ♕xc5 19.♗xc5 ♖fc8 20.♖ac1 g5 21.♗d4 ♖d8!? 22.♗a1 (22.♖c7?? ♗xf3 23.♘xf3 g4-+; 22.♗c3 ♖d3∞) 22...♖d7!? (22...g4 23.hxg4 fxg4 24.♘d4 ♗xe5 25.♘xe6 ♗xa1 26.♘xd8 ♖xd8 27.♖xa1 ♖xd2 28.♖ed1 ♖e2 (28...♖xd1+? 29.♖xd1±) 29.♖d7 ♗e4 30.♔f1 (30.♖xa7 g3 31.fxg3 (31.♖f1 ♘e5∞) 31...♖xg2+ 32.♔f1 ♖xg3∞) 30...♖c2∞) 23.g4 fxg4 24.hxg4 ♖ad8 25.♘e4 ♘h8!? 26.♘h2 ♗d5 27.♘f1 ♘g6∞) 16...e4!? 17.♗xf8 ♕xf8 18.♘e5 ♘xe5 19.dxe5 ♗xe5 20.♖c1 ♗b7 21.♕e2 ♖d8 22.♖ed1±

**16.♘c4!? ♗b7**

16...d5 17.♘d6 ♘xd6 18.exd6 cxd4 19.♘e5 ♕a5 20.♗b2 ♕c5 21.♖c1! (21.d7 ♗xd7 22.♘xd7? ♕d6∓) 21...♕xd6 22.♗xd4 ♗b7 23.h4± (23.♖c3!?± Δ Rg3)

**17.dxc5 dxe5 18.♘fxe5 ♘xe5**

18...♕d5 19.♘f3! ♗xa1 20.♕xa1±

**19.♘xe5 ♗e4 20.♘c4!**

20.♗b2 ♕g5 21.f3 ♖ad8 22.h4!

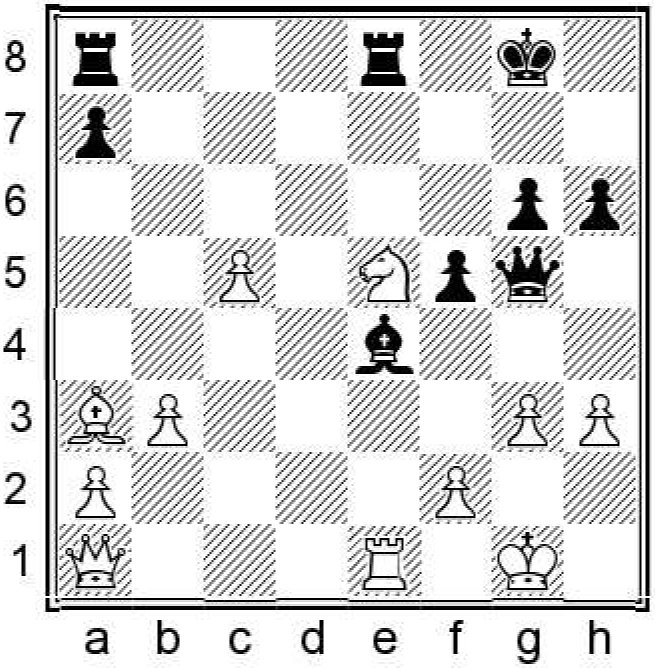
**20...♗xa1?!**

20...♕g5 21.g3 ♖ad8 22.♘d6±; 20...♗d5!? 21.♖c1 ♕g5 22.♘e3 (22.g3 f4 23.♕g4 ♕xg4 24.hxg4 fxg3 25.fxg3 ♗d4+ 26.♔h2 ♖f8⇄; 22.f3 ♗xc4 23.♖xc4 ♖ad8 24.♕e2 ♖d2 25.♕f1 ♕g3 26.♗b4 ♖xa2 27.♖d1) 22...♗c6 23.♕d6 (23.f3?! (×Kg1) 23...♖ad8 24.♕e2 e5⇄) 23...♖ac8 24.♕g3±

**21.♕xa1 ♕g5 22.g3 e5**

22...♕h5 23.♕f6! ♕f3 24.♕xg6+ ♔h8 (24...♔f8 25.♖xe4 (25.c6+ ♖e7 26.♗xe7+ ♔xe7 27.♕g7++-) 25...♕xe4 26.♗b2) 25.♗b2+ e5 26.♖xe4 ♕xe4 27.♘xe5 ♖xe5 28.♕f6+ ♔h7 29.♗xe5+-; 22...♖ad8

**23.♘xe5?**



23.♘d6!? ♕h5 24.♕c3 ♕xh3 25.♕c4+ ♔h8 26.♘xe4 fxe4 27.♕xe4 ♕f5±; 23.♕c3! ♕h5 (23...♖ad8 24.♘d6 ♖e6 25.♕c4 ♕f6 26.♗b2+-) 24.♘xe5 ♕xh3 25.♕c4+ ♔h8 26.♖xe4 fxe4 27.♗b2+-

**23...♖e6?**

23...♖ad8! 24.♕c3 (24.c6 ♕f6 25.c7 (25.♗b2 ♗xc6 26.♕c1 ♗b7 27.♕xh6 ♖d5 28.♔h2 ♖dxe5 29.♗xe5 ♖xe5 30.♖xe5 ♕xe5 31.♕xg6+ ♔f8 32.♕h6+ ♔e8∞) 25...♖c8 26.♗b2 ♗b7 27.♕c1 ♕b6 28.♕xh6 ♖xc7∞; 24.♗c1 ♕h5 25.♔h2 ♖d1 26.♖xe4□ (26.♕c3?? ♖xe1 27.♕c4+ (27.♕xe1 ♖xe5-+) 27...♔h8-+; 26.♖xd1?? ♕xd1 27.♗b2 ♕e2 28.♗d4 (28.♔g1 ♖d8-+) 28...♖xe5-+) 26...fxe4 27.♘g4 ♕g5! (27...♕xc5 28.♕f6 ♕xc1 29.♕xg6+ ♔f8 30.♕f6+=; 27...♖f8 28.♘f6+ ♖xf6 29.♕xf6 ♖xc1 30.♕d8+ ♔f7 31.♕d7+ ♔f6 32.♕d6+ ♔f7= (32...♔f5?? 33.g4+-+)) 28.♘e3 ♖dd8 (28...♖e1 29.♕c3 ♖xc1 30.♕xc1+-) 29.♘g4 ♖d1 30.♘e3=) 24...♕d2 25.♗b4 ♕xc3 26.♗xc3 ♖e6±

**24.♕d4 ♖ae8 25.♘d7 ♗c6 26.♖xe6 ♖xe6 27.♘e5 ♕f6 28.♗b2 f4**

28...♕xe5 29.♕xe5 ♖xe5 30.♗xe5 ♔f7 31.♔f1 ♔e6 32.♗g7 h5 33.♔e2 ♔d5 34.♔e3 (34.♗f8 ♔d4) 34...♔xc5 35.♗d4++-

**29.gxf4 ♗e8**

29...♖xe5 30.♕xe5 (30.fxe5? ♕f3) 30...♕xe5 31.fxe5+-

**30.♔h2**

30.c6 ♗xc6 31.♘xc6 ♖e1+ 32.♔h2+-

**30...♖e7**

30...g5 31.c6! ♖xe5 (31...♕xf4+ 32.♕xf4 gxf4 33.c7+-) 32.fxe5 ♕xc6 33.e6+-

**31.c6 ♗xc6**

31...♔h7 32.b4+-

**32.♕c4+ ♔h7 33.♕xc6 ♕xc6 34.♘xc6 ♖e2 35.♗d4 ♖xa2 36.♘xa7 ♖d2 37.♗c5 1-0**

**34. * B40**
**Fernandez, Daniel Howard (2466) - Cramling, Pia (2459)**
**Great Britain (Int.-playoff) 147/34, 2020**

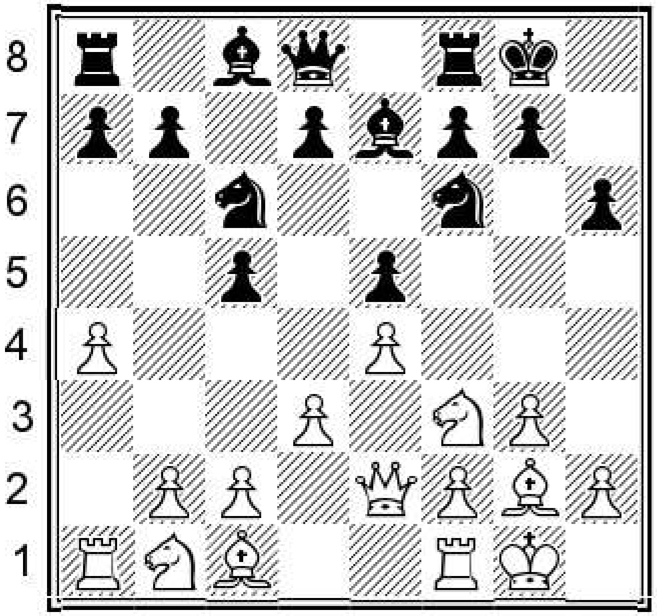
**1.e4 c5 2.♘f3 e6 3.g3 ♘c6 4.♗g2 ♘f6 5.♕e2 e5 6.d3**

6.O-O - 146/48

**6...♗e7 7.O-O O-O 8.a4**

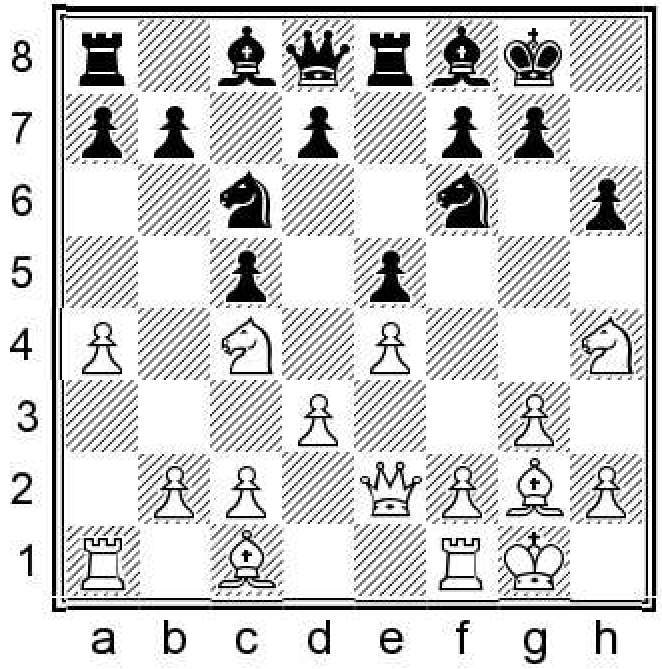
8.♘a3; 8.♘c3; 8.c3

**8...h6**



**9.♖e1N**

9.♘a3 - 147/(34) 9...♖e8 10.♘c4 ♗f8 11.♘h4 Vantika,A (2286)-Mishra, A (2342) lichess.org (Int.-blitz) 147/(34) 2020 (11.♘h4

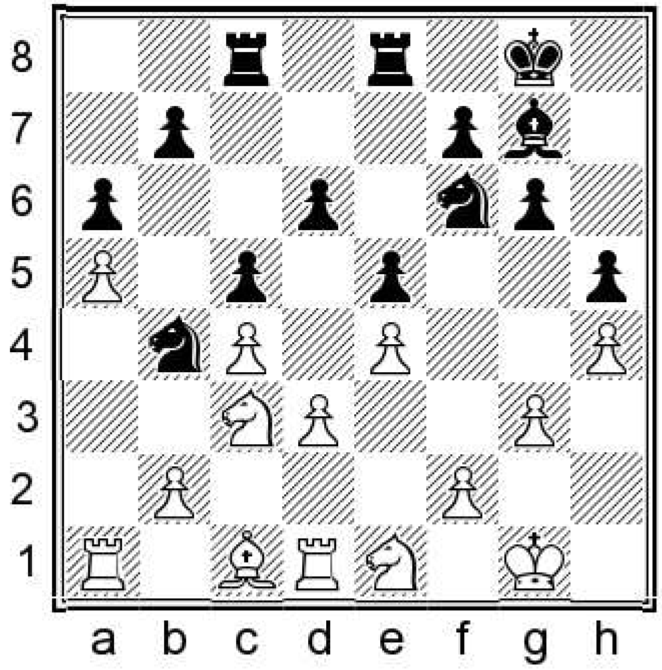


11...d5! 12.exd5 ♘xd5 13.a5 ♖b8 14.c3∞; 11.b3 d5 12.exd5 ♘xd5 13.♗b2 f6 (13...♘d4 14.♕d1∞) 14.♘h4 ♗e6∞ (14...♘d4 15.♕h5 ♗e6 16.♗e4 ♗f7 17.♕g4 ♕c8 18.♘f5 ♘xf5 19.♗xf5 ♗e6 20.♘e3±))

**9...♖e8 10.♕f1 ♗f8 11.c4 g6 12.♘c3 ♗g7 13.h4 d6 14.♗h3 ♗xh3 15.♕xh3 ♘b4 16.♖d1 a6 17.♘e1 ♕c8?**

17...♖f8= Δ f5

**18.♕xc8 ♖axc8 19.a5!± h5**



**20.♘g2**

20.♖a4! Δ Bd2, Nd5

**20...♔h7 21.♖a3 ♘d7 22.♘e3 ♗h6**

22...♖f8 23.♘ed5 ♘c6=

**23.♘cd5 ♘c6 24.♗d2 ♘d4**

24...♖f8 25.f4 ♘d4 26.♖f1 f5=

**25.♗c3**

25.b4!±

**25...f5? 26.exf5 ♘xf5**

26...gxf5? 27.♗xd4+-

**27.b4?!**

27.♘xf5! gxf5 28.b4+-

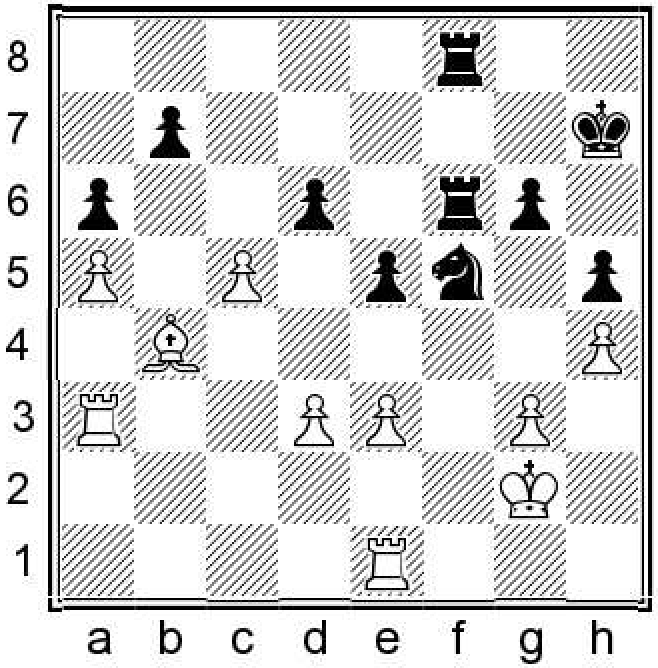
**27...♗xe3! 28.fxe3 ♖f8**

28...cxb4 29.♗xb4 e4=

**29.♔g2**

29.e4! ♘d4 30.♗xd4 cxd4 (30...exd4 31.bxc5 ♘xc5 32.♘f4±) 31.♖f1±

**29...♘f6!= 30.♘xf6+ ♖xf6 31.♖e1 cxb4 32.♗xb4 ♖cf8 33.c5?**



**33...♖8f7?**

33...♘xg3! 34.♔xg3? ♖f2-+

**34.cxd6 ♘xd6 35.♗xd6 ♖xd6 36.♖b1 ♖fd7?**

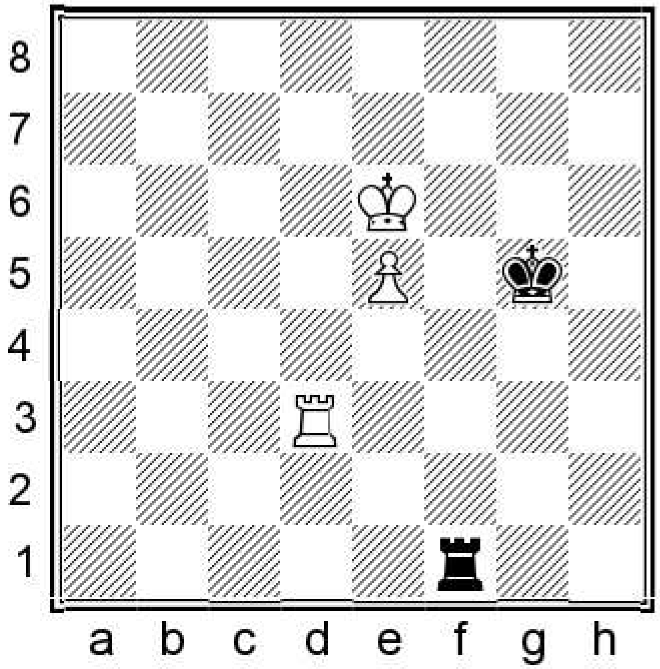
36...♖d5=

**37.♔f3!+- ♖d5 38.♔e4 ♔h6 39.♖xb7! ♖xd3 40.♖xd3 ♖xb7 41.♖d6 ♖b4+ 42.♔xe5 ♖g4 43.♖xa6 ♖xg3 44.e4 ♖a3 45.♖a8 g5 46.♖a6+**

46.hxg5+ ♔xg5 47.a6 ♔g6 48.♔d6!

**46...♔g7 47.hxg5 h4 48.♔f4 h3 49.♖h6 ♖xa5 50.♖xh3 ♖b5 51.♖d3**

51.e5 ♖b1 52.♔f5 ♖f1+ 53.♔e6 ♔g6 54.♖d3 ♔xg5



55.♔e7! (55.♔d6? ♖a1!=) 55...♖a1 56.e6

**51...♔g6 52.♖d6+ ♔f7 53.♖f6+ ♔g7 54.e5 ♖b1 55.e6**

55.♖a6 ♔f7 56.g6+ ♔e7 (56...♔g7 57.♔f5 ♖f1+ 58.♔e6 ♔xg6 59.♔d7+ ♔g7 60.e6) 57.♔g5 (57.g7 ♔f7 (57...♖g1 58.♔f5! ♔f7 59.g8=Q+! ♔xg8 60.♖g6+) 58.♖a7+ ♔g8 59.e6)

**55...♖f1+ 56.♔e5 ♖e1+ 57.♔d6 ♖d1+ 58.♔c6 ♖c1+ 59.♔d7 ♖d1+ 60.♔e8 ♖a1 61.e7**

61.♖f7+! ♔g6 62.♖d7+-

**61...♖a8+ 62.♔d7 ♖a7+ 63.♔d6 ♖a6+ 64.♔c5 ♖a5+ 65.♔c6! ♖a8 66.♖d6**

66.♖f1? ♖a6+=; 66.♖e6! ♔f7 67.♔d5 ♖a5+ 68.♔e4 ♖a4+ 69.♔f5 ♖a5+ 70.♖e5! ♖xe5+ 71.♔xe5 ♔xe7 72.g6

**66...♔f7 67.♖d7**

67.♔d7 ♖a7+ 68.♔d8 ♖a8+=; 67.♖d8 ♖a6+ 68.♔b7 (68.♔d7 ♖a7+) 68...♔xe7!= (68...♖e6? 69.g6+! ♔xe7 70.g7+-)

**67...♖a6+ 68.♔b7**

68.♔c7 ♔e8=

**68...♖e6 69.g6+ ♖xg6 70.♔c8 ♔e8 71.♖c7 ♖e6 72.♔b8 ♖xe7 73.♖xe7+ ♔xe7 1/2-1/2**

**35. B44**
**Artemiev, Vladislav (2716) - Parligras, Mircea Emilian (2591)**
**chess.com (ol-rapid) 147/35, 2020**

**1.c4 c5 2.♘f3 ♘f6 3.♘c3 ♘c6 4.d4 cxd4 5.♘xd4 e6 6.e4 ♗b4 7.♘xc6 bxc6 8.♗d3 e5 9.O-O O-O 10.h3**

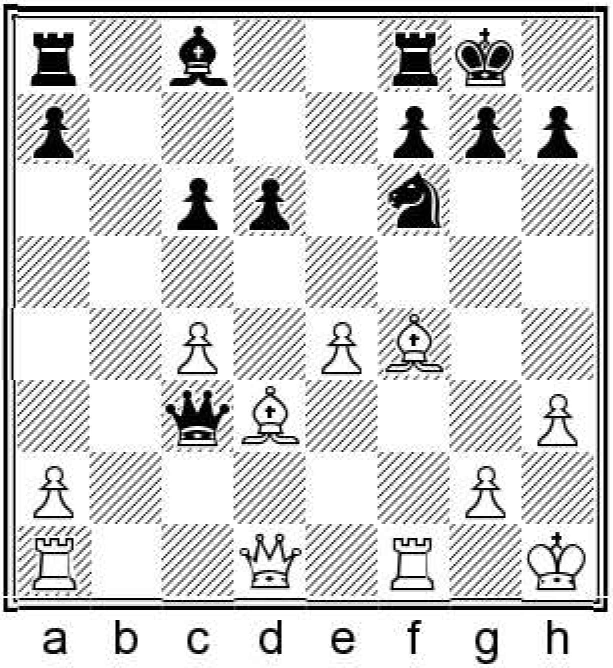
10.♗e3 d6 11.♘a4 ♘g4 - 131/51

10.♗g5 h6 11.♗h4 ♗c5 - 54/184

10.♘a4 d5=

**10...♗c5**

10...d5 11.exd5 ♗xc3 12.bxc3 cxd5 13.cxd5 ♕xd5 14.c4±; 10...d6 11.♗g5 (11.♗d2 ♗e6 12.♕e2 ♘d7 13.a3 ♗c5 14.b4 ♗d4 Δ Qh4⇄) 11...h6 12.♗h4 g5!? 13.♗g3 ♗xc3 14.bxc3 c5∞; 10...h6 11.♗d2 (11.♘a4 d5 12.a3 ♗d6 13.cxd5 cxd5 14.exd5 e4⇄ 15.♗c4 ♖e8 16.♖e1 ♘g4!? 17.hxg4 ♕h4 18.f4□ ♗xg4 19.♕d2 ♗d7=∞) 11...d6 12.♕f3 ♗e6 13.♖fd1 ♗c5 14.b3 (14.♗e3 ♗xe3 15.♕xe3 ♕b6=) 14...g5!? ⇄; 10...♗xc3!? 11.bxc3 d6 12.f4 ♕a5 13.fxe5 ♕xe5 (13...dxe5 14.♖xf6↑) 14.♗f4 (14.♕e1 ♘d7 15.♗f4 ♕e6 16.♖d1 ♗a6⇄) 14...♕xc3 15.♔h1



(15.♔h2 ♖d8 (15...♕d4 16.♗c2!± Δ♕xc4? 17.♗xd6 ♖d8 18.e5± ♘e4 19.♖f4+-; 15...♖e8 16.♕f3 ♕d4 17.♖ad1 ♕c5 18.♗b1 ♖e6 19.e5 dxe5 20.♗g5=∞) 16.♕f3 ♕a5 17.♖ae1 ♕h5! 18.♕g3 ♕g6 19.♕e3 ♕h5 20.♔h1 ♗e6 21.♕g3 ♕g6=) 15...♕d4! (15...♖d8 16.♕f3 ♕a5 17.♖ae1 ♕h5 18.♕g3 ♕g6 19.♕e3 ♕h5

20.♗c2 Δ e5↑) 16.♗c2 ♕xc4 17.♗xd6 ♖d8 18.♗d3 (18.e5 ♘e4! 19.♕f3 ♘g3+ 20.♕xg3 ♕xc2 21.♖ac1 ♕d2∞) 18...♕d4 19.♗e7 ♖e8 20.♗xf6 gxf6 21.♖c1 ♗e6∞

**11.♖e1N**

11.♗g5 h6 12.♗h4 g5!? 13.♗g3 d6 14.♘a4 ♗d4⇄; 11.♔h1 h6 12.f4 d6 13.♕f3 ♖b8⇄; 11.♕e2 d6 12.♗e3 ♗d4 13.♖ab1 a5 14.♕d2 (14.♖fd1 c5 15.♗c2 ♗a6∞) 14...♘h5 15.♖fe1 ♕f6⇄

**11...d6 12.♗e3 ♗xe3**

12...♘d7 13.♗xc5 (13.♘a4 ♗d4 14.♕d2 c5 15.♘c3 ♘b8 Δ Nc6∞) 13...♘xc5 14.b4 ♘e6 15.♖b1 ♖b8 16.♕d2 a6 17.a4↑ Δf5 18.exf5 ♘f4 19.♗f1 ♗xf5 20.♖bd1 ♕g5 21.♖e3±; 12...♗d4!? 13.♗xd4 (13.♕d2 c5∞) 13...exd4 14.♘a4 ♘d7! (14...c5 15.e5±) 15.c5 ♘xc5 16.♘xc5 dxc5 17.♖c1 ♕g5 18.h4!? ♕xh4 19.♖xc5 ♗e6 20.b3 (20.♖xc6 ♖ac8 21.♖a6 ♖c5⇄) 20...♕e7 21.♕c2 a5 (21...♗d7 22.♖c1=∞ Δ Qb2) 22.♖c1 ♖fc8 (22...♖fb8 23.♖xc6 g6 24.♕d1 ♖c8=) 23.f4 g6 24.♕f2 a4⇄

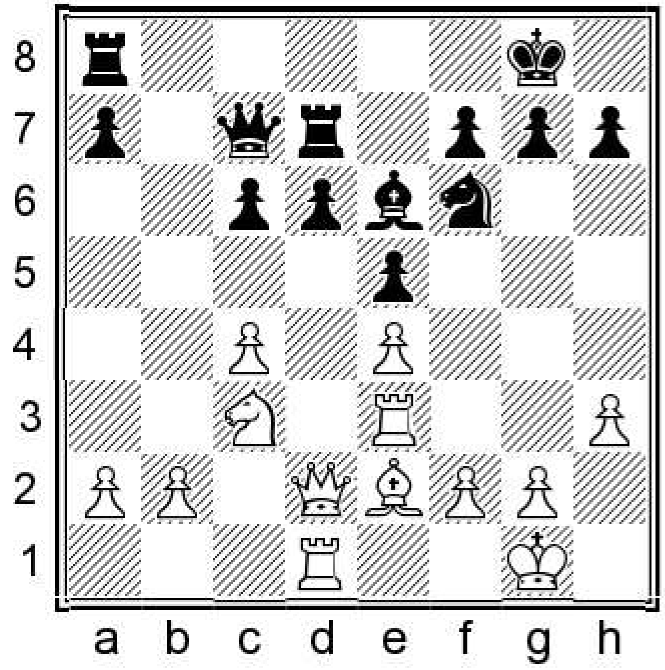
**13.♖xe3 ♗e6 14.♗e2 ♕c7 15.♕d2**

15.b3 ♖fd8 16.♖d3 a5 17.♗f3 ♕e7 18.♘a4!? Δ♘d7 19.♕e1! (19.♖xd6 ♘c5!=) 19...♘c5 20.♘xc5 dxc5 21.♖xd8+ ♕xd8 22.♖d1 Δ Qc3±

**15...♖fd8 16.♖d1**

16.b3!? Δd5 17.cxd5 cxd5 18.exd5 ♘xd5 (18...♗xd5 19.♕e1!? ♗b7 20.♗c4 e4 21.♖d1 ♕a5 22.♖e2 ♖xd1 23.♘xd1 ♕xe1+ 24.♖xe1 ♖d8 25.♘e3±) 19.♘xd5 ♗xd5 (19...♖xd5 20.♕e1!) 20.♖c1 ♕b6 21.♕b2 e4 22.b4±

**16...♖d7**



**17.♖g3!?**

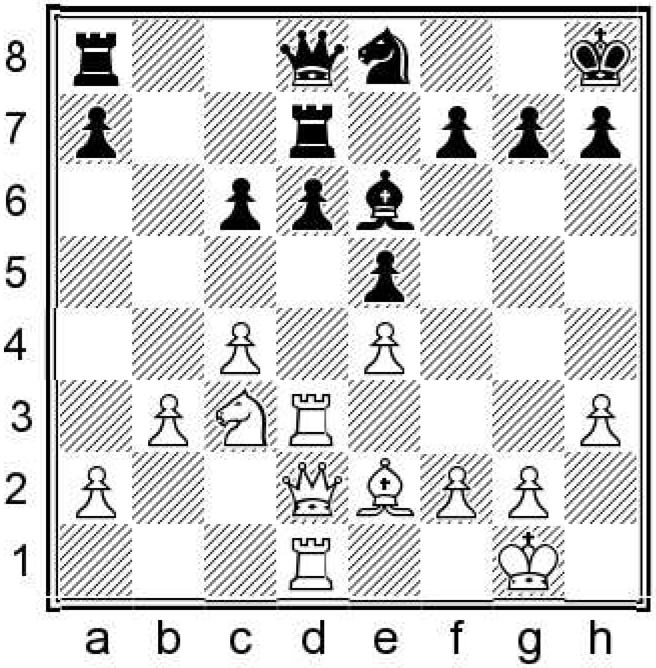
17.b3 d5! 18.cxd5 cxd5 19.exd5 ♘xd5 20.♘xd5 ♖xd5 21.♕e1 ♖xd1 22.♗xd1 f6 23.f4 ♖e8 24.fxe5 ♗d5 25.exf6 ♕b6 26.♔f2 ♗xg2=

**17...♕d8**

17...g6 18.♕h6 (18.b3 ♔g7 Δ Rad8) 18...d5 19.exd5 cxd5 20.♕g5! ♘e4 21.♘xe4 dxe4 22.♖xd7 ♗xd7 23.b4±; 17...♔h8!? 18.♕g5 ♖g8 19.b4 h6 20.♕e3 ♖b8∞

**18.b3 ♔h8 19.♖d3± ♕a5**

19...♘e8



20.♗g4! ♗xg4 (20...♕e7 21.♘a4! ♔g8 22.♗xe6 fxe6 23.b4±) 21.hxg4 h6 (21...♕h4 22.g5±) 22.f3 ♔g8 23.c5±

**20.♕e3 ♖ad8 21.♗f3 h6 22.♔h2!? ♕c5!?**

22...♕b6 23.♕e2 Δ g3, Bg2, f4↑

**23.♕d2**

23.♕xc5 dxc5 24.♖xd7 ♖xd7 25.♖xd7 ♘xd7 26.g3 ♔g8 27.♗e2 ♔f8 28.f4 g6 Δ Ke7-d6

**23...♕a5 24.g3 ♔h7**

24...♘g8!? 25.♗g2 (25.♗g4 ♘f6 26.♗xe6 fxe6 27.♕e3 ♕c7 Δ d5) 25...♘e7 26.f4 exf4 27.gxf4 f5⇄

**25.♗g2** [Δ f4] **25...♘e8**

25...g5 26.♕b2 ♕b4 27.♕e2! ♕a5 28.♖1d2!? Δ Nd1-e3±

25...♕c7 26.f4 exf4 27.gxf4 g6 28.♗f3±

**26.♕c2**

26.f4 exf4 27.gxf4 ♕c7 28.♘e2↑ Δg6 29.f5! gxf5 30.♕f4±

**26...♔h8 27.♖1d2**

27.f4 exf4 28.gxf4 f5⇄; 27.♖3d2!? ♕c7 28.♕d3 Δ Qe3↑

**27...♕b4**

⌓27...♕c7

**28.♕d1**

28.f4! exf4 29.gxf4 Δd5 30.cxd5 cxd5 31.♖d4 ♕b8 32.exd5 f6 33.♘e2 ♗g8 34.♕c5 ♖c7 35.♕a5±

**28...♔g8**

⌓28...♘c7 29.f4 exf4 30.gxf4 f5! 31.e5 d5∞

**29.f4! f6**

29...exf4 30.gxf4 f5 31.e5 d5 32.a3!±

**30.♗f3**

30.f5 ♗f7 31.h4 ♘c7 32.g4 d5 33.exd5 cxd5 34.cxd5 ♘e8 35.♘e4 ♘d6 36.♕e2 a5 37.♗f3⩲

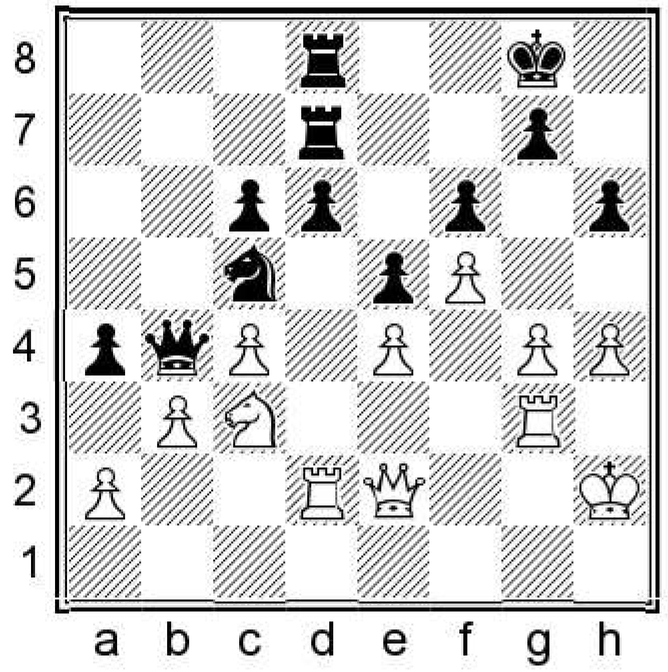
**30...♘c7 31.♗g4 ♗xg4 32.♕xg4 ♖e7**

32...♘a6 33.♕e6+ ♔f8 34.♘a4 ♖e7 35.♕f5 ♘c5

**33.f5 ♖ed7 34.♕e2**

34.♕d1⩲

**34...♘a6 35.g4 ♘c5 36.♖g3 a5 37.h4 a4?⊕**



37...♔f7 38.♔g2 ♖h8

**38.bxa4⊕**

38.g5! hxg5 39.hxg5 fxg5 40.♕h5! axb3 41.axb3 ♕xb3 42.♖dg2+-

**38...♘xa4?**

38...d5 39.exd5 ♘xa4 40.♘xa4 ♕xa4 41.g5 fxg5 42.hxg5 hxg5 43.♖xg5 cxd5 44.f6±; 38...♖b8! 39.g5 hxg5 40.hxg5 ♔f7∞

**39.♘xa4 ♕xa4 40.g5 hxg5 41.hxg5 fxg5 42.♖xg5 ♖f8 43.♕g4**

43.♕h5 ♕xc4 44.♖g4+-

**43...♖f6**

43...♕xc4 44.♖g2 ♔f7 45.f6! ♔e8 46.fxg7+-

**44.♖g2 ♕a7 45.♕h4?**

45.♕h3+-

**45...♕e3! 46.♖h5 ♕f4+ 47.♕xf4 exf4 48.♔h3 ♖a7**

⌓48...♖e7 49.♖e2 g6=

**49.♔g4 ♖a4 50.♖c2 ♖f7?**

50...g6!±

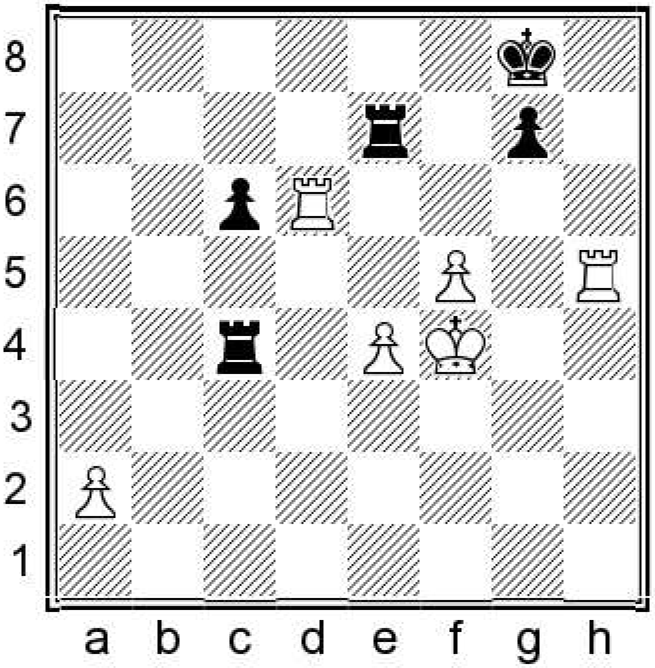
**51.♔xf4 ♖fa7 52.♖d2**

52.♖hh2! ♔f7 53.♖hd2±

**52...♖xc4?!**

52...♖d7 53.♔g5 ♖e7±

**53.♖xd6± ♖e7**



⌓53...♖c1 54.♖h3 ♔f7 55.♖g3 ♖e7 56.♖dd3 c5

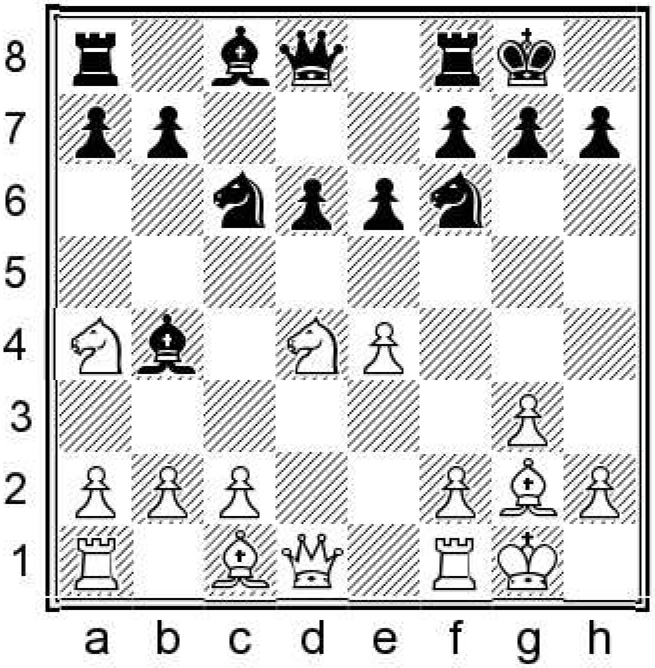
**54.♖e6! ♖xe6 55.fxe6+- ♔f8 56.♖a5 g5+ 57.♔e5 ♖c2 58.♖a8+ ♔e7 59.♖a7+ ♔e8 60.a4 g4 61.♖g7 ♖a2 62.a5 c5 63.a6 ♖xa6 64.♔f6 ♔f8 65.♖c7 ♖a8 66.♖xc5 ♖e8 67.♖h5 ♔g8 68.e7 ♖a8 69.♖g5+ ♔h7 70.♔f7 1-0**

**36. B45**
**Saric, Ivan (2652) - Doric, Darko (2479)**
**Oesterreich 147/36, 2021**

**1.e4 c5 2.♘f3 e6 3.d4 cxd4 4.♘xd4 ♘f6 5.♘c3 ♘c6 6.g3 ♗b4 7.♗g2 O-O 8.O-O d6**

8...e5 - 138/74

**9.♘a4**



**9...♗d7N**

9...e5 10.♘f5 (10.♘xc6 bxc6 11.c4 ♗e6 12.b3 d5=) 10...d5! 11.a3 (11.exd5 ♗xf5 12.dxc6 ♕xd1 13.♖xd1 ♗xc2 14.cxb7 ♖ab8 15.♗e3 ♗xd1 (15...♗xa4? 16.b3 ♗b5 17.♗xa7±) 16.♖xd1 e4 17.♗c5 ♖xb7 18.♗xf8 ♗xf8=) 11...dxe4 12.♘h6+ gxh6 13.axb4 ♕xd1 14.♖xd1 ♗g4 15.♖d6 ♖ad8 16.♖xd8 ♖xd8 17.♗xh6 ♖d1+ 18.♖xd1 ♗xd1=

**10.c3 ♗a5 11.♘b5 d5 12.♘c5**

12.exd5 exd5 13.♗g5 ♘e5 (13...a6 14.♘d6 ♕b8 15.♘xb7! ♕xb7 16.♗xf6 gxf6 17.♕xd5 ♕c7 18.♘c5 ♘e5 19.♘xd7 ♘xd7 20.♕f5±) 14.♖e1±

**12...♗c8 13.♗g5 a6**

13...♕b6 14.a4 ♕xc5 15.b4 ♕e7 16.exd5 exd5 17.bxa5 ♗e6 18.♕f3±

**14.♘d4 ♗b6 15.b4**

15.♘xc6 bxc6 16.e5 ♗xc5 17.exf6 ♖e8∞

**15...♘xd4 16.♕xd4 dxe4 17.♕xd8**

17.♗xf6 ♕xf6 18.♕xf6 gxf6 19.♘xe4 f5 20.♘d6 ♖b8 21.c4±

**17...♗xd8 18.♖fd1 h6 19.♗xf6 ♗xf6 20.♘xe4 ♗e7 21.♘d6 ♖b8 22.c4**

22.♘xc8 ♖fxc8 23.♖d7 ♗f6 24.♗xb7 ♖xc3=

**22...b6 23.c5 bxc5 24.bxc5 ♖d8 25.♖ac1 ♔f8 26.♘xc8 ♖xd1+ 27.♖xd1 ♖xc8 28.c6 ♖c7 29.♔f1 ♗c5 30.♔e2 ♔e7 31.f4 ♗d6 32.♖b1 f5**

32...g5=

**33.♖b6 ♗c5 34.♖b8**

34.♖xa6 ♖a7 35.♖xa7+ ♗xa7=

**34...♗a7**

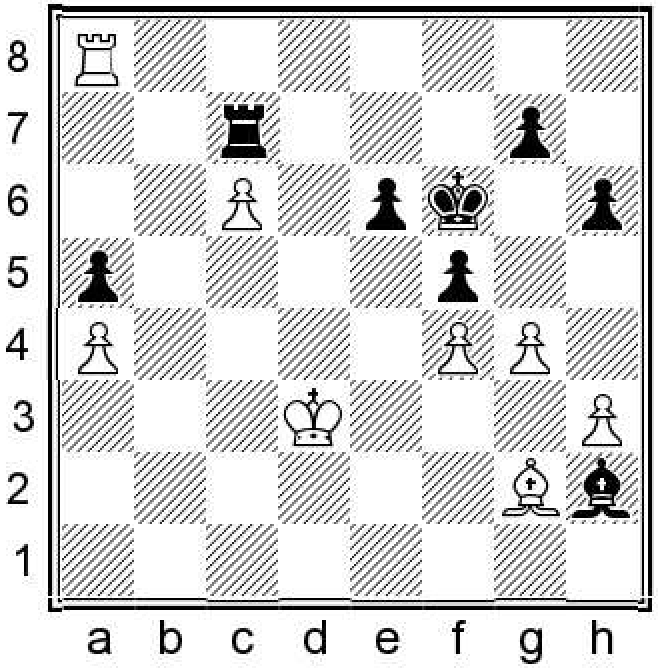
34...g5 35.♖h8 gxf4 36.gxf4 ♗a3 37.♖xh6 ♗c1 38.♖h4 ♔d6=

**35.♖g8 ♔f7**

35...♔d6 36.♖d8+ (36.♔d3 ♗g1=) 36...♔e7 37.♖a8 g5=

**36.♖a8 ♔f6 37.a4 a5 38.♔d3 g5?**

38...♗g1! 39.h3 (39.♔c4 ♗xh2 40.♔b5 ♗xg3 41.♔xa5 ♗xf4 42.♔b6 ♖f7 43.♖c8 ♗e3+ 44.♔b5 ♗f4∞) 39...♗h2 40.g4

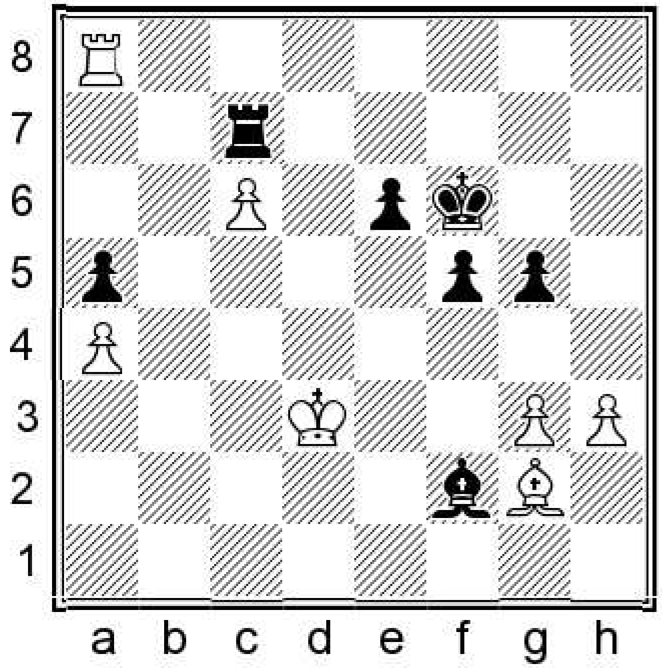


40...g6! (40...♗xf4 41.gxf5 exf5 42.♖xa5±) 41.♔c4 (41.♔e3 ♗g1+ 42.♔d3 ♗h2=) 41...♗xf4 42.♔b5 ♖f7! 43.♔xa5 fxg4 44.hxg4 ♗c7+ 45.♔b5 ♔e5!⇄

**39.h3 ♗f2?**

39...gxf4 40.gxf4 ♔e7 41.♔c4 ♗e3 42.♖xa5 ♗xf4 43.♖a8 ♔d6 (43...e5 44.♔d5±) 44.♖d8+ ♔e7 45.♖d1±

**40.fxg5+ hxg5**



**41.g4!+- ♝a7 42.♔c4 ♚e5 43.♔b5 ♝e3**

43...♔f4 44.gxf5 exf5 45.♔xa5 ♔g3 46.♗d5 f4 47.♖xa7 ♖xa7+ 48.♔b6

**44.gxf5 exf5 45.♖e8+ ♚f4 46.♖xe3! ♚xe3 47.♔b6??**

47.♔xa5! ♔f2 (47...f4 48.♔b6 ♖c8 49.c7 f3 50.♗xf3 ♔xf3 51.♔b7+-) 48.♗d5 f4 49.♔b6 ♖c8 50.c7 ♔g3 51.♔b7 ♖f8 52.c8=Q ♖xc8 53.♔xc8 ♔xh3 54.a5 g4 55.a6 g3 56.a7+-

**47...♖c8 48.c7 ♚f2 49.♗b7 ♖xc7 50.♔xc7 ♚g3! 51.♔b6**

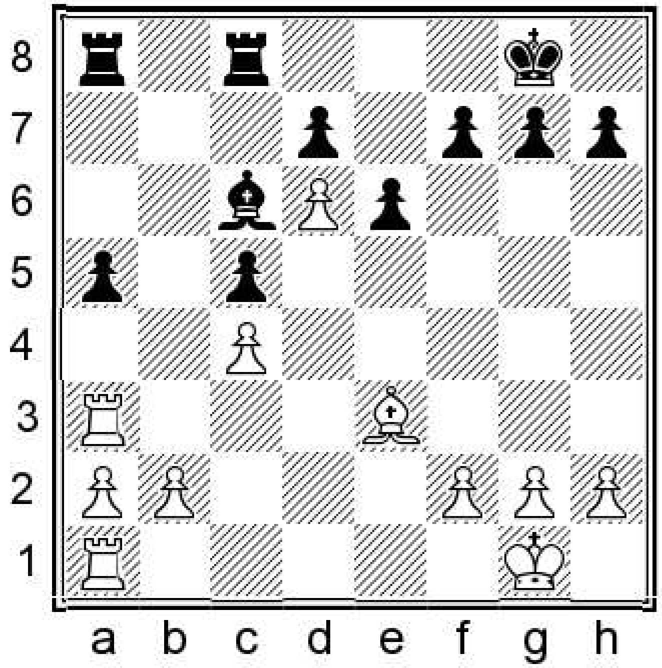
51.♗c8 f4 52.♔b6 f3 53.♔xa5 f2 54.♗a6 ♔xh3 55.♔b4 g4 56.♗f1+ ♔h2 57.a5 g3=

**51...f4 52.♔xa5 ♚xh3 53.♔b4 g4 54.♔c3 g3 55.a5 g2 56.♗xg2+ ♚xg2 57.a6 f3 58.a7 f2 59.a8=Q+ ♚g1 60.♕g8+ ♚h1 1/2-1/2**

**37. * B45**
**Svidler, Peter (2723) - Artemiev, Vladislav (2711)**
**Russia (ch) 147/37, 2020**

**1.e4 c5 2.♘f3 e6 3.d4 cxd4 4.♘xd4 ♞f6 5.♘c3 ♞c6 6.♘xc6 bxc6 7.e5 ♞d5 8.♘e4 ♝b7 9.♗e2 c5 10.O-O ♛c7 11.♘d6+**

11.c4 ♘e3 12.♘d6+ ♗xd6 13.exd6 ♕c6 14.♗f3 ♘xd1 15.♗xc6 ♗xc6 16.♖xd1 O-O 17.♗e3 ♖fc8 18.♖d3 a5 (18...♗e4 - 102/(136)) 19.♖a3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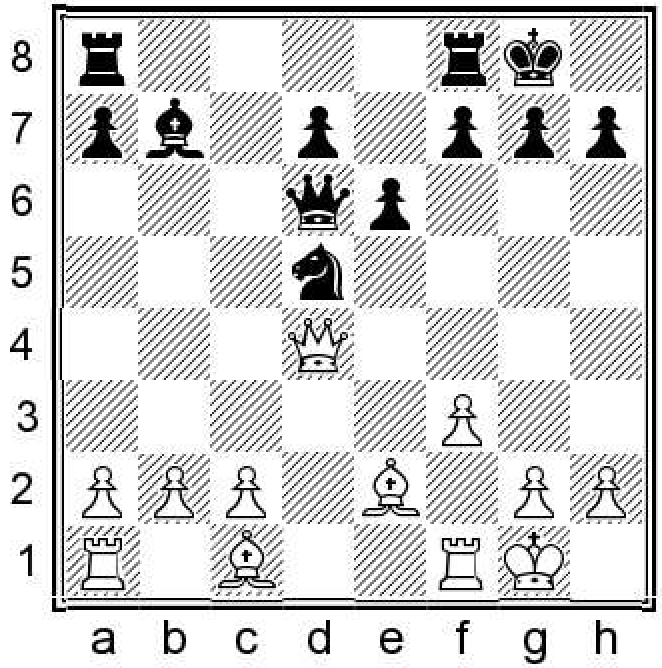
**11...♗xd6 12.exd6 ♕c6 13.f3 c4 14.♕d4 O-O 15.♗xc4 ♕xd6 16.♗e2N**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a b c d e f g h

16.b3 - 142/43

**16...e5?!**

16...♗a6! 17.c4 (17.♗xa6 ♕xa6 18.c4 ♘b4 19.♕c3 ♕b7∞) 17...♕b6 18.♕xb6 (18.♕f2 ♖ac8! 19.b3 ♘c3 20.♗d3 d5 21.♗e3 ♕b4∞; 18.♖d1 ♖fc8 19.♔f1 ♕xd4 20.♖xd4 ♘b4 21.♖b1 (21.♖xd7 ♗xc4 22.♗xc4 ♖xc4∞) 21...d5∞) 18...♘xb6 19.b3 d5 20.a4 dxc4 21.a5 ♘d5 22.♗xc4 ♗xc4 23.bxc4 ♘b4

24.♗d2 (24.♗a3 ♖fb8=) 24...♘c6=

**17.♕f2 ♕g6?!**

17...a5 18.♖d1 ♕e7 19.c4 ♘f4 20.♗xf4 exf4 21.♖d4 g5 22.♖ad1±

**18.c4 ♘b4 19.♗e3 ♖fd8**

19...♘c2 20.♖ad1 ♘xe3 21.♕xe3 ♕e6 22.c5±; 19...♘d3 20.♕g3±

**20.♖ad1 e4**

20...♘xa2 21.♗d3 ♕f6 22.♗b1 ♘b4 23.♗c5 a5 24.♖d6 ♕f4 25.b3±

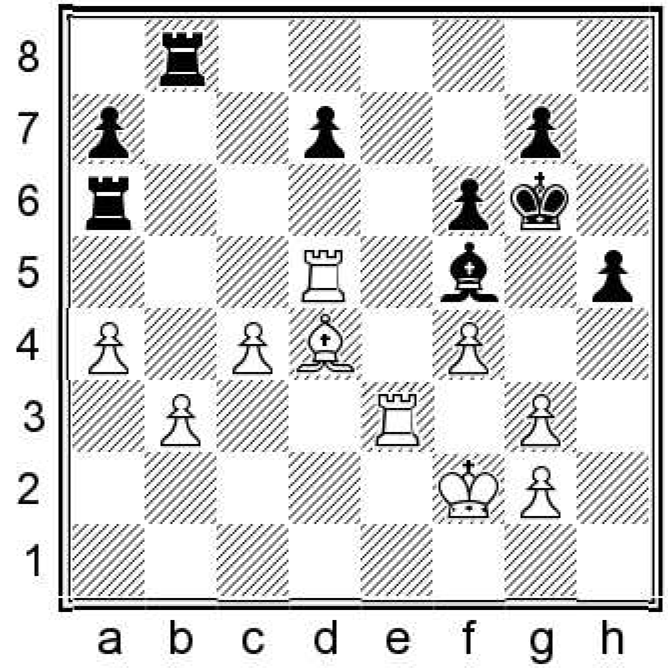
**21.f4 f6**

21...♘c2 22.♖d2 ♘xe3 23.♕xe3±

**22.♖d6 ♘d3 23.♕g3 ♕xg3 24.hxg3 ♖ac8 25.b3 ♖c6 26.♖d4 ♖a6 27.♗xd3 exd3 28.♖f2 ♖e8 29.♖xd3 ♖e7 30.♖fd2 ♗e4 31.♖c3**

31.♗c5 ♗xd3 32.♗xe7 ♗f5 33.♗d6±

**31...♗f5 32.♔f2 h5 33.a4 ♔f7 34.♗c5 ♖e8 35.♖e3 ♖b8 36.♖d5 ♔g6 37.♗d4**



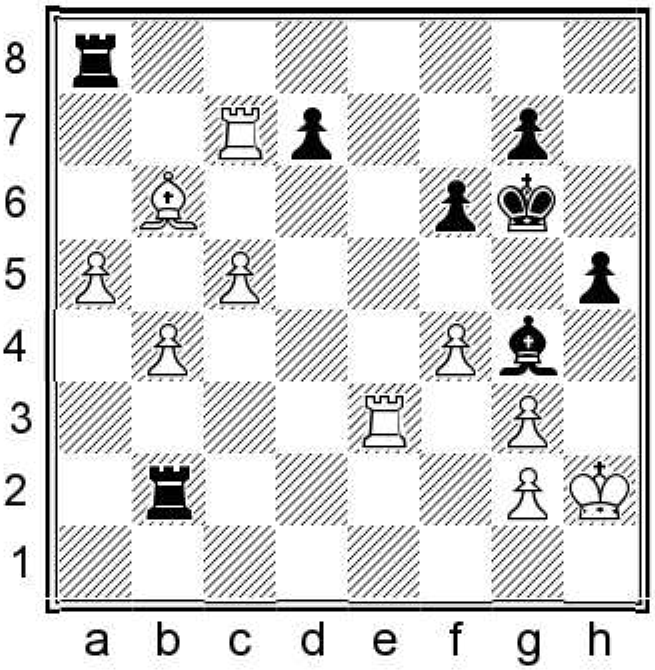
**37...♖c8**

⌓37...♖e6 38.♖xe6 ♗xe6 39.♖b5 ♖a8 40.a5±

**38.♖c5 ♖a8 39.♖c7 ♖d6**

39...♗g4±

**40.♗xa7 ♗g4 41.a5 ♖d2+ 42.♔g1 ♖b2 43.♗b6 ♖b1+ 44.♔h2 ♖b2 45.c5 ♖a2 46.b4 ♖b2**



**47.♖a7?**

47.b5! ♖xb5 48.♖e7 ♖g8 (48...♖b2 49.c6 dxc6 (49...♗f3 50.cxd7 ♖xg2+ 51.♔h3 ♖d2 52.♖xg7+!+-) 50.♖xg7+ ♔f5 51.♖xc6+-) 49.f5+! ♗xf5 50.a6 ♖b2 51.a7 ♗g4 (51...♖a2 52.♖b7 ♔h7 53.♖b8+-) 52.♔g1 ♖b1+ 53.♔f2 ♖b2+ 54.♔e1 ♖xg2 (54...♖a8 55.♖b7 ♖xg2 56.♖b8 ♗f3 57.♖ee8+-) 55.c6+-

**47...♖xa7 48.♗xa7 ♖xb4 49.♖a3**

49.c6 ♖c4! 50.cxd7 ♗xd7±

**49...♗f5 50.c6!**

50.a6 ♗e4 51.♗b6 ♖b2=

**50...♖c4!**

50...dxc6 51.♗c5 ♖b8 52.a6 ♖a8 53.a7+-

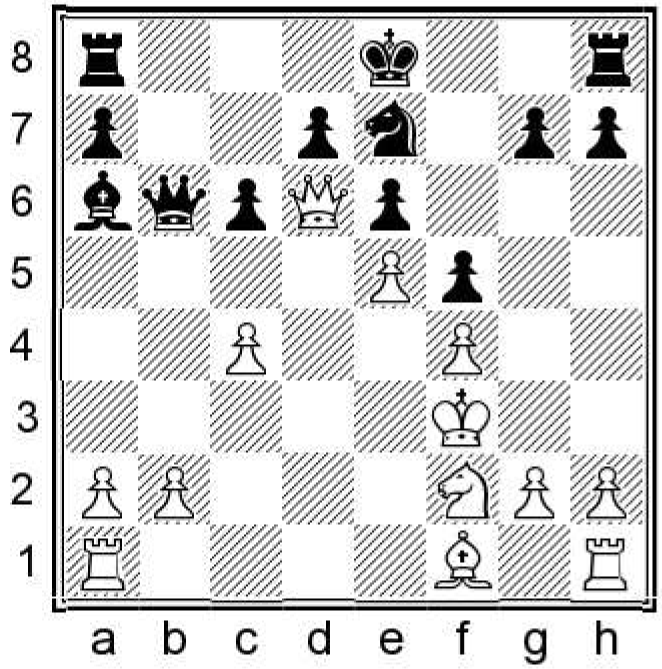
**51.♗c5**

51.a6 ♖xc6 52.♗b8 ♖c8 53.a7 ♗e4 54.a8=Q ♗xa8 55.♖xa8 d5 56.♔g1 d4 57.♔f2 ♖e8 58.f5+ ♔h7=; 51.cxd7 ♗xd7 52.a6 ♗c6=

**51...♖xc5 52.a6 ♖xc6 53.a7 ♖c8 54.a8=Q ♖xa8 55.♖xa8 ♗e6= 56.♖a5 ♗g4 57.♔g1 ♗f5 58.♔f2 ♗e4 59.♖c5 ♗c6 60.g4 hxg4 61.g3 f5 62.♔e3 ♔f6 63.♖a5 g5 64.♖c5 1/2-1/2**

**38. * B45**
**Todorovic, Goran M (2417) - Perunovic, Milos (2576)**
**Srbija (ch) 147/38, 2020**

**1.e4 c5 2.♘f3 e6 3.d4 cxd4 4.♘xd4 ♘f6 5.♘c3 ♘c6 6.♘xc6 bxc6 7.e5 ♘d5 8.♘e4 ♕c7 9.f4 ♕b6 10.c4 ♗b4+ 11.♔e2 f5 12.♘f2 ♗a6 13.♔f3 ♘e7 14.♗e3 ♗c5 15.♗xc5 ♕xc5 16.♕d6 ♕b6**



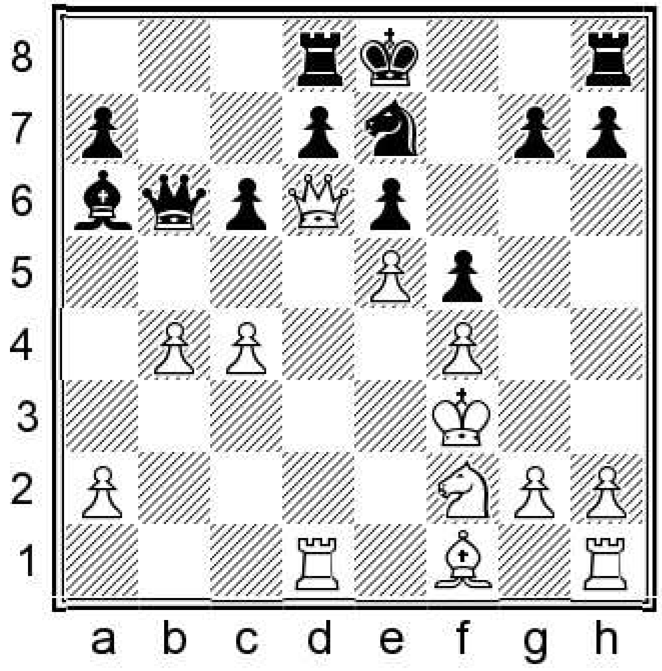
**17.♖d1!?**

17.b3 - 147/39

**17...♖d8**

17...♕xb2!? 18.♘d3 (18.♕xd7+ ♔f7 19.♕d2 ♕a3+ 20.♕e3 ♕xe3+ 21.♔xe3 ♖hb8∞) 18...♕xa2 19.♘c5 ♗xc4 20.♗xc4 ♕xc4 21.♖d4 ♕a2 22.♖a1 (22.♕xd7+ ♔f7 23.♘b7 ♖hb8 24.♖d3 ♔f8 25.♘c5 ♔f7=) 22...♕xa1 23.♕xd7+ ♔f7 24.♕xe6+ ♔e8 25.♕d7+ ♔f7=

**18.b4**



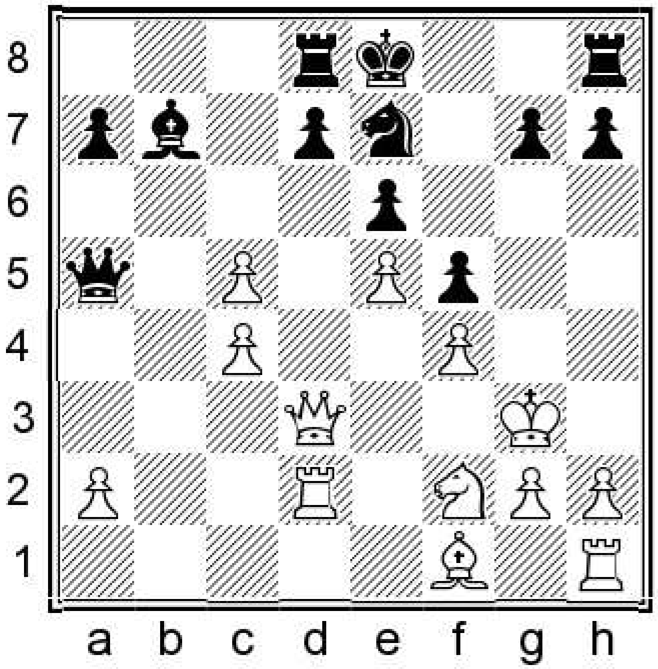
**18...c5N**

18...♗b7?! 19.♕c5±

**19.bxc5** - 147/38

19.b5 ♗b7+ 20.♔e3 ♘c8 21.♕xb6 axb6 22.♗e2 d5∞; 19.♔g3N Semenova,E (2328)-Nugumanov,B (2391) Chelyabinsk 147/(38) 2021 19...♗b7 (19...cxb4?? 20.c5+-) 20.♕xc5 (20.bxc5 ♕a5∞; 20.♕xb6 axb6 21.bxc5 bxc5 22.♘d3 ♖a8 23.♘xc5 ♗c6 24.♖d2 ♖a3+ 25.♘d3 (25.♗d3 g5!↑) 25...♖c3∞) 20...♕xc5 21.bxc5 g5! 22.fxg5 h6=∞

**19...♗b7+ 20.♔g3 ♕b2 21.♖d2 ♕c3+ 22.♕d3 ♕a5**



**23.♕d6?**

23.h4! ♕xc5 24.♖h3 O-O 25.♔h2 ♘c8∞

**23...g5! 24.fxg5?**

24.♗e2 gxf4+ 25.♔h3 ♘g6 26.♗h5 ♗c6∓

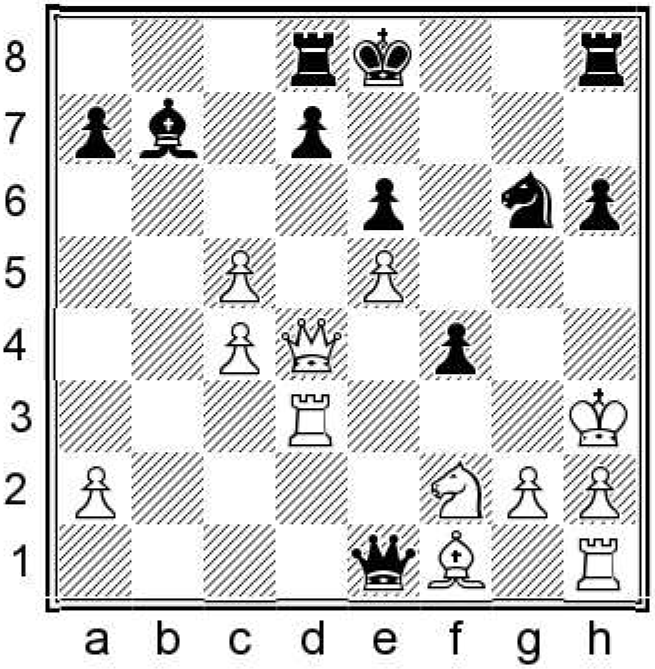
**24...♕c3+?**

24...f4+! 25.♔g4 (25.♔xf4 ♕c3 26.♕d4 (26.♘e4 ♘g6+ 27.♔g4 ♗xe4-+) 26...♖f8+ 27.♔g4 h5+! 28.gxh6 ♗f3+!-+; 25.♔h3 ♘f5 26.♕d3 ♖g8) 25...♘f5 26.♕d3 h6 27.g6 O-O-+

**25.♖d3 ♕e1 26.♕d4 f4+ 27.♔h3 h6**

27...♖g8 28.♖d1 ♕e3+ 29.♕xe3 fxe3 30.♘g4 ♖xg5 31.♗e2 ♘g6 32.♖hf1 ♔e7∓

**28.g6 ♘xg6?**



28...O-O 29.♖d1 ♕e3+ 30.♕xe3 fxe3 31.♘g4 ♘xg6 32.♔g3 (32.♘xe3?! ♖f2 33.♔g3 ♖xa2∓) 32...h5 33.♘xe3 h4+ 34.♔h3 ♖f2=∞

**29.♖b3! O-O! 30.♗d3**

30.♖xb7?! ♖f5 31.g4 fxg3 32.hxg3 ♖df8 33.♘g4 ♖h5+ 34.♔g2 ♖xh1 35.♔xh1 ♖xf1+ 36.♔g2 ♘xe5!∓

**30...♕e3+ 31.♕xe3 fxe3 32.♗xg6 exf2 33.♖f1 ♗a6**

33...♗c6 34.♔g3±

**34.♖f3?!**

34.♖g3 ♖f4 35.♗d3+ ♔h8 36.♖f3 ♖xf3+ 37.gxf3 ♖c8 38.♖xf2 ♖xc5 39.f4±

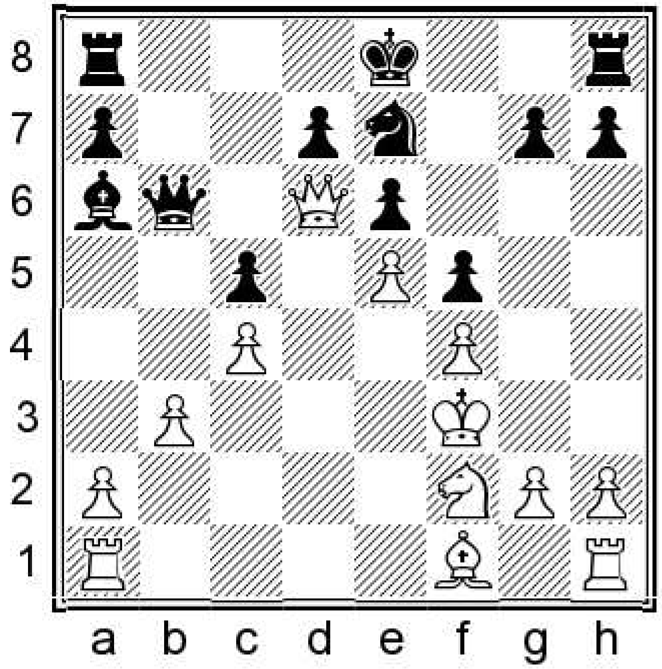
**34...♖xf3+ 35.gxf3 ♖c8 36.♖xf2 ♖xc5 37.♖d2 ♗xc4 38.♖xd7 ♖xe5 39.♖xa7 ♗d5 40.f4**

40.a4 ♗xf3 41.♔g3 ♗d5 42.h4 ♗c4=

**40...♖e3+ 41.♔g4 ♖e2 42.h4 ♖xa2 43.♖c7 ♖a4 44.♖e7 1/2-1/2**

**39. B45**
**Vachier Lagrave, Maxime (2784) - Dominguez Perez, Leinier (2758)**
**chess24.com (Int.-rapid) 147/39, 2021**

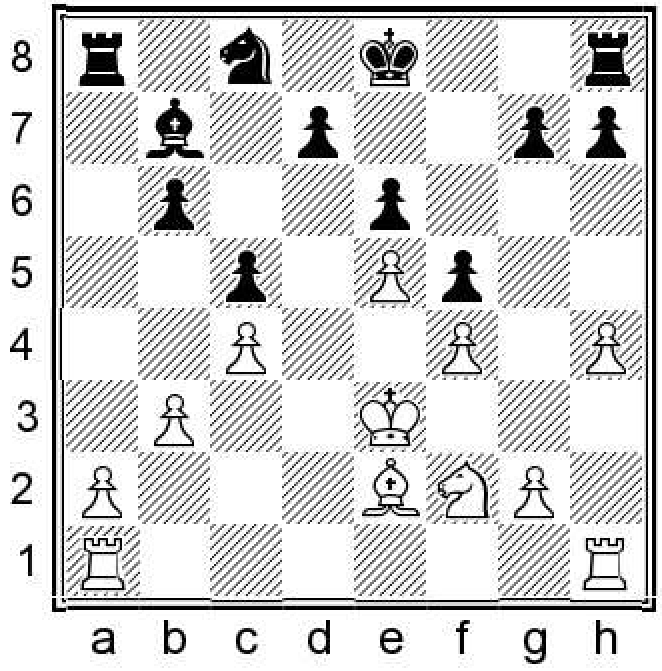
**1.e4 c5 2.♘f3 e6 3.d4 cxd4 4.♘xd4 ♘f6 5.♘c3 ♘c6 6.♘xc6 bxc6 7.e5 ♘d5 8.♘e4 ♕c7 9.f4 ♕b6 10.c4 ♗b4+ 11.♔e2 f5 12.♘f2 ♗a6 13.♔f3 ♘e7 14.♗e3 ♗c5 15.♗xc5 ♕xc5 16.♕d6 ♕b6 17.b3 c5**



**18.h4N**

18.♖d1 - 145/(45)

**18...♗b7+ 19.♔e3 ♘c8 20.♕xb6 axb6 21.♗e2**



**21...d5**

21...♖a3! 22.♘d1 (22.♖hd1 ♔e7 23.♖d2 (23.g4 fxg4 24.♗xg4 b5!⇄) 23...d5 24.exd6+ ♘xd6 25.♖ad1 ♖d8∞) 22...d5 23.exd6 (23.cxd5 exd5 24.♔f2 ♘e7 25.♘c3 ♗c6∞) 23...♘xd6 24.♘c3 ♔e7 25.♖hd1 ♖ha8 26.♖xd6 ♔xd6 27.♘b5+ ♔e7 28.♘xa3 ♖xa3=

**22.exd6 ♘xd6 23.a4! O-O**

23...e5 24.♖hd1 (24.fxe5 f4+ 25.♔d3 (25.♔xf4? O-O+ 26.♔g3 ♘f5+ 27.♔h2 ♘d4∓) 25...♘f5=∞) 24...♔e7 25.♘d3 exf4+ 26.♘xf4 ♖he8 27.♗f3⩲

**24.♖hd1 ♖fd8 25.g3**

25.g4!⩲

**25...♔f8**

25...e5! 26.♖a2 (26.fxe5? f4+! 27.♔xf4 ♖f8+ 28.♔e3 ♘f5+ 29.♔d2 ♘d4∓) 26...exf4+ 27.♔xf4 ♘f7! 28.♖xd8+ (28.♖ad2 ♖e8∞) 28...♘xd8 29.♔xf5 ♘c6 30.♔f4 ♖f8+ 31.♔e3 ♘d4=∞

**26.♘d3 ♗e4 27.♘e5 ♔e8**

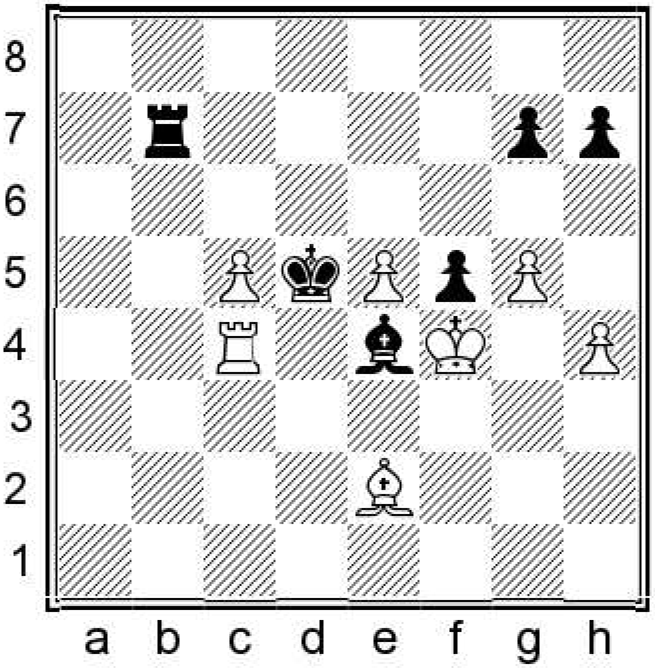
27...♘f7 28.♘d7+ ♔e7 29.♘xb6 ♖a6 30.a5 ♖xd1 31.♖xd1 (31.♗xd1 ♘d8∞) 31...♖xa5 32.♖d7+ ♔e8 33.♖c7⩲; 27...♘b7

**28.g4 ♘f7 29.♘xf7 ♔xf7 30.♖xd8 ♖xd8 31.a5 bxa5 32.♖xa5 ♖b8**

32...♖c8 33.♖a7+ (33.g5⩲) 33...♔f8 34.gxf5 exf5 (34...♗xf5 35.♖b7⩲) 35.♗d3 ♗xd3 36.♔xd3⩲

**33.♖b5 ♖c8 34.g5 ♖c7 35.b4 cxb4 36.♖xb4 ♔e7 37.♖a4 ♖b7 38.c5 ♗c6**

38...e5! 39.fxe5 ♔e6 40.♔f4 ♔d5 41.♖c4



(41.♗c4+ ♔xc5 42.♗e6 ♖b2 43.♗xf5 ♗c6 44.♖a5+ ♔b6 45.♖a3 g6 46.♗e6 ♖f2+ 47.♔g3 ♖g2+ 48.♔h3 ♖e2 49.♗g8 ♖xe5 50.♗xh7 ♗d7+ 51.♔g3 ♗f5⩲) 41...h6! (41...♖c7 42.h5 ♖xc5 43.♖xc5+ ♔xc5 44.h6 gxh6 45.gxh6+-; 41...g6 42.c6 ♖c7 43.h5 gxh5 (43...♖xc6 44.♖xc6 ♔xc6 45.h6+-) 44.♖c1 h4 (44...♖xc6? 45.♖xc6 ♔xc6 46.♗xh5 ♔d7 47.♗f7 ♔e7 48.♗g8+-) 45.♖d1+ ♔xc6 46.e6 h3 47.♗d3 ♗g2 48.♔xf5 ♖a7 49.♗e4+ ♗xe4+ 50.♔xe4 ♖a2 51.♔e5 ♖e2+ 52.♔f6 h2 53.e7 ♔c7 54.♔f7 ♖f2+ 55.♔e8 ♖e2 56.♖a1! ♖e3 57.♖b1! ♖e4 58.♔f7 ♖f4+ 59.♔e6 ♖e4+ 60.♔f6 ♖f4+ 61.♔e5 ♖f2

62.♔e6 ♖e2+ 63.♔f7 ♖f2+ 64.♔e8 ♖e2 65.♖d1!+-) 42.gxh6 (42.g6 ♖c7 43.♖c1 ♖xc5 44.♖xc5+ ♔xc5 45.♗a6 ♔c6 46.♗c8 ♗c2 47.♗xf5 ♗b3=) 42...gxh6 43.c6 (43.♖c1 ♖b4 44.c6 ♗d3+ 45.♔e3 ♗xe2 46.♔xe2 ♖b8=) 43...♖c7 44.♖c1 ♖xc6 45.♖d1+ ♔e6 46.♗b5 ♖c5 47.♗d7+ ♔e7 48.♗xf5 ♗d5±

**39.♖a6 ♗d5 40.♖b6! ♖xb6**

40...♖a7 41.♗a6 h6 (41...♖d7 42.h5 ♖d8 43.♗b5 ♖a8 44.♖a6 ♖b8 45.♖a7+ ♔f8 46.♖a5 ♔e7 47.♔d4+-) 42.g6 ♖c7 43.♔d4 ♖a7 44.h5 ♖c7 45.♗c4 ♗c6 46.♖b8 ♖a7 47.♖g8+-

**41.cxb6 ♔d6 42.♔d4 ♔c6**

42...♗b7 43.♗f1 h6 (43...♗c8 44.♗g2+-) 44.gxh6 gxh6 45.♗e2 ♗d5 46.♗a6 ♔c6 47.b7 ♔c7 48.♔e5+-

**43.♔e5 ♔xb6 44.♔d6 ♗b3 45.h5 h6 46.g6 ♗d5 47.♔e7 ♔c5 48.♔f8 ♔d4 49.♔xg7 e5 50.♔xh6 exf4 51.♔g5 f3 52.♗xf3 ♗xf3 53.h6 1-0**

**40. B45**
**Vitiugov, Nikita (2720) - Artemiev, Vladislav (2711)**
**Russia (ch) 147/40, 2020**

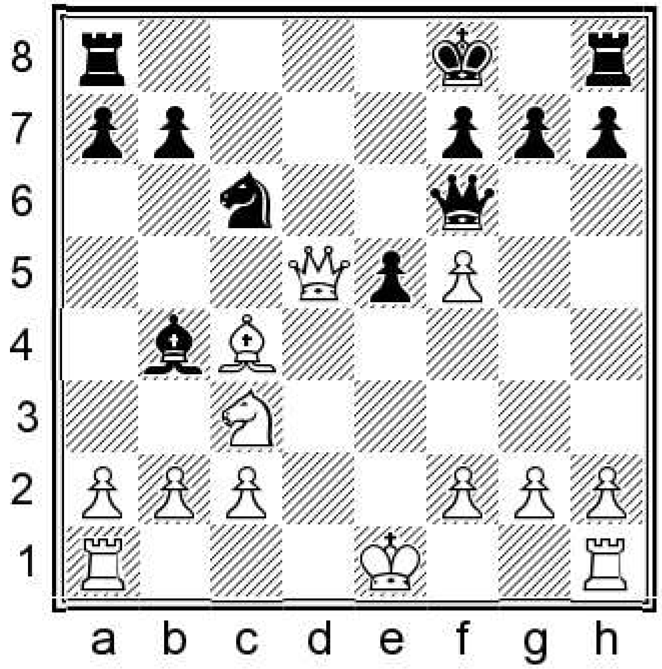
**1.e4 c5 2.♘f3 e6 3.d4 cxd4 4.♘xd4 ♘f6 5.♘c3 ♘c6 6.♘db5 ♗c5 7.♘d6+ ♔e7 8.♗f4 e5 9.♘f5+ ♔f8 10.♗g5 ♗b4**

10...d6 - 143/42

**11.♗c4 d5! 12.♗xf6 ♕xf6 13.♕xd5**

13.♗xd5 ♗xf5 14.exf5 ♖d8 15.O-O (15.a3 ♗xc3+ 16.bxc3 ♕xf5↑) 15...♘e7 16.♘e4 ♕xf5 17.♘g3 ♕f4 18.c4 h5↑

**13...♗xf5 14.exf5**



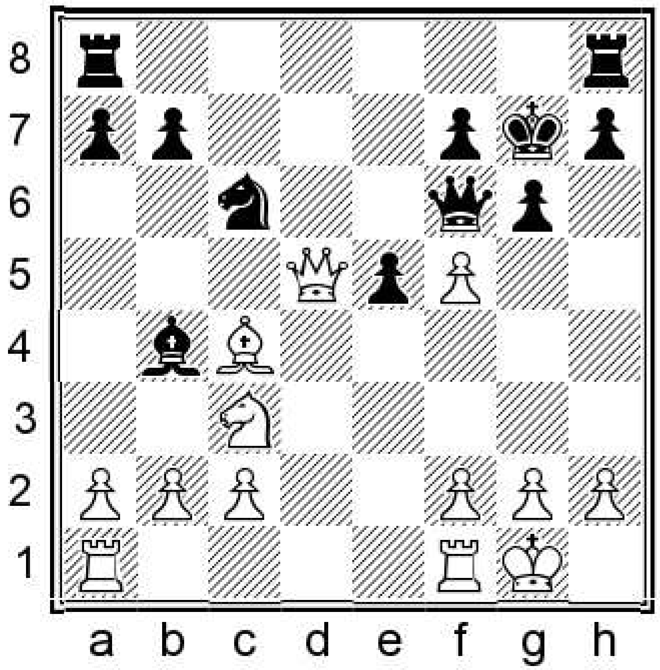
**14...g6!?N**

14...♕xf5 15.O-O g6 16.f4! (16.♗d3 ♕f6 17.♘e4 ♕e7 18.c3 ♖d8 19.♕c4 ♗a5∞) 16...♖d8 17.fxe5 ♕xf1+ 18.♖xf1 ♖xd5 19.♗xd5 (19.♘xd5 ♗c5+ 20.♔h1 ♘xe5=) 19...♘xe5 20.♗xb7 ♗xc3 21.bxc3 ♔e7=∞

**15.O-O**

15.fxg6 hxg6 16.O-O-O! ♔g7 (16...♗xc3 17.bxc3 ♔g7 18.♔b2±) 17.♕d3 ♖ad8 (17...♕g5+? 18.♔b1 ♕xg2 19.♗xf7!+-; 17...♕f4+?! 18.♔b1 ♗xc3 19.♕xc3 ♖xh2 20.♖xh2 ♕xh2 21.b3! ♖d8 (21...♕xg2 22.♖d7 ♖f8 23.♕e3±) 22.♖xd8 ♘xd8 23.♕e3 ♘c6 24.♗d5±) 18.♕e3 (18.♘d5!? ♕xf2∞) 18...♗xc3 19.bxc3±

**15...♔g7**



15...♗xc3 16.bxc3 gxf5 17.♕d7 ♔g7

**16.♘e4**

16.fxg6 hxg6 (16...♗xc3 17.bxc3 hxg6=∞) 17.♘e4 ♕f4 18.g3 ♕f5 19.c3 ♗e7 20.f3 ♖ad8 21.♕b5 ♕h3=∞; 16.g4!? gxf5 17.gxf5 ♗xc3 18.bxc3 ♕xf5 19.♔h1 ♖ad8 20.♕g2+ (20.♖g1+ ♔h6 21.♕xf7 ♕xf7 22.♗xf7 ♖hf8∞) 20...♔f6∞

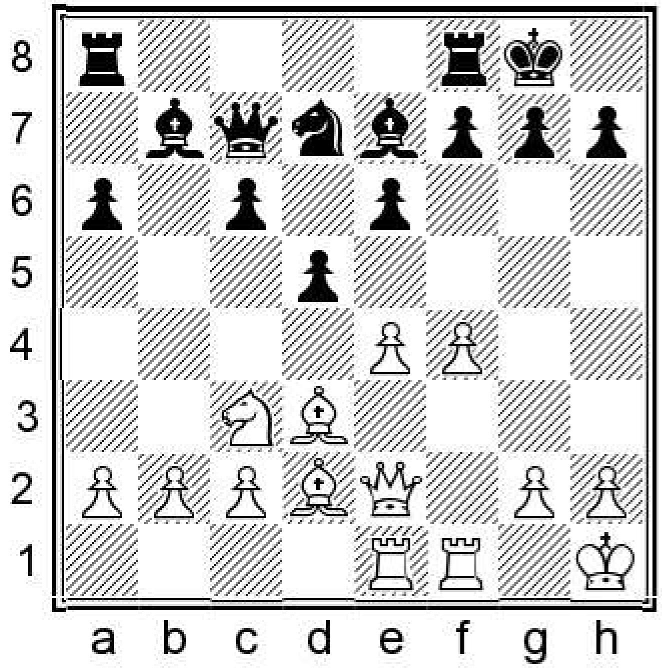
**16...♕xf5 17.c3 ♗e7 18.♘g3 ♕f4 19.♘e2 ♕f5 20.♘g3 ♕f4 21.♘e2 ♕f5 1/2-1/2**

**41. B46**
**Eljanov, Pavel (2672) - Vazquez Igarza, Renier (2556)**
**Los Cancajos 147/41, 2020**

**1.e4 c5 2.♘f3 e6 3.d4 cxd4 4.♘xd4 ♘c6 5.♘c3 ♕c7 6.f4 a6 7.♘xc6 bxc6 8.♗d3 d5 9.O-O ♘f6 10.♕e2 ♗e7 11.♗d2 ♗b7?!**

11...O-O 12.♖ae1 g6∞

**12.♖ae1 O-O 13.♔h1 ♘d7**

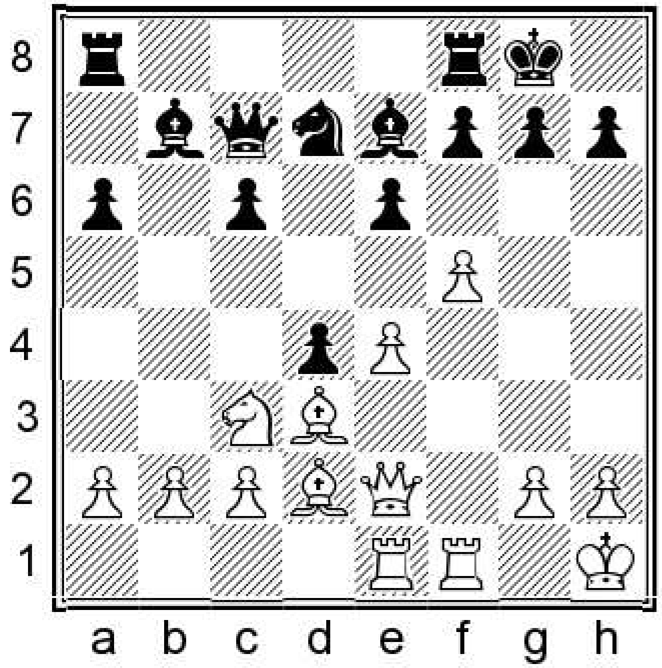


**14.f5!**

14.♘a4 - 92/(157)

**14...♗h4N**

14...d4



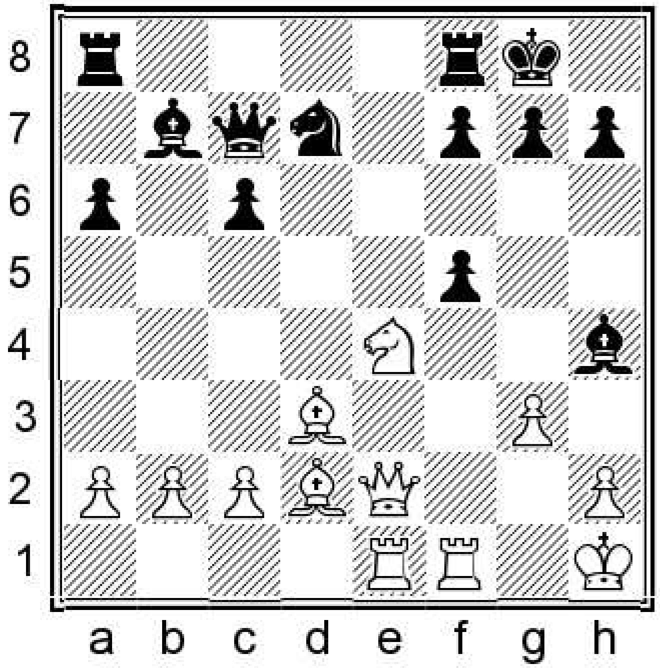
15.e5! dxc3 (15...♘xe5 16.♗f4 f6 17.♘e4 exf5 18.♘g5! fxg5 19.♗xe5 ♗d6 20.♗xd4 c5 21.♗c3±) 16.♗xc3 ♘c5 (16...exf5 17.♗xf5 ♘c5 (17...♗c8 18.♕g4 ♘c5 (18...g6 19.♗xg6! hxg6 20.e6+-) 19.e6 g6 (19...f6 20.♕h5+-) 20.exf7+ ♖xf7 21.♕d4+-) 18.e6 fxe6 (18...♘xe6 19.♗xe6 ♗h4 20.♗xf7+!+-) 19.♗xe6+ ♔h8 (19...♘xe6 20.♕xe6+ ♔h8 21.♖f7 ♖xf7 22.♕xf7+-) 20.♗f7! ♗g5 21.♕h5 ♗h6

(21...h6 22.♕g6+-; 21...♕d8 22.♖f5+-) 22.♖f5+-) 17.f6 ♘xd3 18.♕g4 g6 19.cxd3 ♖fd8 20.fxe7 ♕xe7 21.♖e3±; 14...e5 15.♖f3 ♘f6 16.♖g3 ♔h8 17.♖h3±

**15.g3 dxe4**

15...exf5 16.gxh4 fxe4 17.♗f4 (17.♘xe4 dxe4 18.♗xe4 c5 19.♕g2 ♗xe4 20.♖xe4±) 17...exd3 18.♕g2 ♕d8 19.♗h6 g6 20.♗xf8 ♘xf8 21.cxd3±; 15...♗f6 16.fxe6 fxe6 17.exd5 ♘e5 (17...exd5 18.♕e6+ ♔h8 19.♗f4 ♕d8 20.♕h3+-) 18.d6! ♕xd6 19.♗f4 c5+ 20.♗e4 ♕e7 21.♕g2 ♗xe4 22.♘xe4±

**16.♘xe4 exf5**



16...♗e7 17.fxe6 fxe6 18.♕g4+-

**17.♗f4**

17.♖xf5! ♗e7 18.♗a5 ♕c8 19.♗c3 c5 20.♔g1±

**17...♕b6 18.♘d6 c5+ 19.♘xb7 ♕xb7+ 20.♕g2 ♕xg2+ 21.♔xg2 ♗f6 22.♗xf5 ♘b6 23.♗d6 ♖fe8 24.b3 c4 25.♗c5 ♘d5??**

25...cxb3 26.axb3 ♖xe1 27.♖xe1 g6 28.♗xg6 hxg6 29.♗xb6±

**26.♗e4+- ♖ed8 27.♖f5 1-0**

**42. B46**
**Carlsen, Magnus (2862) - Harikrishna, Penteala (2732)**
**Wijk aan Zee 147/42, 2021**

**1.e4 c5 2.♘f3 e6 3.d4 cxd4 4.♘xd4 ♘c6 5.♘c3 ♕c7 6.f4 a6 7.♘xc6 bxc6 8.♗d3 d5 9.O-O ♘f6 10.♕e2 ♗e7 11.♗d2 c5**

11...O-O - 144/42

**12.b3**

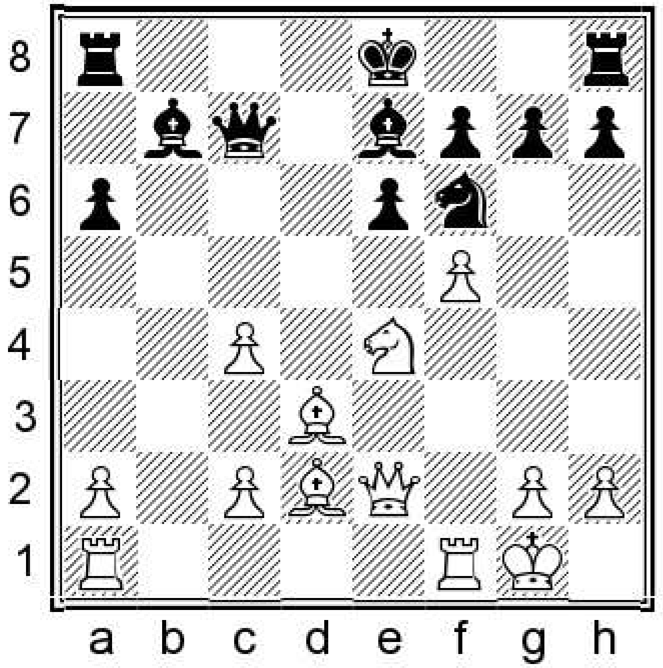
12.exd5 exd5 13.♖ae1 (13.♕e5 ♖a7!∓) 13...c4 14.♕e5 (14.♘xd5 ♘xd5 15.♗xc4 ♗b7 16.♔h1 ♔f8∓) 14...♖a7 15.♗e2 (15.♗f5 O-O∓) 15...O-O∞

**12...♗b7**

12...c4

**13.♖ae1**

13.f5 c4 14.bxc4 dxe4 15.♘xe4

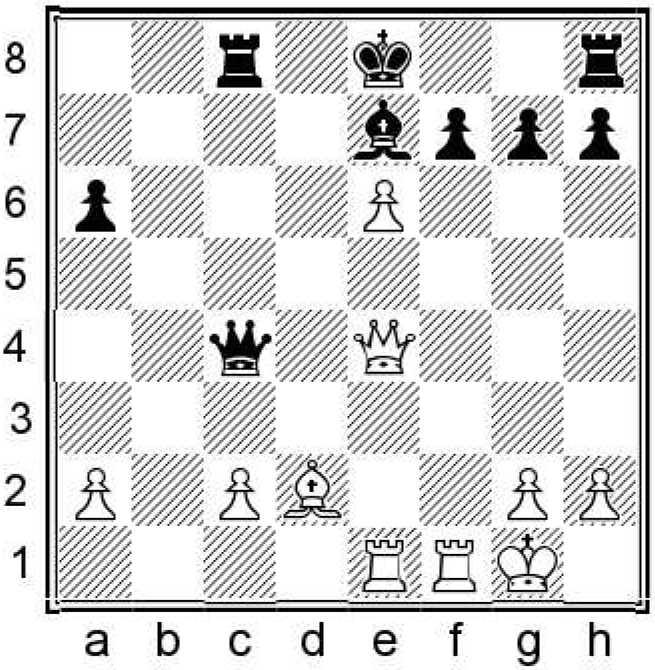


15...♗xe4 (15...e5!? 16.♘xf6+ (16.♗g5 ♘xe4 17.♗xe7 ♘c3 18.♕d2 ♔xe7 19.♕xc3 ♕c5+ 20.♔h1 f6∞; 16.♖ab1 O-O∞) 16...♗xf6 17.♖ab1 O-O 18.♕f2 ♗c6∞) 16.♗xe4 ♘xe4 17.♕xe4 O-O 18.fxe6 (18.♖ae1 ♖ac8 19.fxe6 f6∞) 18...♕b6+ 19.♔h1 ♕xe6∞; 13.exd5 exd5 14.♖ae1 (14.♕e5 ♕c6! 15.♘a4 (15.♖ae1 O-O!∓) 15...♔f8 16.♖ae1 ♖e8 17.♕a1 h5∞) 14...c4 (14...♔f8 15.♘a4 ♖e8 16.c4 d4 17.♕f2 ♗c6 (17...h5∞) 18.♖e5 ♘g4 19.♕g3 h5∞) 15.bxc4 dxc4 16.♗xc4 ♖d8 17.♗d3 (17.♗b3 ♕c5+ (17...h5) 18.♖f2 (18.♔h1 O-O!=∞) 18...♘g4 19.♕xe7+ ♕xe7 20.♖xe7+ ♔xe7 21.♖e2+ ♔d6 22.♗xf7 ♘f6∞) 17...♖d7=∞; 13.e5 ♘d7 14.♖ae1 c4 15.bxc4 dxc4 16.♗e4 O-O 17.♗xb7 ♕xb7 18.♘e4 ♘c5∞

**13...c4! 14.bxc4 dxe4 15.♘xe4 ♘xe4 16.♗xe4 ♗xe4 17.♕xe4 ♖c8 18.f5**

18.♖b1 O-O (18...♗d6∞) 19.♖b7 ♗c5+ 20.♔h1 ♕c6 21.♕xc6 ♖xc6∞; 18.♗c3 O-O

**18...♕xc4 19.fxe6**



**19...f6! 20.♕b7**

20.c3 ♗c5+ 21.♔h1 ♕xe4 22.♖xe4 ♔e7∞; 20.♖f3 ♕xe4 21.♖xe4 ♖xc2 22.♗b4 ♗xb4 23.♖xb4 ♔e7=

**20...♕c6N**

20...♖c7 21.♕b8+ ♖c8 22.♕g3 O-O (22...g6? 23.♗h6 ♕d4+ 24.♔h1 ♗d6 25.♕h3 ♖c3 26.♗e3 ♕e5 27.♕h4 ♖xe3 28.♖xe3 ♕xe3 29.♕a4+ ♔f8 30.♕d7 ♗e7 31.♖xf6++-) 23.♗h6 ♕d4+ 24.♖f2 f5 25.♗e3 ♕e4=

**21.♖b1 ♗c5+ 22.♔h1 ♕xb7 23.♖xb7 O-O 24.♖e1 ♖fe8= 25.g3 ♖c6 26.e7 ♔f7 27.c4 ♗d6 28.♗b4 ♗xb4 29.♖xb4 ♖xe7 30.♖xe7+ ♔xe7 1/2-1/2**

**43. * B48**
**Deac, Bogdan Daniel (2625) - Alexakis, Dimitris (2450)**
**chess.com (ol-rapid) 147/43, 2020**

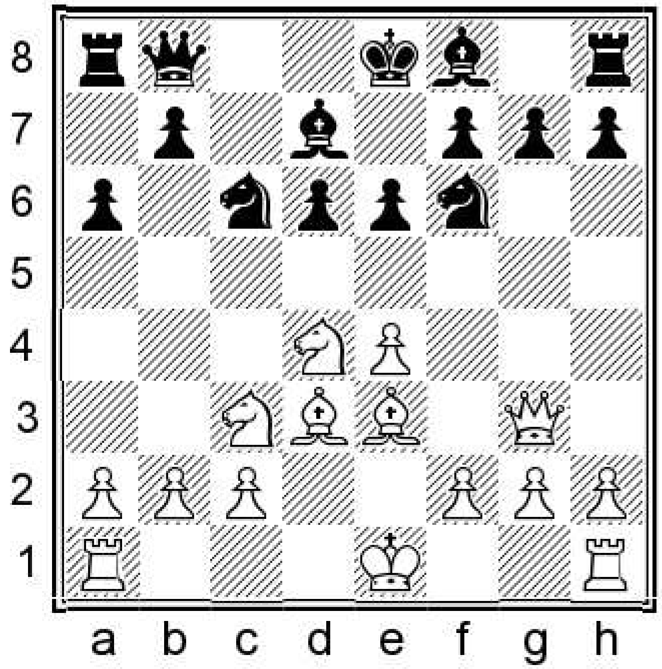
**1.e4 c5 2.♘f3 e6 3.d4 cxd4 4.♘xd4 ♘c6 5.♘c3 ♕c7 6.♕d3 ♘f6**

6...♘xd4 - 141/49

**7.♘db5 ♕b8 8.♕g3 d6 9.♗e3 a6 10.♘d4 ♗d7**

10...h5 11.f3 - 140/58

**11.♗d3**



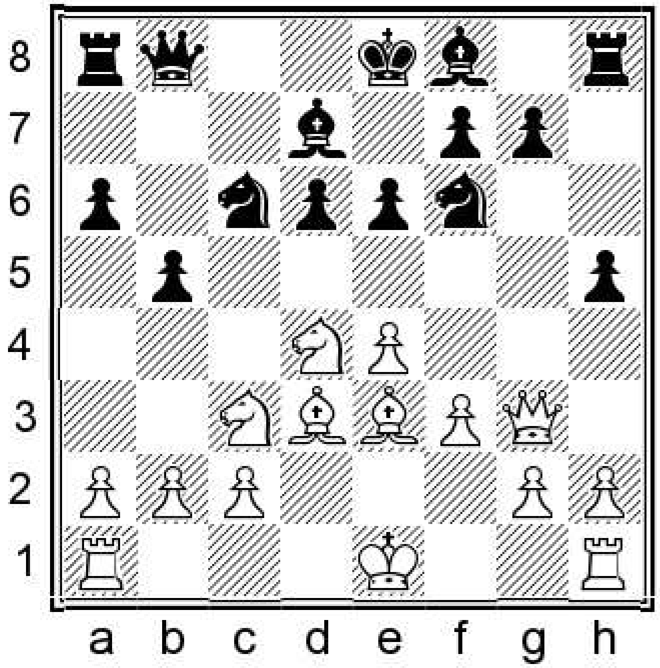
11.♗e2 b5 12.f3 b4 13.♘xc6 ♗xc6 14.♘d1 d5 15.e5 ♘d7 16.f4 ♗b5⇄

**11...h5!?N**

11...b5 12.f4 (12.f3 ♘xd4 13.♗xd4 b4 14.♘e2 e5 15.♗e3 ♗e7 16.O-O O-O 17.♖ad1 a5⇄; 12.O-O h5 13.f3 h4 14.♕f2 h3 15.g3 ♘e5⇄; 12.a3 h5 13.f3 ♘e5 14.O-O h4 15.♕f2 ♗e7∞) 12...g6 (12...b4 13.♘b1 g6 14.♘d2 ♗g7 15.♘e2 ♘h5 16.♕f3 ♗xb2 17.♖b1 ♗g7 18.♘c4 O-O 19.♘b6 ♖a7 20.h4!? (20.e5 ♘e7! 21.exd6 ♘f5 22.♗f2 ♘f6 23.c4 ♕xd6∓) 20...♘f6 21.h5 ♗e8 (21...♘xh5 22.♘xd7 ♖xd7 23.e5↑) 22.♘c4 ♖d7 23.♕h3 (23.g4 d5!) 23...d5 24.♘d2=∞) 13.O-O (13.♘xc6 ♗xc6 14.♗d4 ♗g7 15.♕h4 ♕d8⇄) 13...♗g7 14.♕h4 (14.♘xc6 ♗xc6 15.f5 b4 16.fxe6 bxc3 17.exf7+ ♔xf7 18.bxc3 ♖f8! 19.♗c4+ d5 20.e5 ♔g8∞) 14...♕d8!? 15.♘xc6 ♗xc6 16.f5 ♘d7 17.♗g5 ♕b6+ 18.♔h1 h6 19.♗d2 (19.♗e7!? g5 20.♕h5 ♔xe7 21.fxe6 fxe6 22.♕f7+ ♔d8 23.♕xg7 ♔c7 24.♖f7 ♖ag8! 25.♕f6 ♖e8 26.a4 ♔b8∞) 19...exf5!? (19...g5 20.♕g3 ♗xc3 21.♗xc3 e5 22.♖ad1±) 20.exf5 g5 21.♖ae1+ ♔f8 22.♕h3 ♗f6∞ 23.♗e4 (23.♘e4 ♗xe4 24.♗xe4 ♖e8∞) 23...♖e8! 24.♕f3 (24.♗xc6 ♖xe1 25.♖xe1 ♕xc6 26.♘e4 ♗e5∞) 24...♘e5 25.♕h5 ♖e7 26.♗e3 ♕b7 27.♗xc6 ♕xc6 28.♗d4 d5! 29.♘d1!? ♕d6 (29...♕xc2? 30.♘c3+-) 30.c3 (30.♘f2 ♘d3!⇄) 30...b4 31.♖e2 ♘d7 32.♗g1 ♔g7 33.♖xe7 ♕xe7 34.♘e3 ♕e4⇄

**12.f4** - 147/43

12.f3N b5



13.O-O-O (13.h3 b4 14.♘xc6 ♗xc6 15.♘e2 d5) 13...♘e5⇄ 14.♔b1 b4 15.♘ce2 a5∞ Rios,C (2464) - Sanchez,S (2431) Colombia (ch) 147/(43) 2020

**12...b5 13.h3**

13.O-O ♘g4 (13...b4 14.♘ce2 h4 15.♕f3 e5 16.♘xc6 ♗xc6 17.a3 ♗e7 18.axb4 ♕xb4 19.♘c3 h3) 14.♘ce2 ♘xe3 15.♕xe3 ♕a7 16.c3 e5 17.♘c2 ♗e7 18.♔h1 ♕xe3 19.♘xe3 ♖b8∞; 13.♘f3!? ♘g4 (13...b4 14.♘a4 d5 15.♘g5↑) 14.♗d2±

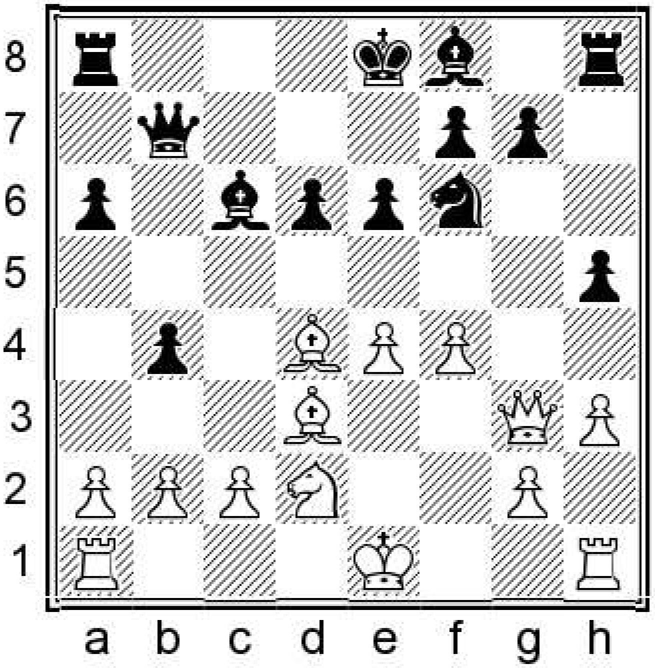
**13...♘xd4 14.♗xd4 b4 15.♘b1**

15.e5 dxe5 16.♗xe5 ♕b6!? 17.♘e4 h4 18.♘xf6+ gxf6 19.♕f3 fxe5 20.♕xa8+ ♔e7 21.♕e4 f5 22.♕xe5 ♖g8=∞; 15.♘d1!? e5 16.fxe5 h4 17.♕g5! ♖h5 (17...♘h5 18.e6 ♗xe6 19.O-O) 18.♕d2 dxe5 19.♗e3 ♗e6 (19...♕b7 20.♘f2 ♗c6 21.O-O-O±) 20.♘f2 ♗e7 21.O-O±

**15...♗c6**

15...e5!? 16.fxe5 h4 17.♕f3 (17.♕h2 ♘h5!⇄; 17.♕g5 ♖h5 18.♕d2 dxe5 19.♗e3 ♕b7 20.♕f2 ♗c6⇄) 17...dxe5 18.O-O exd4 19.e5 ♘h5 20.♕xf7+ ♔d8 21.♕d5 ♖a7 22.♘d2 (22.e6 ♕g3! 23.exd7 ♗d6) 22...♕b6 23.♖f7 ♗e7∞

**16.♘d2 ♕b7**



**17.♕f3**

17.♕e3! ♗e7 (17...d5 18.e5 ♘e4 19.♗xe4 dxe4 20.O-O-O Δ Rhe1+/ -) 18.O-O d5 (18...♗b5 19.e5±) 19.e5 ♘e4 20.♗xe4 dxe4 21.f5 exf5 22.♖xf5 ♗d5 23.c4±

**17...♗e7**

⌓17...d5 18.e5 (18.exd5 ♗xd5 19.♕f2 ♗e7 20.O-O ♖d8 21.♖ae1 O-O 22.f5 ♗xg2 23.♗xf6 ♗xf1 24.♗xe7 ♗xd3 25.♗xd8 ♗xc2 26.♘c4 ♗xf5 27.♗e7 (27.♗a5 ♗xh3) 27...♕xe7 28.♕xf5 ♕h4 29.♕f1 ♖d8=∞) 18...♘e4 19.♗xe4 (19.♘b3 a5⇄) 19...dxe4 20.♕e3 ♗e7 21.♘c4 (21.O-O-O a5⇄ Δ a4) 21...♗d5 22.♘d6+ ♗xd6 23.exd6 ♖c8 (23...O-O?! 24.g4!±) 24.O-O O-O 25.♖f2 f6∞

**18.O-O d5 19.e5**

19.exd5 ♗xd5 20.♕f2 ♖d8 - 17...d5

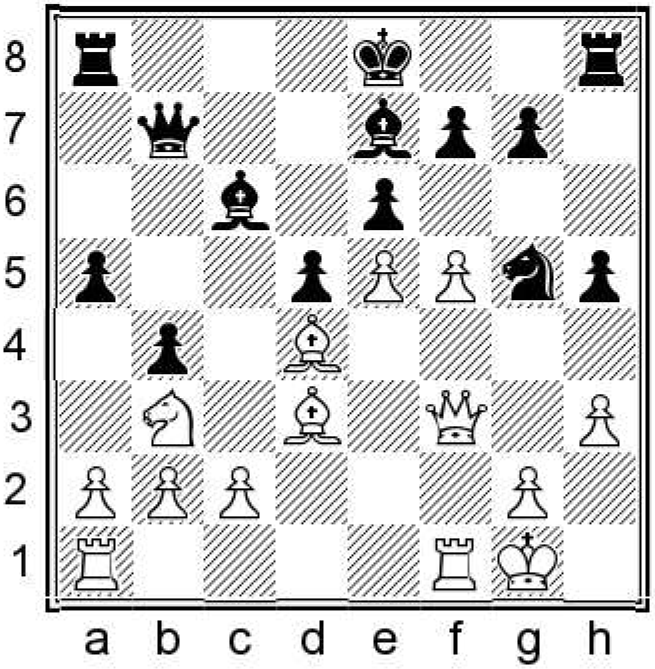
**19...♘e4 20.♘b3**

20.♗xe4 dxe4 21.♕e3 ♖c8 (21...O-O 22.♖ae1) 22.c3±

**20...a5**

⌓20...♗b5 21.♖fe1 (21.f5 ♕c8!?∞) 21...♖c8 22.♖ad1 ♗h4⇄

**21.f5! ♘g5?!**



21...♗d7 22.fxe6 ♗xe6 23.♖ae1 ♕c7 24.♖e2±

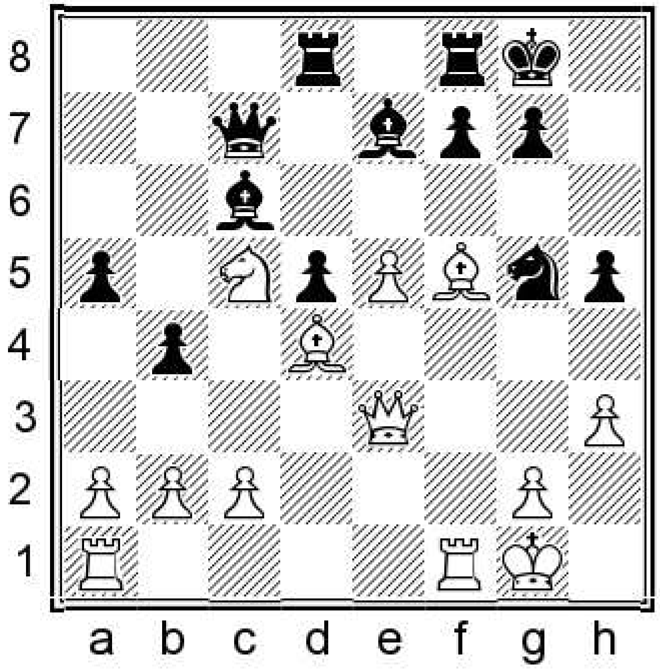
**22.♕f4**

22.♕g3! exf5 23.♗xf5± O-O 24.♗e3 ♘e4 25.♗xe4 dxe4 26.♗h6 g6 27.e6 ♕b8 28.exf7+ ♔h7 29.♕e3+-

**22...exf5 23.♗xf5 O-O 24.♘c5!**

24.e6 ♗b5 25.♖fe1 fxe6 26.♖xe6 ♖a6 27.♖xa6 ♕xa6 28.♖e1 ♗f6 29.♖e3 ♘e4 30.♗xe4 dxe4 31.♕xe4 ♗c6 32.♕e6+ ♔h7 33.♖g3 ♕c8 34.♕e2↑

**24...♕c7 25.♕e3 ♖ad8?**

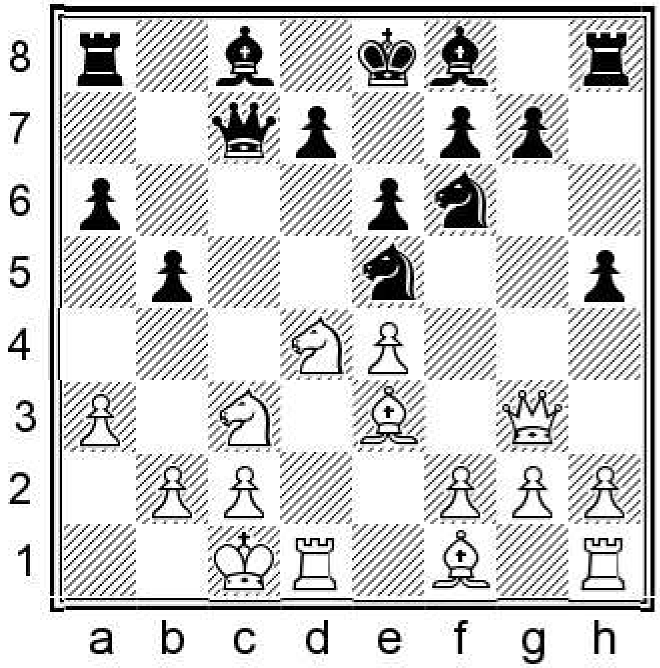


25...♖ae8 26.♖ae1 ♗b5 27.♖f4±

**26.e6! ♘e4 27.exf7+ ♖xf7 28.♗e6+- ♖f8 29.♖xf7 ♖xf7 30.♖f1 ♗e8 31.♘xe4 dxe4 32.♕xe4 ♗d6 33.♕g6 ♗f8 34.♕xh5 ♕e7 35.♕d5 a4 36.b3 a3 37.c4 bxc3 38.♗xc3 ♕c7 39.♗e5 ♕a7+ 40.♔h2 ♕e7 41.b4 ♕a7 42.b5 ♗c5 43.♖xf7 ♗xf7 44.♗xf7+ ♕xf7 45.♕xc5 1-0**

**44. B48**
**Kostenko, Petr (2429) - Jumabayev, Rinat (2654)**
**Kazakhstan 147/44, 2020**

**1.e4 c5 2.♘f3 e6 3.d4 cxd4 4.♘xd4 ♘c6 5.♘c3 ♕c7 6.♗e3 a6 7.♕f3 ♘f6 8.O-O-O ♘e5 9.♕g3 b5 10.a3 h5?!**



10...♗b7 - 144/45

**11.♗f4N**

11.f4; 11.h4

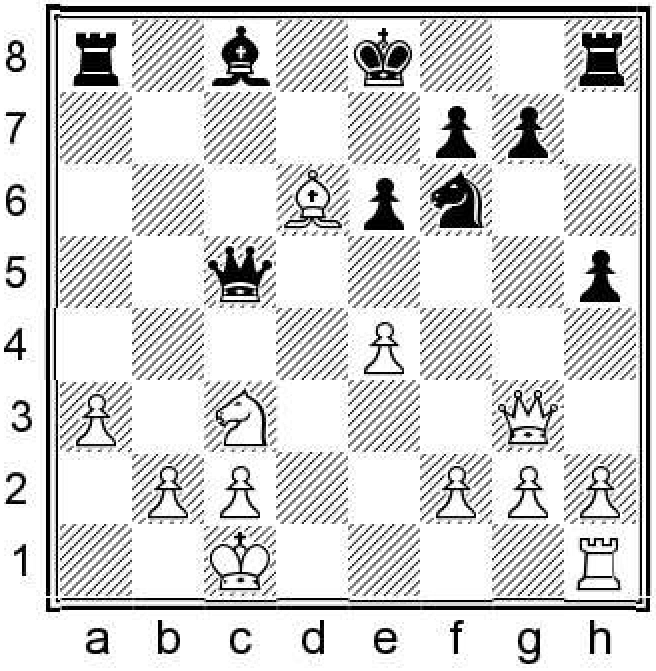
**11...d6 12.♗xb5+! axb5 13.♘dxb5**

13.♗xe5! dxe5 14.♘cxb5 ♕b7 (14...♕c5 15.b4 ♕c4 16.♕xe5 ♗xb4 17.♘c7+ ♔f8 18.♘xa8 ♗xa3+ 19.♔b1+-) 15.♕xe5 ♗e7 16.♘c7+ ♔f8 17.♘xa8 ♕xa8 18.f3±

**13...♕b8**

13...♕c5 14.b4 ♕c6 15.♘xd6+ ♗xd6 16.♖xd6 ♕xd6 17.♗xe5 ♕a6 18.♕xg7 ♕xa3+ 19.♔d1 ♖g8 20.♕xf6+-

**14.♘xd6+ ♗xd6 15.♖xd6 ♕xd6 16.♗xe5 ♕c5 17.♗d6**



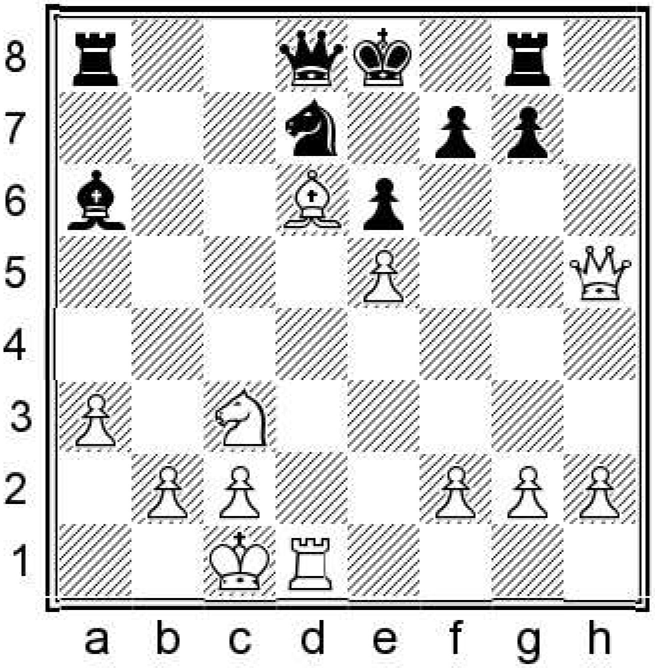
**17...♕b6**

17...h4! 18.♕xg7 ♕xd6 19.♕xh8+ ♔e7 20.♕xh4 ♖xa3! 21.♘d5+ (21.bxa3 ♕xa3+ 22.♔d2 ♕b4 23.♖d1 ♕d4+ 24.♔e1 ♕xc3+ 25.♔f1 ♕xc2 26.♖e1±) 21...exd5 22.e5 ♕xe5 (22...♖a1+ 23.♔d2 ♕xe5 24.♖xa1 ♕xb2 25.♖a4±) 23.♕b4+ ♔d7 24.♕xa3 ♕g5+ 25.♕e3 ♕xg2 26.♖e1 ♘e4 27.h4±

**18.♖d1 ♖g8 19.e5 ♘d7**

19...♘d5 20.♘e4 ♖a4 (20...♗b7 21.♗c5 ♕a6 22.♕g5 ♖d8 23.♘d6+ ♔d7 24.♕xh5+-) 21.♗c5 ♕c6 22.b4 ♗a6 23.♖xd5 exd5 24.♘f6+ ♔d8 25.♘xg8+-; 19...♘g4 20.♕h4 g5 (20...♕d8 21.♕xh5+-) 21.♕xh5 ♘xf2 22.♕h7+-

**20.♕g5 ♕d8 21.♕xh5 ♗a6**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**22.♘d5! exd5**

22...♖c8 23.♕h7 ♖f8 24.♕xg7 exd5 25.e6+-

**23.e6 ♘e5 24.♕xe5 ♗b7**

24...f6 25.♕xd5 ♖c8 26.♕h5+ g6 27.♕h7+-

**25.♖d3 f5 26.♖g3 ♕a5 27.♗b4 ♕b5 1-0**

# B50-B74

**45. B50**
**Aronian, Levon (2781) - Dubov, Daniil (2710)**
**chess24.com (Int.-rapid) 147/45, 2021**

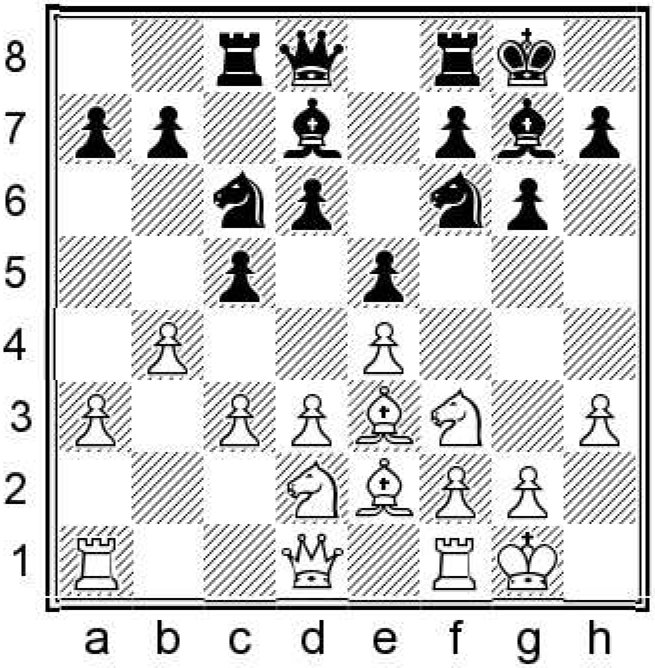
**1.e4 c5 2.♘f3 d6 3.c3 ♘f6 4.♗e2 ♗d7 5.d3 g6 6.O-O ♗g7 7.♗e3**

7.♖e1 - 77/(180)

**7...O-O 8.♘bd2 ♘c6 9.h3 e5 10.a3 ♖c8**

10...b6 11.b4 ♘h5 12.♖e1 ♘f4 13.♗f1 ♘e6∞

**11.b4**



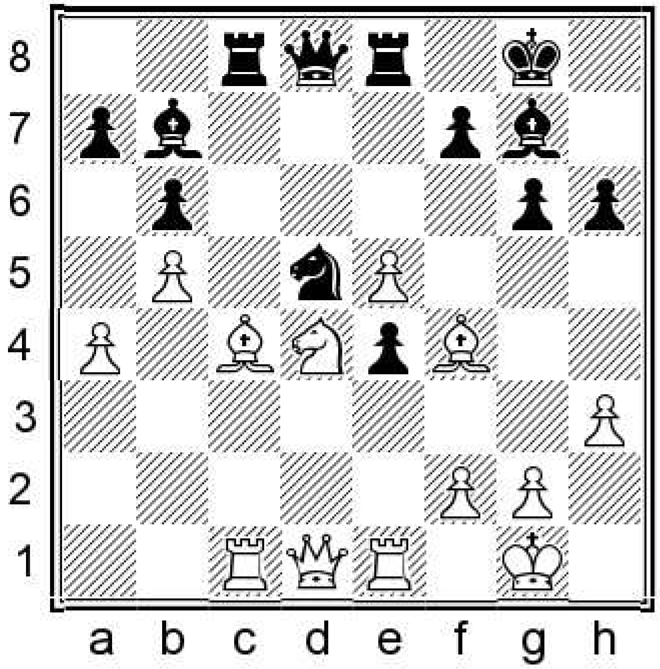
**11...b6N**

11...♕e7 12.♖e1 b6 13.♗f1 d5! 14.exd5 ♘xd5=

**12.♖e1 h6 13.♖c1 ♖e8 14.b5 ♘e7 15.a4 ♗e6 16.d4 cxd4**

⌓16...d5 17.dxe5 (17.♘xe5 ♘xe4∞) 17...♘xe4 18.♗d3 (18.♘xe4?! dxe4 19.♘d2 ♘d5∓) 18...♗f5 19.♕c2 ♘xd2 20.♗xd2 ♗xd3 21.♕xd3 ♕d7∞

**17.cxd4 d5 18.dxe5 ♘xe4 19.♘xe4 dxe4 20.♘d4 ♗d5 21.♗f4 ♗b7 22.♗c4 ♘d5?!**



22...♗d5 23.♘c6 (23.♗xd5 ♘xd5 (23...♕xd5?! 24.♖xc8 ♖xc8 25.♘c6! ♕e6 26.♘xe7+ ♕xe7 27.♖xe4±) 24.♖xc8 ♕xc8 25.♗g3 ♕c4∞) 23...♗xc6 24.bxc6 ♕xd1 25.♖cxd1 ♘xc6 26.e6 fxe6 27.♖xe4=∞

**23.e6?**

23.♘c6! ♗xc6 24.♗xd5 ♕xd5 (24...♗xd5 25.♖xc8 ♕xc8 26.♕xd5±) 25.♖xc6 (25.bxc6 ♕xd1 26.♖exd1 ♗xe5 27.♗xe5 ♖xe5 28.c7 ♔f8 29.♖d8+ ♖e8 30.♖d7 ♖e7=) 25...♕xd1 26.♖xd1 g5 27.♗g3 ♖cd8 28.♖xd8 ♖xd8 29.♔f1±

**23...♖xc4 24.exf7+ ♔xf7 25.♘c6**

25.♖xc4 ♘xf4∓

**25...♗xc6 26.♖xc4 ♗b7 27.♕b3 ♔g8 28.♖d1?!**

28.♖cxe4 ♖xe4 29.♖xe4 ♔h7 30.♗g3 ♘c3 31.♖e1 ♕d4 32.♕f7 ♗d5 33.♕xa7 ♘e4∓

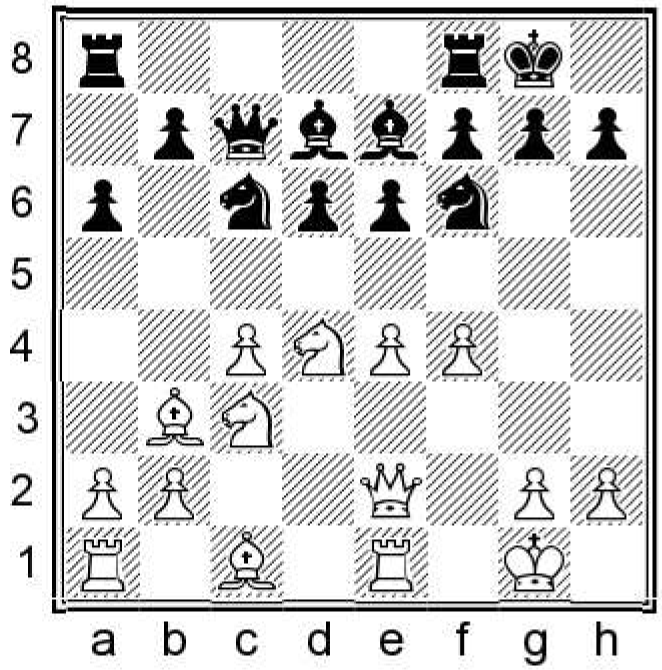
**28...♖e7 29.♖c6 ♖d7 30.♖xd5??**

30.♖xg6 ♔h7 31.♕g3 ♕e8 32.♖d6 ♖xd6 33.♗xd6 e3∓

**30...♖xd5 31.♖d6 ♕a8 32.♖xg6 ♔h7 33.♖xg7+ ♔xg7 34.♕c3+ ♔g6 35.♗e5 ♕f8 36.♗d4 ♕d6 0-1**

**46. B51**
**Nakamura, Hikaru (2736) - So, Wesley (2770)**
**chess.com (Int.-m/39-blitz) 147/46, 2020**

**1.e4 c5 2.♘f3 d6 3.♗b5+ ♘d7 4.♗a4 ♘f6 5.O-O e6 6.♖e1 a6 7.c4 ♗e7 8.d4 cxd4 9.♘xd4 O-O 10.♘c3 ♘e5 11.♕e2 ♕c7 12.♗b3 ♗d7 13.f4 ♘c6**

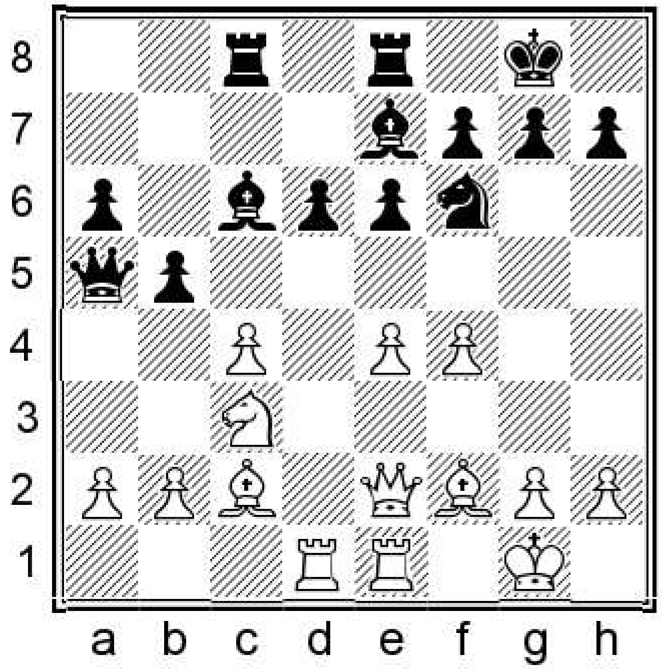


13...♘g6 - 145/49

**14.♗e3N**

14.♘xc6 ♗xc6 15.♗d2 b5!∞

**14...♖ac8 15.♘xc6 ♗xc6 16.♗f2 ♖fe8 17.♖ad1 ♕a5 18.♗c2 b5?**



18...g6 19.♗d3 (19.e5 dxe5 20.fxe5 ♘d7∞) 19...b5! 20.cxb5 axb5 21.e5 (21.♗xb5?! ♘xe4!∓; 21.♘xb5?! ♘xe4!∓) 21...dxe5 22.fxe5 ♘d5 23.♘xd5 ♗xd5 24.♗xb5 ♖ed8∞

**19.e5! dxe5 20.fxe5 ♘d7 21.♖xd7! ♗xd7 22.♕d3 g6**

22...♗c5 23.♗xc5 ♖xc5 24.♕xh7+ (24.♕xd7 ♖d8∞) 24...♔f8 25.♗g6! ♖c7 (25...fxg6 26.♖f1+ ♔e7 27.♕h4+ g5 28.♕xg5#) 26.♖f1 ♗c6 27.♕h8+ ♔e7 28.♖xf7+ ♔d8 29.♖f8+-

**23.♕xd7 ♗b4**

23...♕b4 24.♘e4 ♕xb2 25.♗b3 bxc4 (25...♕xe5 26.c5+-) 26.♗xc4 ♖cd8 27.♕a4 ♕xe5 28.♗xa6±; 23...♖cd8 24.♕a7±

**24.♘e4??**

24.♖f1 ♖ed8 25.♕b7 ♖xc4 26.♘e4±

**24...♗xe1 25.♘f6+ ♔g7 26.♘xe8+**

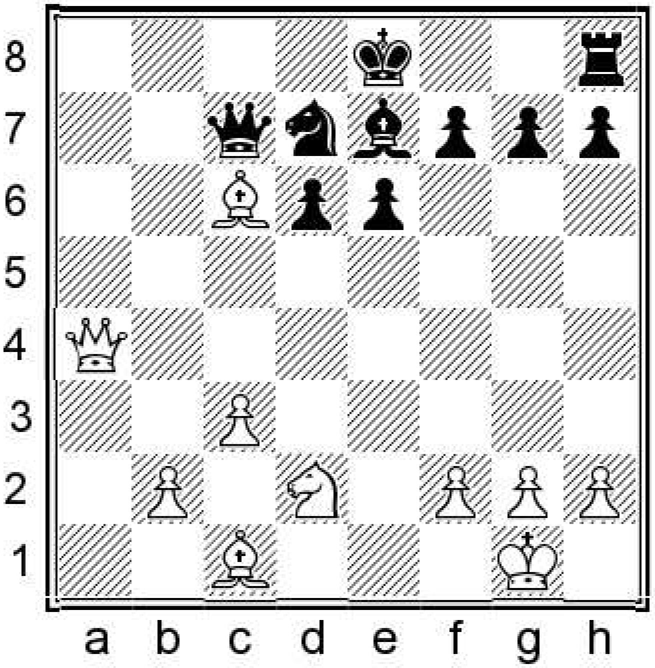
26.♗e3 ♖ed8 27.♗h6+ ♔xh6 28.♕xf7 ♕c7-+

**26...♖xe8 27.♕xe8 ♕d2! 28.♗c5 ♗f2+! 0-1**

**47. * B51**
**Dubov, Daniil (2702) - Vachier Lagrave, Maxime (2784)**
**chess24.com (Int.-m2/1-rapid) 147/47, 2021**

**1.e4 c5 2.♘f3 d6 3.♗b5+ ♘d7 4.O-O a6 5.♗d3 ♘gf6 6.c3 b5 7.a4 ♗b7 8.axb5 axb5 9.♖xa8 ♕xa8 10.♘a3**

10.♗xb5 ♗xe4 11.d4 ♗xb1 12.dxc5 ♗e4 13.♖e1 e6 14.♖xe4 ♕xe4 15.c6 ♗e7 16.♘d2 ♕d5 17.cxd7+ ♘xd7 18.♕a4 ♕b7 19.♗c6 ♕c7



20.♘c4N (20.♘e4? - 138/(82)) 20...d5 21.♘e5 (21.♗f4 ♕xf4 22.♗xd7+ ♔d8 23.♕a8+ ♔xd7 24.♕b7+ ♔d8 25.♕a8+=) 21...♕xe5 22.♗xd7+ ♔d8 23.♕a8+ ♔xd7 24.♕a4+ ♔d8 25.♕a8+ ♔d7 26.♕a4+ ♔d8 27.♕a8+ ♔d7 1/2 (27) Harikrishna, P (2732)-Vachier Lagrave,M (2784) chess24.com

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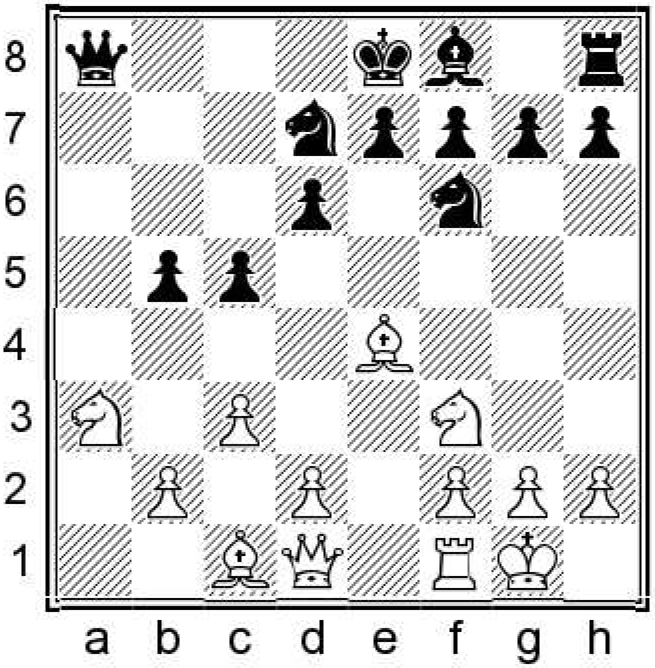
**10...♗xe4 11.♗xe4**



11.♘xb5 ♗xf3 12.♕xf3 (12.gxf3 ♕b8 13.♗e2 g6 14.d4 ♗g7∞) 12...♕xf3 13.gxf3 g6∞

**11...♘xe4?N**

11...♕xe4 12.♘xb5 ♕c6 13.c4 e6 14.d4 ♗e7 15.♕e2 d5!∞

**12.♘xb5 ♕b7?!**

12...♕b8 13.c4±

**13.c4**

13.♕b3! ♕b6 (13...e6 14.d3 c4 15.♕xc4 d5 16.♕c7+-) 14.d3 ♘ef6 15.♗f4 e5 16.♖a1! exf4 17.♖a6+-

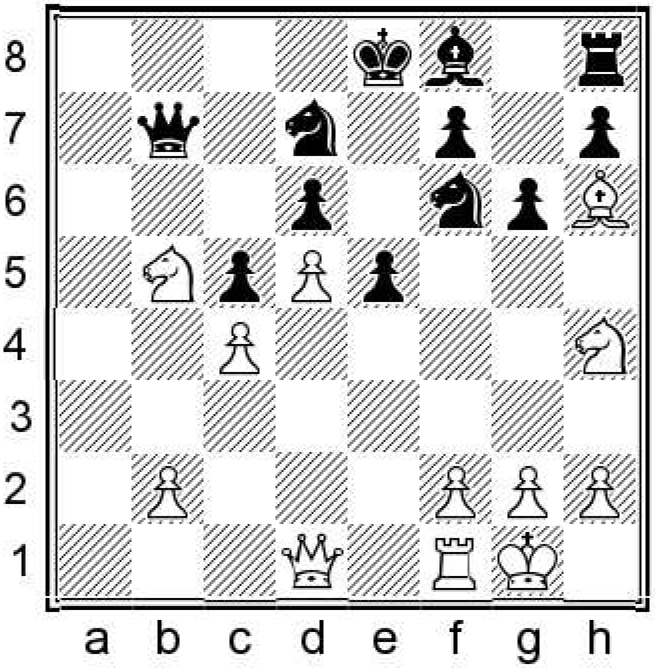
**13...e6 14.d3 ♘ef6 15.d4**

15.♗f4! e5 16.♕b3 ♕b6 17.♖a1!+-

**15...♗e7 16.d5 e5?!**

16...exd5 17.♖e1 ♘e5 18.♘xe5 dxe5 19.♖xe5 O-O 20.cxd5 ♕xb5 21.♖xe7 ♖d8⇄

**17.♘h4 g6 18.♗h6 ♗f8**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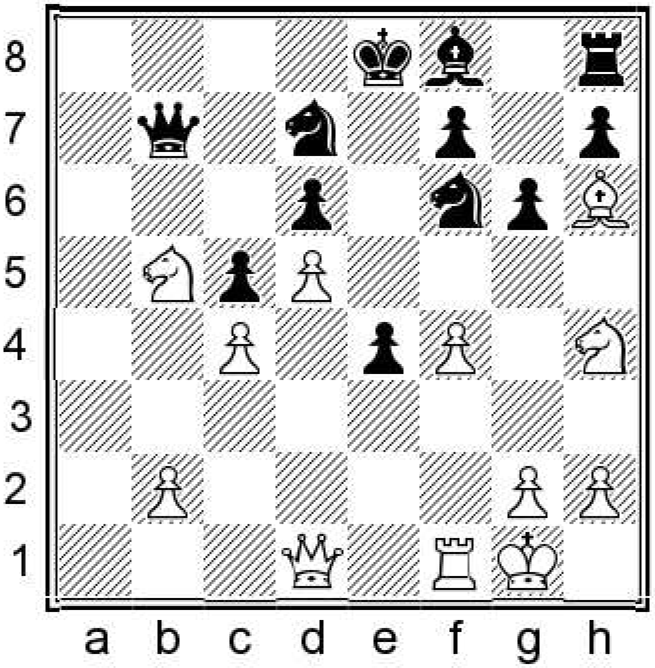
**19.f4!**

19.♗g7!! ♖g8 (19...♗xg7 20.♘xd6++-) 20.♗xf6 ♘xf6 21.♕b3 ♕b8 (21...♕b6 22.♖a1 ♗e7 23.♖a6 ♕d8 24.♖a8+-) 22.♖a1 ♗e7 23.♖a8+-

**19...e4?**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19...♕b8 20.fxe5 ♗xh6 21.♘xd6+ (21.exf6 O-O±) 21...♔f8 22.♕e2 ♗g5 23.g3 ♗xh4 24.gxh4±

**20.♕b3**

20.♗g7!! ♖g8 21.♗xf6 ♘xf6 22.♕b3 ♕b8 23.♖a1 ♗h6 24.♖a8+-

**20...♕b8 21.♗xf8 ♔xf8 22.♕g3**

22.♖a1 ♔e7 (22...♔g7 23.♕g3±; 22...♖g8 23.♖a6 ♘e8 24.♖a7 ♘b6 25.g3±) 23.♖a6 ♖e8 24.g3 (24.♖xd6? ♕a8!∓) 24...♔f8 25.♕c3 e3 26.♘xd6 ♖e7 (26...e2 27.♘xe8 ♕xe8 28.♘f3+-) 27.♔f1 e2+ 28.♔e1+-

**22...♘h5?!**

22...♘xd5 23.♖d1 ♘5f6 24.♖xd6 ♕a8⇄

**23.♕c3**

23.♕h3! ♘hf6 24.♖a1±

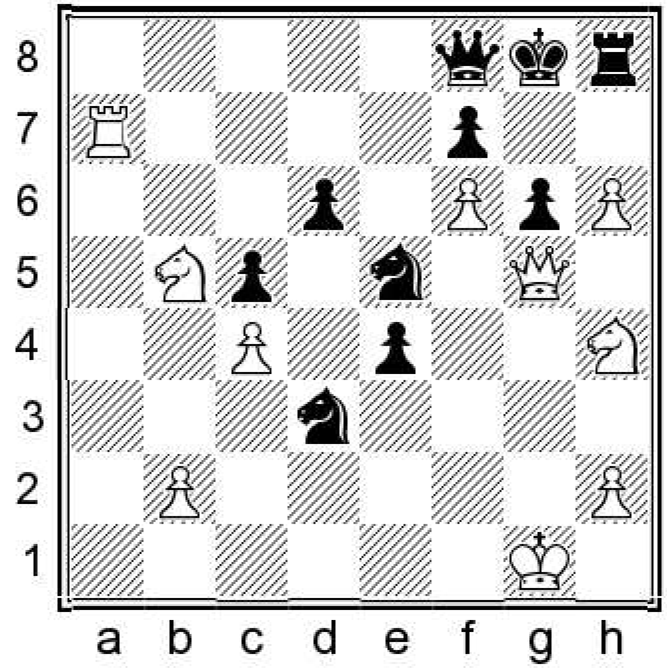
**23...♖g8 24.g4 ♘hf6 25.g5 ♘xd5 26.♕d2 ♘b4 27.f5 ♘d3**

27...d5 28.♕e3 ♕e5 29.♔h1∞

**28.f6 h6! 29.gxh6 ♖h8 30.♕g5?**

30.♘f3! exf3 (30...d5 31.♘g5 ♕e5 32.♖a1 ♘xf6 33.♖a7 e3 34.♖xf7+ ♔g8 35.♖g7+ ♔f8=) 31.♕xd3 d5 32.♕xd5 ♖xh6 33.♘d6 ♖h7 34.♖xf3 ♕xb2∞

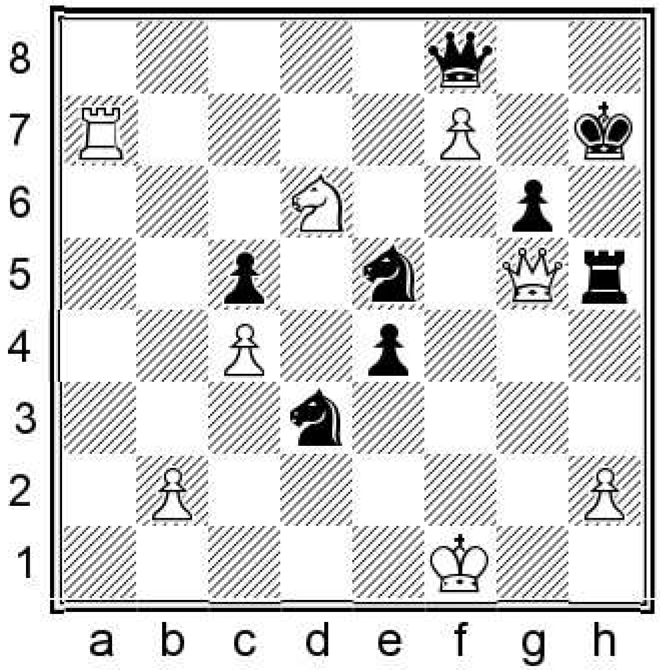
**30...♘7e5-+ 31.♖a1 ♔g8 32.♖a7 ♕f8?!**



32...d5! 33.cxd5 c4! (33...♕xb5?? 34.h7+! ♔xh7 35.♖xf7+ ♔g8 36.♕xg6+! ♘xg6 37.♖g7+ ♔f8 38.♘xg6+ ♔e8 39.f7++-) 34.♔h1 (34.d6 ♕b6+ 35.♔h1 ♕f2-+) 34...e3-+

**33.♘c7?!**

33.♔f1!! ♖xh6 34.♘xd6 ♖h5 (34...e3 35.♖e7 ♖h5 36.♕xe3 ♖xh4 37.♖e8 ♕xe8 38.♘xe8 ♖xh2∞) 35.♘xg6!! fxg6 (35...♖xg5 36.♘xf8∞) 36.f7+ ♔h7



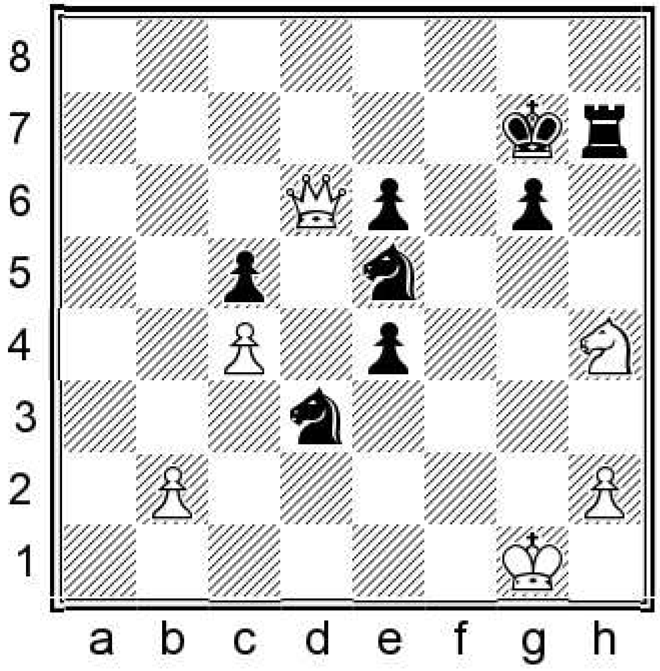
(36...♔g7 37.♘e8+ ♔h8 38.♕f6+ ♔h7 39.♕g7+! ♕xg7 40.f8=Q ♖f5+ 41.♕xf5 gxf5 42.♖xg7+ ♔h6∞) 37.♕d8!! ♖xh2! 38.♘xe4 (38.♕xf8?? ♖f2+ 39.♔g1 ♘f3+ 40.♔h1 ♖h2#) 38...♖h1+ 39.♔g2 ♘f4+ 40.♔xh1 ♕h6+ 41.♔g1 ♘h3+ 42.♔h2 ♘f4+ 43.♔g1=

**33...♖xh6**

33...♔h7! 34.♖a8 ♕xa8 35.♘xa8 ♖xa8-+

**34.♖a8**

34.♘e6 fxe6 35.♖g7+ ♕xg7 36.fxg7 ♖h7! (36...♖xh4? 37.♕d8+ ♔xg7 38.♕e7+=) 37.♕d8+ ♔xg7 38.♕xd6



38...♔h6!! 39.♕xe6 (39.♕f8+ ♔g5 40.♘g2 ♘f3+ 41.♔f1 ♖xh2-+) 39...♖f7 40.♘xg6 (40.h3 e3-+) 40...♖g7-+

**34...♕xa8 35.♕xh6**

35.♘xa8 ♖xh4 36.♔f1 ♘f3 37.♕e3 ♖xh2-+

**35...♕a1+ 36.♔g2 ♕xb2+ 37.♔h3 ♘f2+ 38.♔g3 ♕c3+ 39.♔g2**

39.♔xf2 ♘g4+-+

**39...♕h3+ 40.♔g1 ♕xh2+**

40...♘f3+ 41.♔xf2 ♕xh2+ 42.♔e3 ♕d2+-+

**41.♔xh2 ♘fg4+ 42.♔g3 ♘xh6 43.♔f4 ♘f5 44.♘xf5 gxf5 45.♘d5 ♘xc4 46.♔xf5 e3 47.♘f4 d5 48.♔g4 d4 49.♔f3 ♘d2+ 50.♔e2 ♘e4 0-1**

**48. * !N B51**
**Dubov, Daniil (2702) - Vachier Lagrave, Maxime (2784)**
**chess24.com (Int.-m1/2-rapid) 147/48, 2021**

**1.e4 c5 2.♘f3 d6 3.♗b5+ ♘d7 4.O-O a6 5.♗xd7+ ♗xd7 6.c3 ♘f6 7.♖e1 e6**

7...♗c6 - 84/160

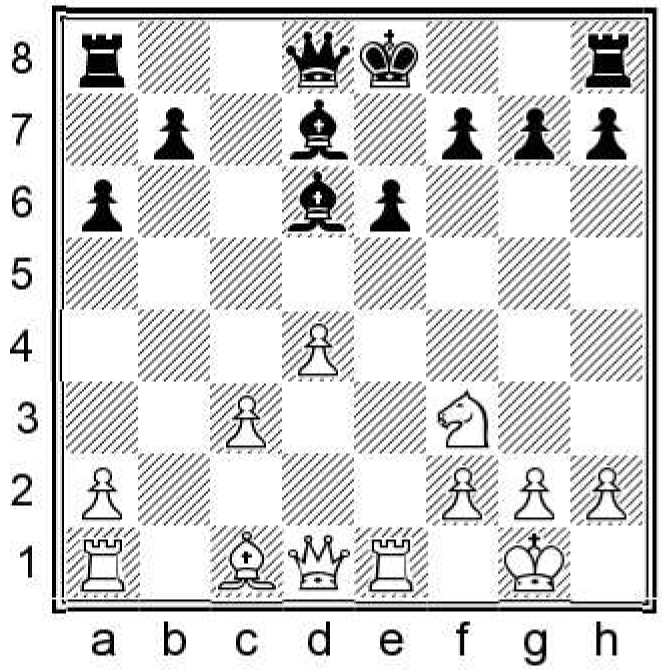
**8.d4 cxd4 9.cxd4 d5 10.exd5**

10.e5 ♘e4 11.♘bd2 ♘xd2 12.♗xd2 ♗e7=

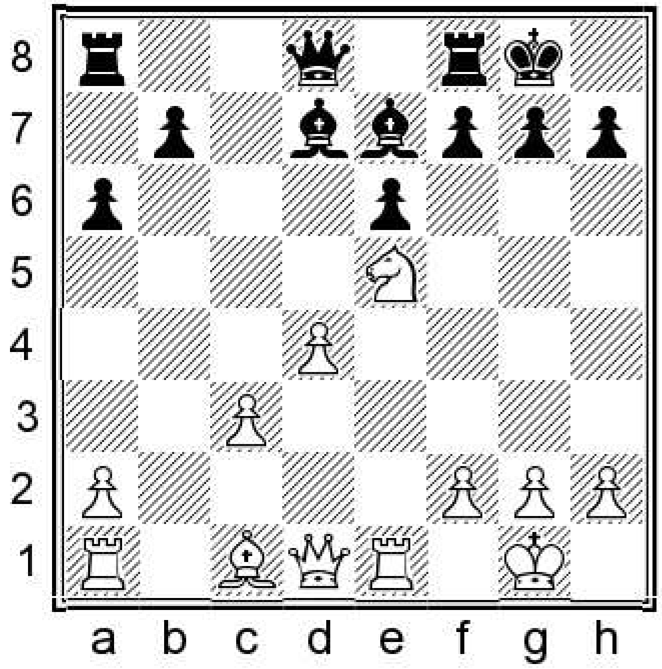
**10...♘xd5 11.♘c3 ♘xc3**

11...♗c6 12.♘e5 ♗b4 13.♕g4 O-O 14.♗h6 ♕f6 15.♗g5 ♕f5 16.♕xf5 exf5 17.♘xc6 bxc6 18.♘xd5 cxd5 19.♖ec1±

**12.bxc3 ♗d6**



12...♗e7 13.♘e5 O-O



14.♕f3N (14.♖e3!? ♗d6 15.♖h3 ♗xe5 16.♕h5 f5 17.♕xh7+ ♔f7 18.dxe5 ♖h8 19.♕xh8 ♕xh8 20.♖xh8 ♖xh8±) 14...♕c7 (14...b5 15.♕g4 ♗e8 16.♗h6 ♗f6∞) 15.♗f4 ♗c6 16.♕g3 Visakh,N (2516)-Petkov,M (2315) chess.com (Int.-blitz) 147/(48) 2020 (16.♕g3 ♗d6∞; 16.♘xc6! ♕xc6 17.d5 ♕c8 18.d6 ♗f6 19.♖ed1±)

**13.♘g5!N**

13.♗g5 ♕c7 14.♖c1 h6 15.♗h4 O-O 16.♗g3 ♗xg3 17.hxg3 ♕a5 18.♘e5 ♗a4 19.♕f3 ♕c7 20.♖b1 ♖ab8=

**13...♕e7**

13...♗e7 14.♕h5 ♗xg5 15.♗xg5 ♕a5 16.♕h4 ♕f5 (16...O-O? 17.♗f6! gxf6 (17...♕f5 18.♗xg7! ♔xg7 19.♖e5+-) 18.♖e3 ♖fc8 19.d5! ♕xd5 (19...♖xc3 20.♕g3++-) 20.♕h6±) 17.♗e7 f6 18.♗c5 ♔f7 19.♕g3±; 13...O-O 14.♕h5 h6 15.♘e4 ♗e8! (15...♗c6?? 16.♗xh6! gxh6 17.♕xh6 ♗e7 18.♖e3 ♗xe4 19.♖xe4 f5 20.♕g6+ ♔h8 21.♖e3 ♗h4 22.♖h3+-) 16.♘xd6 (16.♗g5 ♗e7! (16...f6 17.♕h3!↑) 17.♗xe7 ♕xe7∞) 16...♕xd6 17.♗xh6 f5 (17...gxh6?? 18.♕xh6+-) 18.♕g5 (18.♕h4 gxh6 19.♕xh6 ♕d7 20.♖xe6 ♕g7 21.♕f4 ♗c6 22.f3∓) 18...♖f7 19.♖e3 f4 20.♖h3 ♕c6∞

**14.♖b1 b5**

14...♗c6 15.c4 h6 16.♘f3 b5 17.d5 ♗d7 18.♗b2±

**15.♕h5 ♖c8**

15...h6 16.♘e4 ♗c6 (16...O-O 17.♗xh6!±) 17.♘xd6+ ♕xd6 18.♗a3! ♕d5 (18...♕xa3 19.♖xe6+ ♔f8 20.♖xc6 ♕xa2 21.♖e1+-) 19.♕h3±

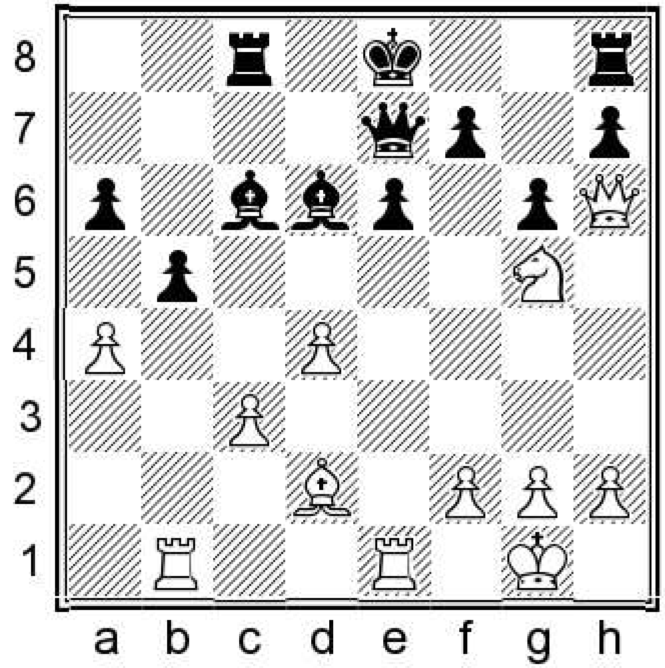
**16.♗d2**

16.a4

**16...g6**

⌓16...h6 17.♘e4 ♔f8! (17...♗c6 18.♘xd6+ ♕xd6 19.c4!±) 18.♗g5 f6 19.♗h4±

**17.♕h6 ♗c6 18.a4**



**18...♔d7?**

18...♕f6! 19.axb5 axb5 20.♘e4 (20.♖a1 ♗f8 21.♕h3 ♕f5 22.g4 ♕d5 23.♘e4 ♗g7 24.♗h6 O-O 25.♗xg7 ♔xg7 26.g5±) 20...♗xe4 21.♖xb5 (21.♖xe4 ♕f5 22.♖ee1 ♔d7±) 21...♗c6 22.♗g5 ♗f4

23.♗xf4 ♗xb5 24.♗e5 ♕f5 25.♗xh8 ♖xc3±

**19.axb5 axb5 20.♘e4 ♗xe4 21.♖xe4 ♕f6 22.♖xb5 ♖b8 23.♖xb8 ♖xb8 24.♖e1± ♕f5 25.♕e3 ♖b2 26.♖c1**

26.c4!?

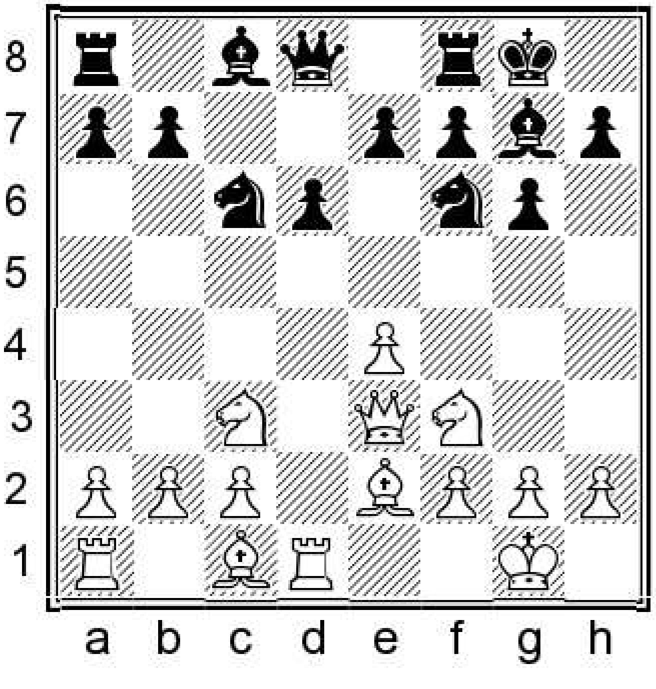
**26...♕a5**

⌓26...♖xd2 27.♕xd2 ♗f4 28.♕c2 ♗xc1 29.♕xc1±

**27.g3 ♕a2 28.♖d1 ♕a4 29.♕f3 f5 30.♗g5 ♕a2 31.♗c1 ♖b1 32.♗e3 ♖xd1+ 33.♕xd1 ♕c4 34.♕a1 ♗c7 35.♕a3 ♕b5 36.♕a2 ♕d3 37.♕a4+ ♔c8 38.♕e8+ ♔b7 39.♕xe6 ♕xc3 40.d5 ♕c2 41.h4 ♕e4 42.♕d7 ♕b1+ 43.♔h2 1-0**

**49. * B53**
**Esipenko, Andrey (2677) - Vachier Lagrave, Maxime (2784)**
**Wijk aan Zee 147/49, 2021**

**1.e4 c5 2.♘f3 d6 3.d4 cxd4 4.♕xd4 ♘c6 5.♕e3 ♘f6 6.♗e2 g6 7.O-O ♗g7 8.♖d1 O-O 9.♘c3**



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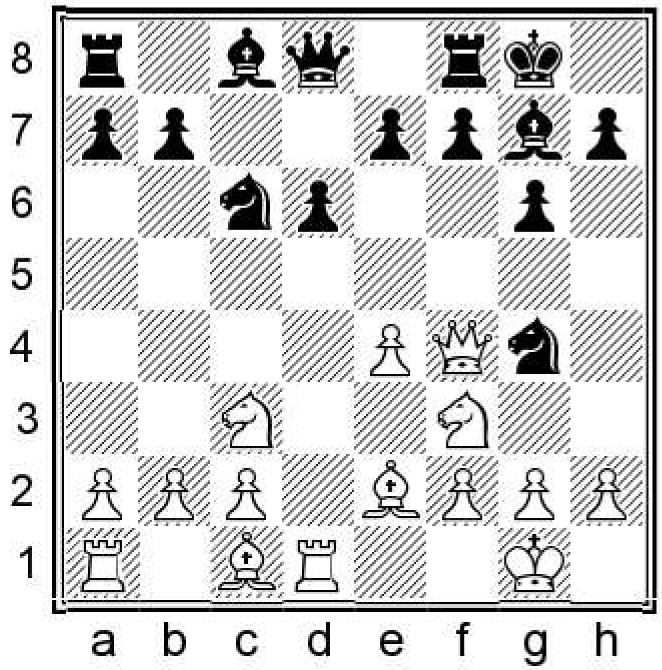
**9...♗e6N**

9...♕c7; 9...♘g4 10.♕f4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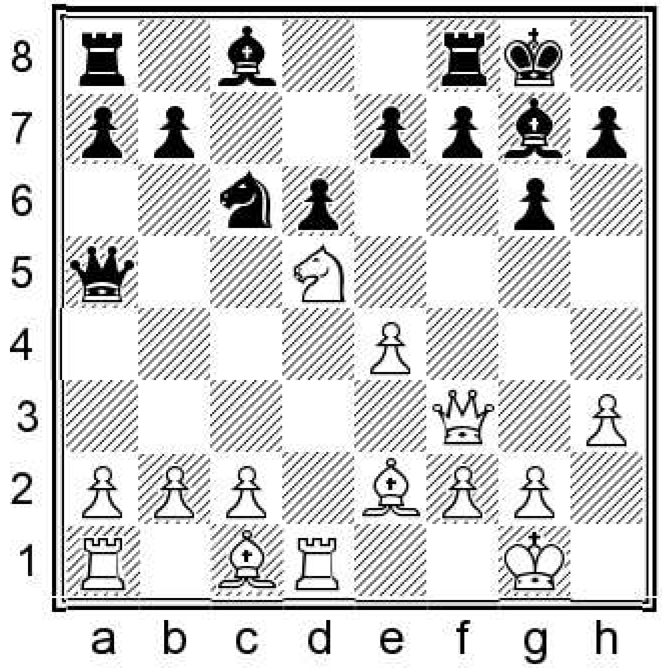
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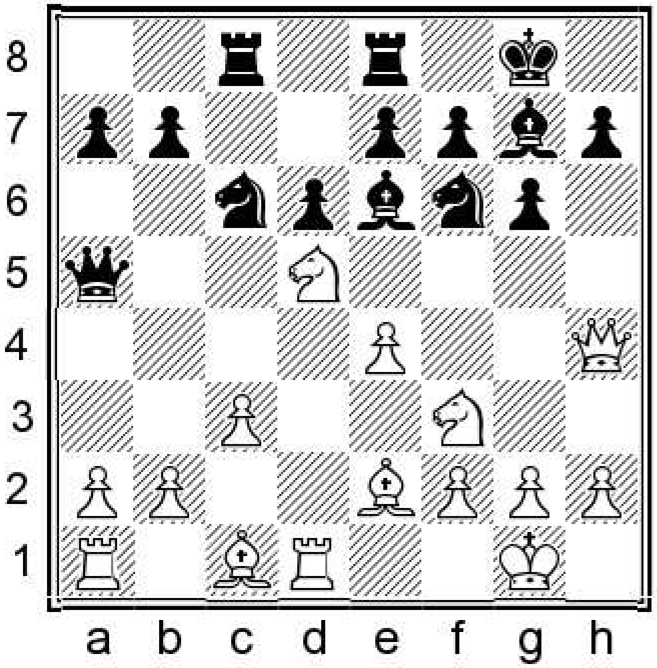
**10.♘d5 ♖c8 11.c3 ♖e8**

11...♕a5!?

**12.♕f4 ♕a5 13.♕h4!?**



13.♘g5 ♗d7 (13...♗xd5 14.exd5 ♘e5 15.♕h4±) 14.♗e3 ♘e5 (14...h6 15.♘xf6+ ♗xf6 16.♘f3±) 15.♘xf6+ exf6 (15...♗xf6 16.♕h4±) 16.♘f3 f5 17.exf5 ♗xf5 18.♘d4±

**13...♘xd5!**

13...♗xd5 14.exd5 ♘xd5 15.b4 ♘dxb4 16.cxb4 ♕xb4 17.♕xb4 ♘xb4 18.♖b1 ♘xa2 19.♗d2 ♖c7 20.♖b3∞

**14.exd5 ♗xd5 15.b4 ♗xf3**

15...♘xb4 16.cxb4 ♕a4 17.♗h6 ♗xa1 18.♖xa1±

**16.bxa5 ♗xe2∞ 17.♖d5**

17.♖d2 ♗xc3 18.♖b1 ♗xd2 19.♗xd2 ♗a6∓

**17...♗xc3 18.♖b1 ♘b4 19.♖d4**

19.♖g5? ♖c4 20.♕g3 ♗d3 21.♖xb4 (21.♖b3 ♗e5 22.♕e3 ♖ec8 23.♗d2 ♖e4 24.♖xb4 ♖xe3 25.♗xe3 ♖c7-+) 21...♗xb4∓; 19.♖xb4 ♗xb4 20.♗b2 ♗c3 21.♗xc3 ♖xc3∓

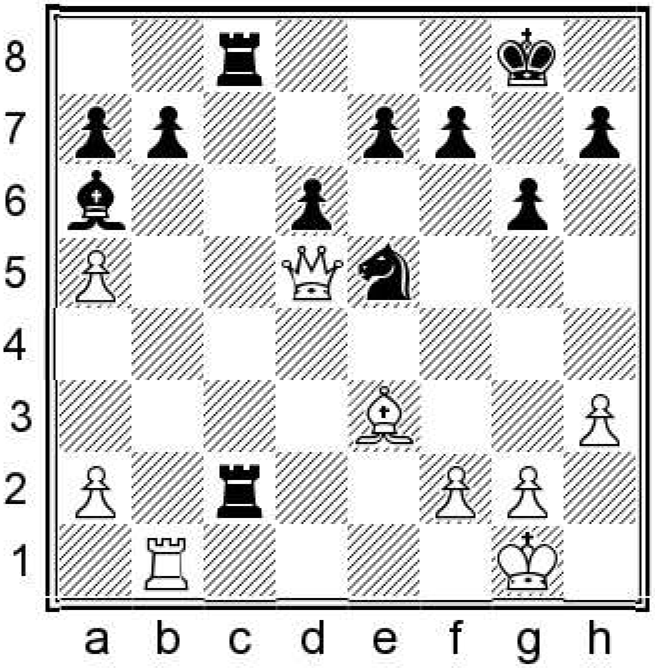
**19...♗xd4 20.♕xd4 ♘c6 21.♕d5 ♗a6 22.♗g5?!**

22.♗h6 ♘e5 23.♕d4 ♖c4 24.♕xa7 ♘c6 25.♕e3 d5↑; 22.♗e3 ♖c7 23.h3 ♖ec8∞

**22...♘e5 23.♗e3 ♖c3 24.♖b3**

24.♗xa7 ♖ec8 25.h3 ♖d3 26.♕e4 ♖c4 27.♕e2 ♖a3∓

**24...♖c2 25.♖b1 ♖c3 26.♖b3 ♖c2 27.♖b1 ♖ec8 28.h3**



**28...♖2c3**

28...♘c6!?∓

**29.♖b3 ♖c2 30.♖b4 ♖2c3 31.♖b3 ♖c2 32.♖b4 ♖2c3 33.♖b3 1/2-1/2**

**50. B56**
**Christiansen, Johan Sebastian (2610) - Shankland, Samuel L (2691)**
**chess24.com (Int.-rapid) 147/50, 2020**

**1.e4 c5 2.♘f3 d6 3.d4 cxd4 4.♘xd4 ♘f6 5.♘c3 ♘c6 6.f3 e5 7.♘b3 ♗e6 8.♘d5 ♗e7 9.c4 O-O 10.♗e3 a5**

10...♘d7 - 98/(141)

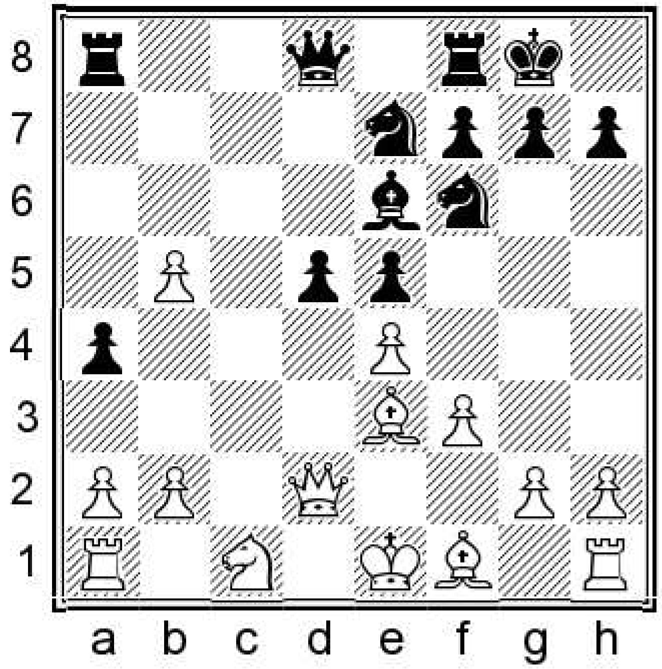
**11.♕d2**

11.♗e2 a4 12.♘d2 ♘d4∞

**11...a4 12.♘c1 b5 13.♘xe7+**

13.cxb5 ♗xd5 14.exd5 ♘d4 15.♗xd4 exd4 16.♗c4 (16.♕xd4? ♘d7 17.♕d2 (17.♗e2 ♗f6 18.♕d2 a3-+) 17...a3 18.bxa3 ♗g5 19.f4 ♗f6 20.♖b1 ♘c5-+) 16...♕c8 17.b3 axb3 18.♗xb3 ♗d8 19.O-O ♗a5 20.♕c2 ♗c3 21.♖b1 ♕c5 22.♕d3 ♖fe8↑; 13.♘xf6+ ♗xf6 14.cxb5 ♘d4 15.♗xd4 exd4 16.♗d3 d5 17.O-O dxe4 18.♗xe4 ♖b8 19.♗d3 ♕c7↑; 13.♗b6? ♕b8 14.♗c7 ♕b7 15.♘xe7+ ♘xe7 16.♗xd6 ♖fd8 17.c5 ♘e8-+

**13...♘xe7 14.cxb5 d5**



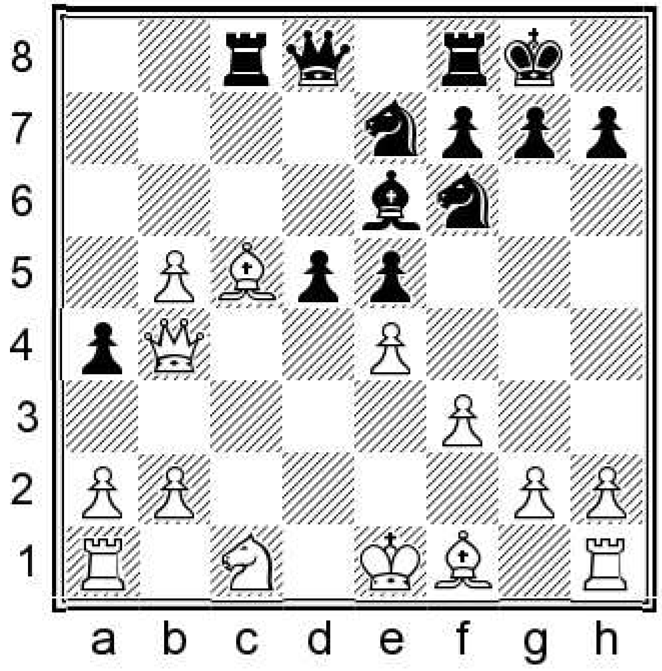
**15.♗c5?N**

15.♗d3 dxe4 16.fxe4 ♘g6 17.O-O (17.♘e2 ♕e7 18.O-O ♖fd8∓) 17...♘f4!? (17...♕e7⩱) 18.♗xf4 exf4 19.♕xf4 a3∞

**15...♖c8**

15...♖e8!

**16.♕b4?**



16.b4 ♘d7 17.exd5 ♗xd5! 18.♘d3 (18.♗xe7 ♕xe7 19.♕xd5 ♘b6 20.♕d2 e4! 21.♗e2 ♖fd8 22.♕e3

(22.♕b2 exf3 23.gxf3 ♘c4-+) 22...♕xb4+ 23.♔f2 ♘d5 24.♕xe4 ♕c5+ 25.♔g3 ♘f6-+) 18...♖e8 19.♗e2 e4 20.fxe4 ♗xe4∓

**16...♖e8**

16...♖xc5! 17.♕xc5 dxe4 18.♘e2 (18.♗e2 ♕a5+ 19.♔f2 (19.♕c3 ♕b6 20.♕xe5 ♖c8-+) 19...exf3 20.gxf3 ♘fd5-+; 18.b6 ♘ed5-+) 18...♕a5+ 19.♘c3 (19.♕c3 ♕xb5 20.♘g3 ♕b6 21.♘xe4 ♘fd5 22.♕d2 ♖d8 23.♖d1 ♘f5-+) 19...♖c8! 20.♕xe7 ♖xc3 21.bxc3 ♕xc3+ 22.♔f2 ♕d4+ 23.♔e1 ♕xa1+-+

**17.b6**

17.♘d3 dxe4 18.fxe4 ♘ed5! 19.exd5 ♘xd5 20.♕a3 e4 21.♘c1 ♕f6-+; 17.♗e2 dxe4 18.fxe4 ♖xc5! 19.♕xc5 ♘xe4 20.♕b4 f5-+

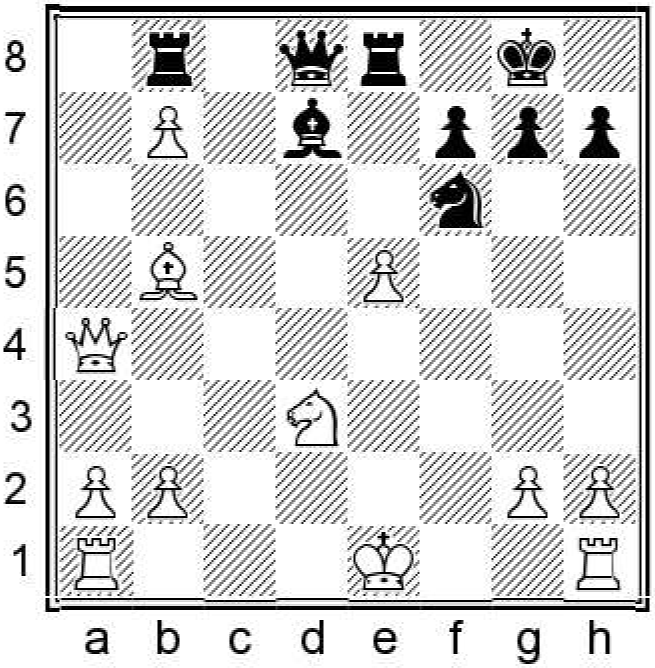
**17...dxe4 18.b7 ♖b8 19.fxe4 ♘c6 20.♕xa4 ♘d4 21.♗xd4 exd4 22.♗b5 d3**

22...♖e7! 23.♘d3 ♖exb7 24.♗c6 ♖c7 25.O-O ♘g4∓

**23.♘xd3 ♗d7?!**

23...♕b6! 24.O-O-O (24.♗xe8 ♕e3+-+) 24...♖e7 25.♕a6 ♖c7+ 26.♔b1 ♖cxb7 27.♕xb6 ♖xb6 28.a4 (28.e5 ♘d5 29.a4 ♘c7∓) 28...♘xe4∓

**24.e5?**



24.O-O-O ♖xe4 25.♕a6 ♖e6 26.♕a4 ♕c7+ (26...♖e4 27.♕a6=) 27.♔b1 ♗xb5 28.♕xb5 ♖b6 29.♕e5 ♕xb7∞; 24.♘f2 ♕b6 (24...♘xe4 25.O-O!±) 25.♗xd7 ♕e3+ 26.♔f1 ♘xe4 27.♘xe4 ♖xe4 28.♕xe4 ♕xe4 29.♗c8 g5∞

**24...♕b6! 25.♗xd7 ♕e3+ 26.♔f1 ♕xd3+ 27.♔g1 ♕e3+ 28.♔f1 ♘e4 29.♕xe4 ♕xe4 30.♗xe8 ♖xe8 31.♔f2 ♕xb7 32.b3 ♖xe5 33.♖hd1 g6 34.♖d3 ♕b6+ 35.♔g3 ♖e3+ 0-1**

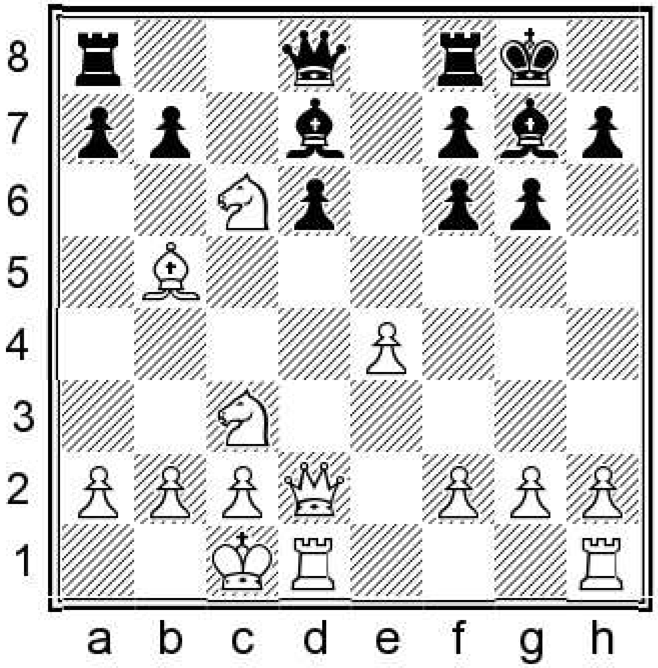
**51. * B60**
**Dominguez Perez, Leinier (2758) - Dubov, Daniil (2710)**
**chess24.com (Int.-rapid) 147/51, 2021**

**1.e4 c5 2.♘f3 d6 3.d4 cxd4 4.♘xd4 ♘f6 5.♘c3 ♘c6 6.♗g5 g6!? 7.♗xf6 exf6 8.♗b5 ♗d7 9.♕d2**

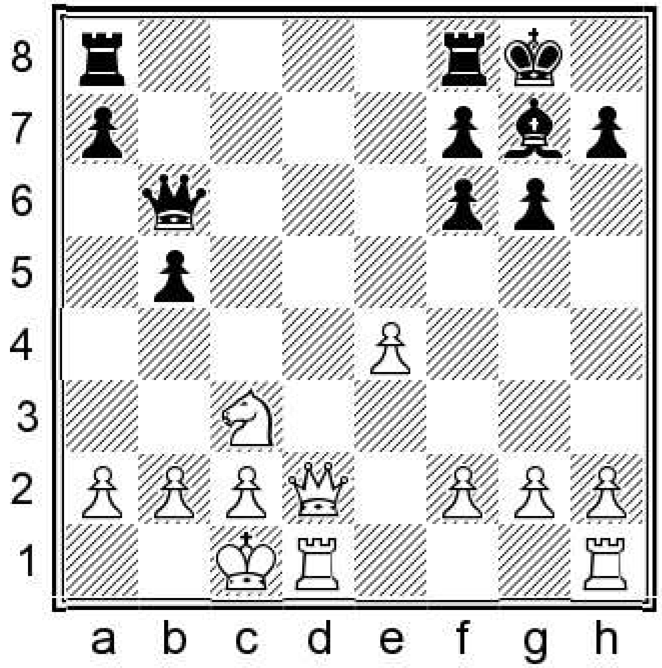
9.♘de2 - 119/56

**9...♗g7 10.O-O-O O-O 11.♗xc6**

11.♘xc6



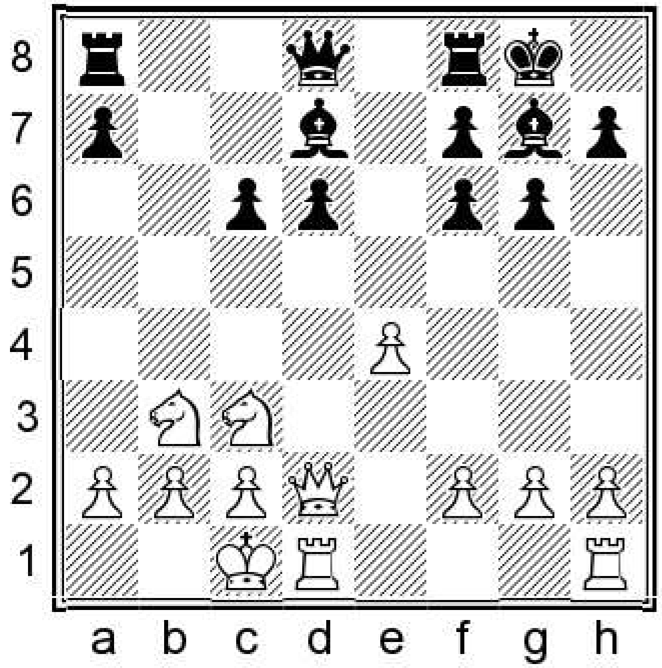
11...bxc6!? (11...♗xc6 12.♗xc6 bxc6 13.♕xd6 ♕b6 14.♕d4 f5 15.♕xb6 axb6 16.exf5 gxf5=∞)
12.♕xd6 cxb5 13.♕xd7 ♕b6 14.♕d2N



(14.f3 f5⯹) 14...♖ac8?! (14...f5! 15.♘d5 ♕a6 16.♔b1 fxe4∞) 15.♘d5± Vega Gutierrez,S (2378)-Edouard,R (2645) europe-echecs. com (Int.-rapid) 147/ (51) 2020

11.♘b3 ♗e6 12.♕xd6 ♕b6 13.♕c5 ♗h6+ 14.♔b1 ♗xb3 15.♕xb6 ♗xa2+ 16.♘xa2 axb6∞

**11...bxc6 12.♘b3**



**12...♗e6N**

12...♕b6

**13.♕xd6 ♕b6 14.♕c5**

14.f4 ♗xb3 15.axb3 ♖fd8 16.♕a3 (16.♕e7 ♖e8 17.♕a3 ♕e3+ 18.♔b1 ♕xf4 19.♕d6 ♕g4∞) 16...♕e3+ 17.♔b1 ♕xf4 18.♖xd8+ ♖xd8 19.♕xa7 h5=∞

**14...f5 15.♕xb6 axb6 16.exf5**

16.♘d4?! ♗xa2∓

**16...♗xf5 17.♘d4 ♗d7 18.a3**

18.♖he1 c5 19.♘db5 ♗xb5 20.♘xb5 ♖xa2 21.c3 ♖a5=

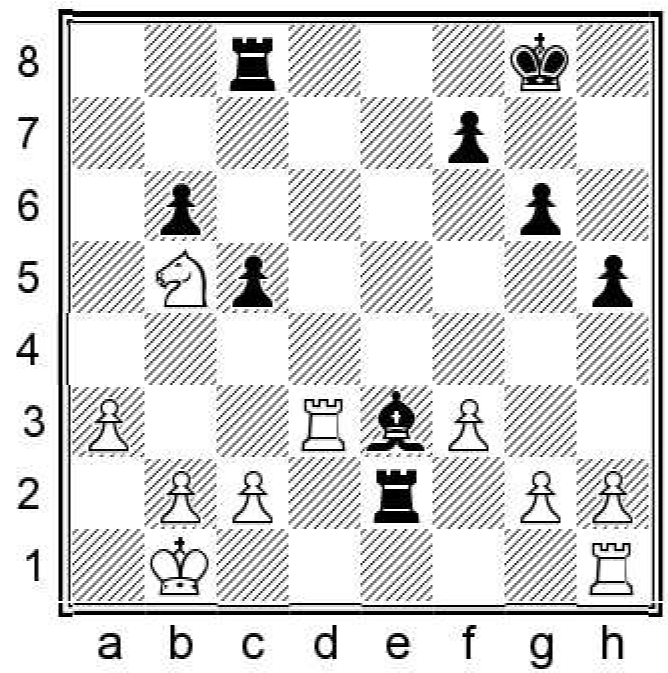
**18...♖fe8 19.♖d3 h5 20.♖hd1 ♖ac8 21.f3**

21.♘db5 cxb5 22.♖xd7 ♗xc3 23.bxc3 ♖xc3 24.♔b2 ♖c5 25.♖1d2 ♖e1⇄

**21...c5 22.♘db5**

22.♘de2 ♗c6=∞

**22...♗xb5 23.♘xb5 ♗h6+ 24.♔b1 ♖e2 25.♖g1 ♗e3 26.♖h1?**



26.♘c3 ♗xg1 27.♘xe2 ♗xh2∞; 26.♖gd1 ♗h6 27.♖g1=

**26...♖e8?**

26...c4! 27.♖d7 ♖xg2 28.♘d6 (28.♖e1 ♗f4 29.♖ee7 ♖f8 30.♘d4 ♗g5 (30...♖xh2?! 31.♘e6!⇄) 31.♖e2 ♖xe2 32.♘xe2 ♖e8∓) 28...♖d2 29.♖e7 ♖xd6 30.♖xe3 ♖d4∓

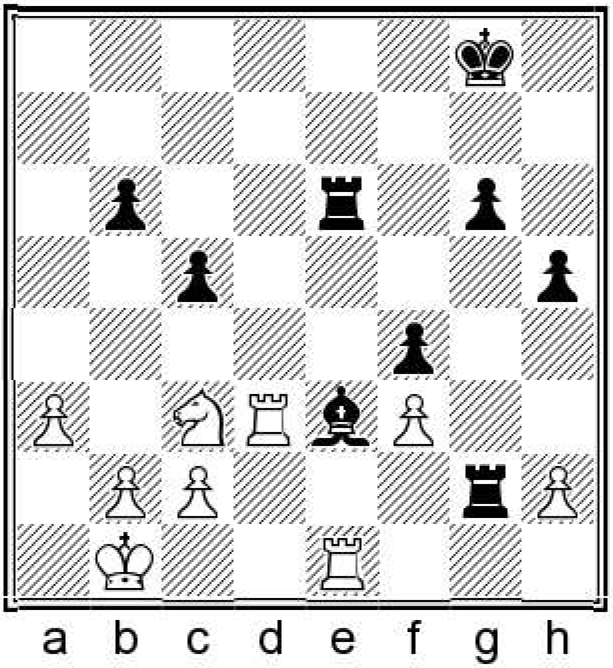
**27.♘d6 ♖e6 28.♘e4?!**

28.♘c4 h4 (28...♗f4 29.g3 ♗c7 30.♖d7 ♖e7 31.♖xe7 ♖xe7 32.a4±) 29.♖b3 ♗f4 30.♘xb6 ♖xg2 31.h3 ♖ee2 32.♘d5 ♗g3 33.a4±

**28...f5 29.♘c3**

29.♖d8+ ♔f7 30.♖d7+ ♔e8 31.♘c3 (31.♖d6 ♔e7 32.♘c3 ♖xg2 33.♖xb6 ♖xb6 34.♘d5+ ♔e6 35.♘xb6 ♖g1+! 36.♖xg1 ♗xg1 37.h3 g5-+) 31...♖xg2 32.♖b7∓

**29...♖xg2 30.♖e1 f4**



30...♖g1! 31.♖xg1 ♗xg1 32.h3 ♔g7∓

**31.♘d5?**

31.h3 ♖h2 32.♖d8+ ♔g7 33.♘e4 ♖e7 34.♘g5 ♔h6 35.♖d5 b5∓; 31.h4! ♖h2 32.♖ed1 ♖xh4 (32...♗d4 33.♘e4⇄) 33.♖d7 ♔f8 (33...♖h3 34.♘e4 ♖xe4 (34...♖g3!? 35.♖1d5!⇄) 35.fxe4 f3 36.♖b7 ♗d4 37.c3 f2 38.♖b8+ ♔g7 39.cxd4 ♖e3 40.♖b7+ ♔g8=) 34.♖b7 ♖e7 35.♖d8+ ♔f7 36.♖bb8 ♗d4 37.♘d5 ♖a7 38.♘xb6⇄

**31...♔f7 32.♘xe3**

32.h4 ♖h2-+

**32...fxe3 33.♖dxe3 ♖xe3 34.♖xe3 ♖xh2 35.b4**

35.♖b3 ♖f2 36.♖xb6 ♖xf3-+

**35...cxb4 36.axb4 ♖f2 37.♔b2**

37.c4 h4 38.c5 bxc5 39.bxc5 h3 40.c6 (40.♖e1 h2 41.c6 ♖g2-+) 40...♖f1+ 41.♔b2 h2 42.c7 h1=Q 43.c8=Q ♕h2+-+

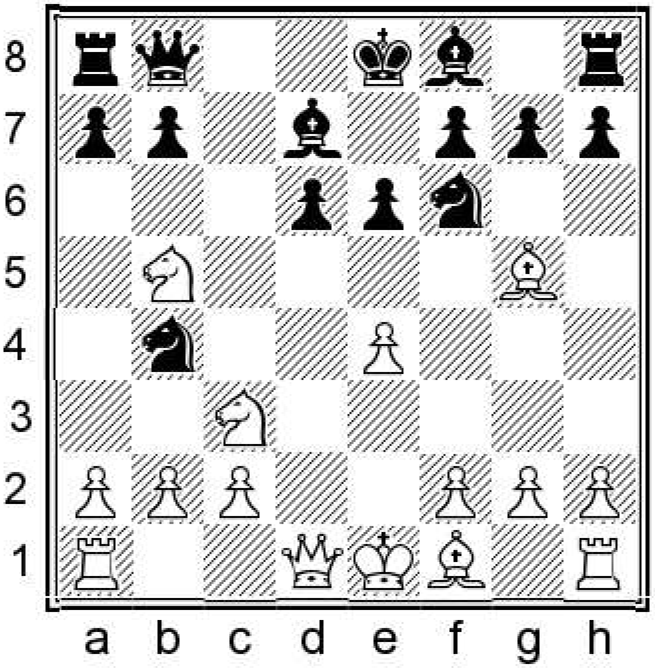
**37...h4 38.b5 h3 39.f4 h2 40.♖h3 ♔f6 41.♖h4 g5 42.♖h6+ ♔f5 43.fxg5 ♔xg5 44.♖h7 ♔g4 45.♖h6 ♔g3 46.♖g6+ ♔f3 47.♖f6+ ♔g2 48.♖g6+ ♔f1 49.♖h6 ♔g1 0-1**

**52. *** B62**
**Saric, Ivan (2652) - Papp, Gabor (2601)**
**Oesterreich 147/52, 2021**

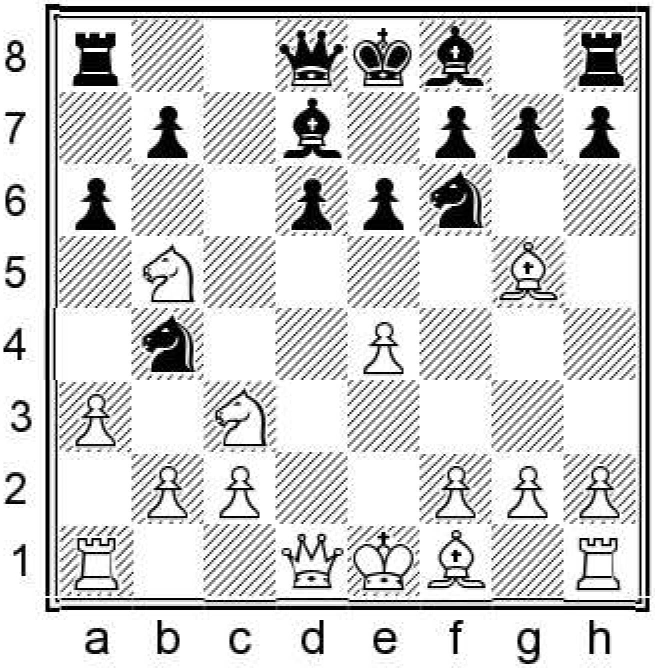
**1.e4 c5 2.♘f3 d6 3.d4 cxd4 4.♘xd4 ♘f6 5.♘c3 ♘c6 6.♗g5 e6 7.♕d3 ♗d7 8.♘db5 ♘b4 9.♕d1**

9.♕d2 - 146/(60)

**9...♕b8**



9...♗xb5; 9...a6 10.a3

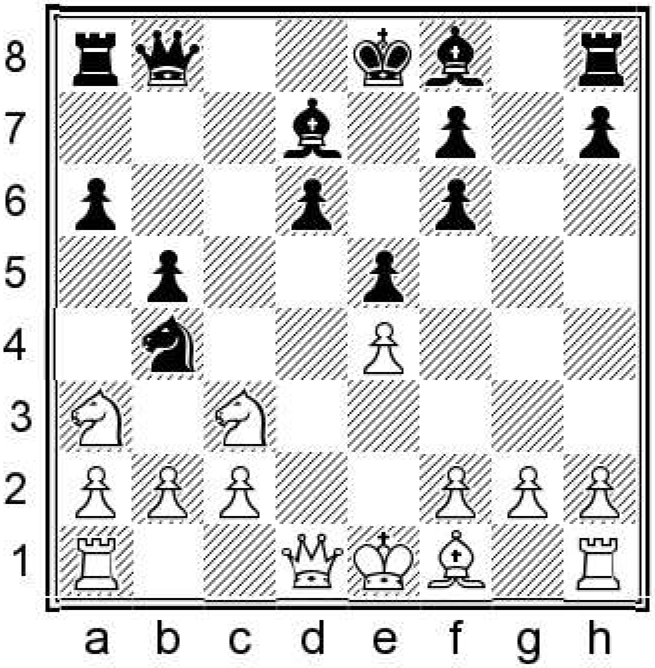


10...axb5N (10...♘xc2+ 11.♕xc2 axb5 12.♗xf6 ♕xf6 13.♗xb5 ♕d8∞) 11.axb4 ♖xa1 12.♕xa1 ♗e7

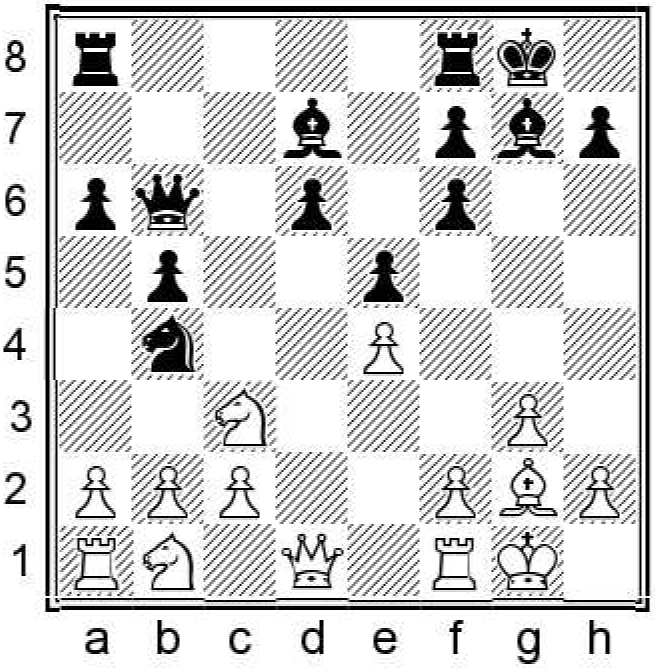
13.♗xb5 ♗xb5 14.♗xf6 (14.♘xb5 ♘xe4 15.♗xe7 ♔xe7∞) 14...♗xf6 15.♘xb5 O-O 16.O-O d5⯹ Heimann,A (2633)-Gabrielian,A (2463) chess.com (Int.-rapid) 147/(52) 2020

**10.♗xf6N**

10.♗f4 - 147/(52) 10...e5 11.♗g5 a6 12.♗xf6 gxf6 13.♘a3 b5



14.g3 - 147/(52) (14.♘ab1N ♗g7 15.a3 ♘c6 16.♘d5 f5 17.♘bc3 O-O 18.exf5 ♗xf5 19.g4 ♗g6 (19...♗e6!?) 20.♗g2 ♕a7 21.h4 ♘d4 1/2 (21) Gagliardi,V-Matsukevich,V corr 147/(52) 2020) 14...♗g7 15.♗g2 O-O 16.O-O ♕b6 17.♘ab1



17...♖ac8 (17...♕d4!?) 18.a3± Ter Sahakyan,S (2640)-David,A (2428) chess.com (Int.-blitz) 147/(52)

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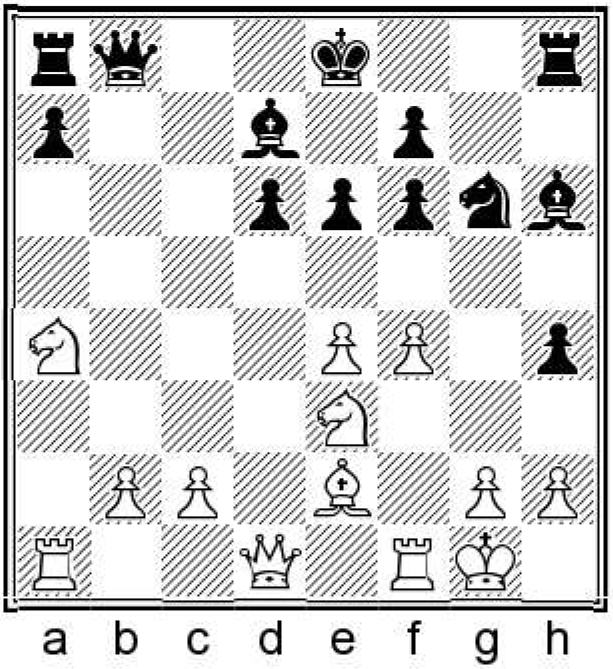
**10...gxf6 11.♗e2 h5 12.O-O h4 13.♘a3! ♘c6 14.♘c4 ♘e5 15.♘e3 b5 16.a4**

16.f4 ♕b6 17.♕d2 b4 18.♘d1 ♘g6∞; 16.a3 ♕b6∞

**16...bxa4**

16...b4! 17.♘b5 a6 18.♘d4 ♕b7 19.♗d3 ♗h6↑

**17.f4 ♘g6 18.♘xa4 ♗h6?**



18...♕b4∞

**19.g3?!**

19.♘g4! ♘xf4 (19...♗xf4 20.♘xf6+ ♔e7 21.♘xd7 ♔xd7 22.♖f3+-) 20.♘xf6+ ♔e7 21.♘xd7 ♔xd7 22.♔h1! ♔e7 23.♖a3 ♕b4 24.♘c3 ♕c5 25.♗g4! (25.♘b5 h3 26.g3 ♘xe2 27.♕xe2 a6 28.♕f3 ♕xc2! 29.♕xf7+ (29.♘d4 ♕g2+ 30.♕xg2 hxg2+ 31.♔xg2∞) 29...♔d8 30.♕f6+ ♔d7 31.♕xe6+ ♔xe6 32.♘d4+ ♔e5 33.♘xc2 ♖hf8∞) 25...♖ab8 26.♘e2 ♘xe2 27.b4! (27.♕xe2±) 27...♕xb4 (27...♕c7 28.♕a1 ♖h7 29.♕f6+ ♔e8 30.♗xe2+-) 28.♖xa7+ ♖b7 29.♕e1! ♘c3 30.♕xh4+ ♔e8 31.♖a8+ ♖b8 32.♖xb8+ ♕xb8 33.♕f6 ♔d7 34.♕xc3+-

**19...hxg3 20.hxg3 ♕b4 21.♘c3 ♕c5 22.♕d2 ♖b8 23.♘a4 ♗xa4?! 24.♖xa4 ♖xb2 25.♖c4 ♕b6 26.♖d4**

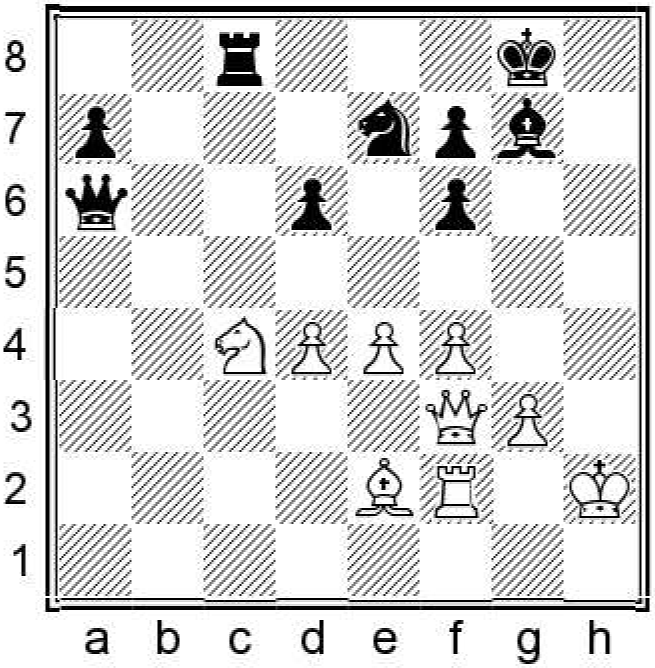
26.♔g2! ♕b8 (26...O-O 27.♘g4 ♗g7 28.f5 ♘e5 (28...exf5 29.exf5 ♘e5 30.♘xe5 dxe5 31.♖g4+-) 29.fxe6 fxe6 30.♘xe5 dxe5 (30...fxe5 31.♖xf8+ ♗xf8 32.♕g5+ ♔h7 33.♖c8+-) 31.♕d7 ♖f7 32.♕e8+ ♖f8 33.♕e7+-; 26...♘e7 27.♖d4 d5 28.exd5 ♘xd5 29.♘xd5 exd5 30.♖h1±) 27.♕c3 O-O 28.♘g4 ♗g7 29.♘xf6+ ♗xf6 30.♕xf6±

**26...O-O 27.♘c4 ♕c5 28.♘xb2 e5 29.c3 exd4 30.cxd4 ♕a3?! 31.♔g2 ♖c8 32.♘c4 ♕b3 33.♕d3**

33.♘e3 ♘e7 34.♖a1±; 33.♖f3 ♕b8 34.♖a3±

**33...♕a2 34.♖f2 ♕a6 35.♔h2 ♘e7 36.♘e3?**

36.♕f3 ♗g7



(36...♖xc4 37.♕b3+-) 37.e5! dxe5 38.fxe5 ♕c6 39.exf6 ♕xf3 40.♖xf3 ♘c6 41.♖f4 ♗f8 (41...♗h8 42.♗f3) 42.♖g4+ ♔h8 (42...♔h7 43.♗d3+ ♔h6 44.♘d2+-) 43.♗d3+-

**36...♕xd3 37.♗xd3 ♖c3 38.♖d2 f5! 39.e5 dxe5 40.dxe5 ♗f8 41.♘xf5 ♘xf5 42.♗xf5 a5 43.♗d7 ♗c5 44.♔g2 ♗b4 45.♖d1 ♖c2+ 46.♔f3 ♖d2 47.♖xd2 ♗xd2= 48.♔e4 ♔g7 49.♔f5 ♗e1 50.g4 ♗d2 51.♗a4 ♗c1 52.♗b3 ♗d2 53.g5 ♗c1 54.♔g4 ♗b2 55.♔h5 ♗c3 56.♗a4 ♗b2 57.♗c2 ♗c3 58.♔g4 ♗b2 59.♔f5 ♗c1 60.♗b3 ♗d2 61.♔g4 ♗c3 62.e6 fxe6 63.♗xe6 ♗b4 64.♗b3 ♗d6 65.♔f3 ♗c7 66.♔e4 ♗d6 67.f5 ♗e7 68.♔f4 ♗d8 1/2-1/2**

**53. B69**
**Aronian, Levon (2781) - Vachier Lagrave, Maxime (2784)**
**chess24.com (Int.-rapid) 147/53, 2021**

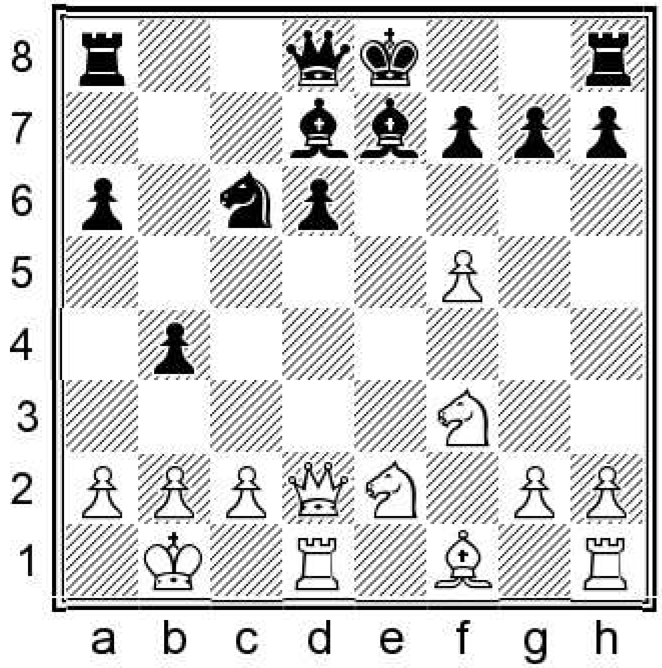
**1.e4 c5 2.♘f3 d6 3.d4 cxd4 4.♘xd4 ♘f6 5.♘c3 ♘c6 6.♗g5 e6 7.♕d2 a6 8.O-O-O ♗d7 9.f4 ♗e7 10.♘f3 b5 11.♔b1**

11.♗xf6 - 146/65

**11...b4 12.♗xf6 ♗xf6 13.♘e2 ♗e7 14.f5!?**

14.g4 a5 15.♘g3 a4⇄

**14...exf5 15.exf5**



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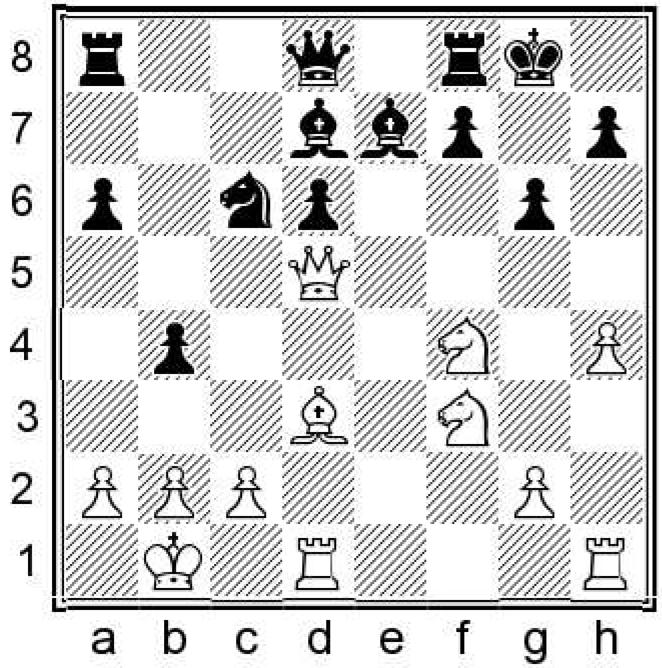
**15...♗xf5N**

15...O-O?! 16.g4±

**16.♘f4**

16.♕d5 ♗d7 17.♘f4 O-O 18.♗d3 g6 19.h4



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19...b3! 20.axb3 (20.♕xb3? ♖b8 21.♕d5 ♘b4 22.♕e4 ♗f6-+) 20...♘b4 21.♕d4 ♕a5 22.h5 ♕a2+ 23.♔c1 ♘xd3+ 24.♘xd3 ♕a1+ 25.♔d2 ♕a5+ 26.♔c1= (26.b4?! ♕f5∓)

**16...O-O 17.♗d3**

17.♘d5 ♗e6 18.♕f4 ♖e8 19.♗c4 ♗f8 20.♖hf1=∞

**17...♗xd3 18.♕xd3 ♖e8 19.h4 ♘e5 20.♕b3?!**

20.♘xe5 dxe5 21.♕e4 ♕c8 22.♘d5 ♖a7 23.♕xe5 ♗f8 24.♕g3∞

**20...♕c8 21.♘d5 ♖b8 22.♖d4**

22.♘xe7+ ♖xe7 23.♖xd6 a5 24.♖hd1 (24.♘xe5 ♖xe5 25.♖hd1 h5∞) 24...♘c4 25.♖6d4 ♘e3 26.♖1d2 h6∞

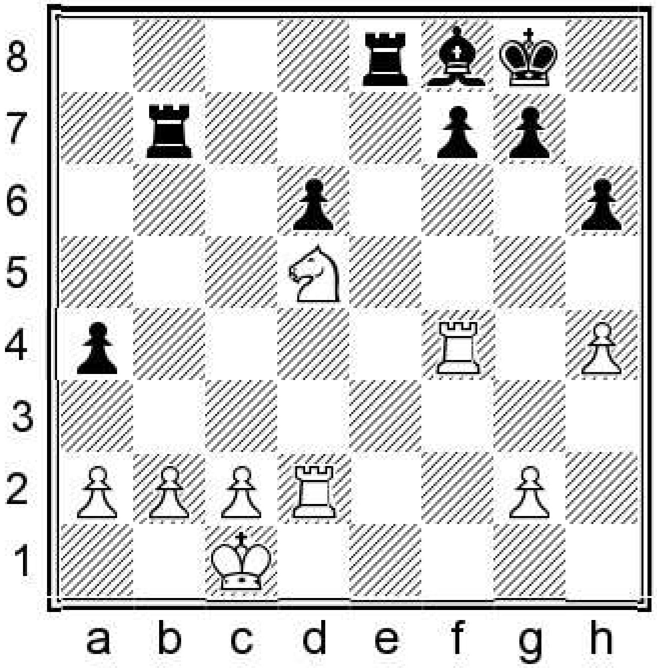
**22...a5 23.♖f4 ♗f8 24.♘g5 ♕b7 25.♖d1 h6 26.♘f3 a4?!**

26...♕a7 27.♘d4 a4 28.♕g3 ♔h8∓

**27.♕xb4 ♘xf3?!**

27...♕xd5 28.♖xd5 ♖xb4 29.♖xb4 ♘xf3 30.a3 ♘e5 31.♖xa4 g5∞; 27...♕xb4 28.♖xb4 ♖xb4 29.♘xb4 ♘xf3 30.gxf3 g5∞

**28.♕xb7 ♘d2+ 29.♔c1 ♖xb7 30.♖xd2**



**30...a3?!**

30...♖e1+ 31.♖d1 ♖xd1+ 32.♔xd1 ♖b5 (32...♖xb2 33.♖xa4 ♖b1+ 34.♔e2 ♖g1 35.♖a8 g6 36.a4 ♖xg2+ 37.♔d3±) 33.♘c3 ♖xb2 34.♖xa4±

**31.b4± ♖e1+ 32.♖d1 ♖e2 33.g3 g6 34.♖f3 ♖a7 35.♖dd3 ♖e5 36.c4 ♖e1+ 37.♔d2 ♖a1 38.♖xa3 ♖xa2+ 39.♖xa2 ♖xa2+ 40.♔c1 ♗g7 41.b5 ♖a4 42.b6 ♖xc4+ 43.♔b1 ♖a4**

43...♖e4 44.♖b3! (44.b7?! ♖e1+ 45.♔c2 ♖e2+ 46.♔c1 ♖b2=) 44...♖e8 45.b7 ♖b8 46.♘e7+ ♔f8 47.♘c6+-

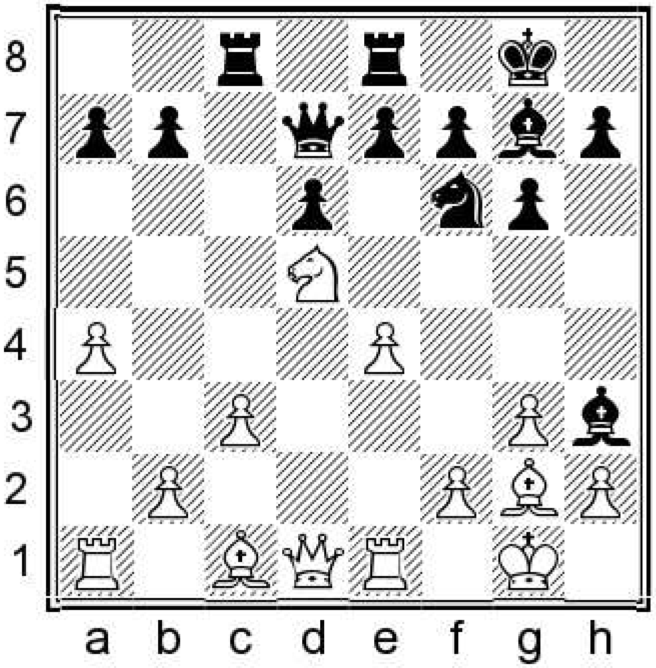
**44.♖b3 1-0**

**54. B70**
**Anton Guijarro, David (2679) - Donchenko, Alexander (2668)**
**Wijk aan Zee 147/54, 2021**

**1.e4 c5 2.♘c3 d6 3.♘ge2 ♘f6 4.g3 ♘c6 5.♗g2 g6 6.d4 cxd4 7.♘xd4 ♘xd4 8.♕xd4 ♗g7 9.O-O O-O 10.a4 ♗e6 11.♕d1**

11.♕b4 - 60/226

**11...♖c8 12.♘d5 ♕d7 13.♖e1 ♖fe8 14.c3 ♗h3**



**15.♗f3N**

15.♗h1

**15...♘xd5**

15...h5!?

**16.exd5 a6?!**

16...h5

**17.a5**

17.♖e4!?

**17...h5**

17...♖c5!?

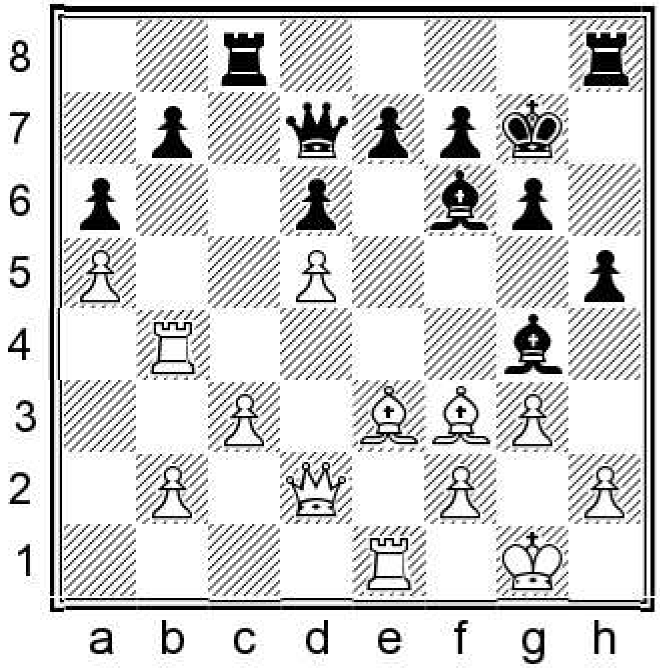
**18.♗e3 ♗f6?!**

18...♖c4!?; 18...♕b5!?

**19.♖a4**

19.♕a4±

**19...♔g7 20.♖b4 ♖h8 21.♕d2 ♗g4**



**22.♗xg4?!**

22.♗g2!?; 22.♗e4±

**22...hxg4 23.♕d1 ♖h5 24.♗d4?!**

24.h4 ♖e5 (24...gxh3 25.g4 ♖h4 26.g5 ♖xb4 27.gxf6+ exf6 28.cxb4 ♕f5 29.♔h2±) 25.♗b6 ♖xe1+ 26.♕xe1 ♖h8 27.♕e4 ♖h5 28.♔f1±; 24.h3 ♖xh3 25.♕xg4 ♕xg4 26.♖xg4±

**24...♖ch8 25.♗xf6+ exf6 26.♕xg4 ♕xg4 27.♖xg4 ♖xh2= 28.♖e7**

28.♖ge4 f5 29.♖e8 ♖8h5 (29...♔f6 30.♖xh8 ♖xh8 31.b4 ♖c8 32.♖e3 g5 33.♔f1 (33.f4 ♖c4 34.fxg5+ ♔xg5 35.♔f2 f4 36.gxf4+ ♔xf4 37.♖e7 f5 38.♖xb7 ♖xc3 39.♖b6 ♖c2+ 40.♔e1 ♔e3 41.♔d1 ♖d2+ 42.♔e1 ♖b2=) 33...f4 34.gxf4 gxf4 35.♖d3 ♔e5 36.♔e2 ♖h8=) 30.c4 ♖5h3=

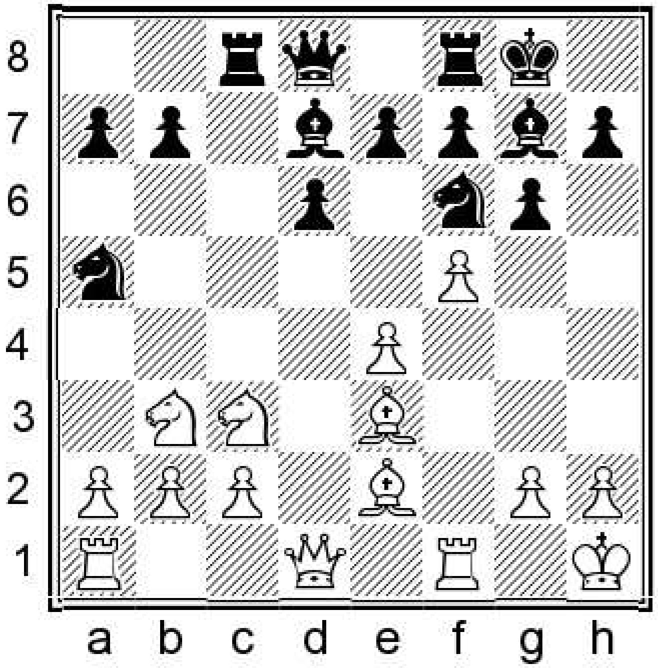
**28...♖h1+ 29.♔g2 ♖8h2+ 30.♔f3 ♖f1 31.♖e2 ♖d1 32.♖d4**

32.♖b4 ♖xd5 33.♖xb7 ♖xa5 34.♖b6 ♖d5=

**32...♖xd4 33.cxd4 ♖h5 34.♔e4 ♖h1 35.♔d3 1/2-1/2**

**55. B74**
**Sjugirov, Sanan (2663) - Chithambaram Vr, Aravindh (2641)**

**1.e4 c5 2.♘c3 ♘c6 3.♘ge2 g6 4.d4 cxd4 5.♘xd4 ♗g7 6.♗e3 ♘f6 7.♘b3 O-O 8.♗e2 d6 9.O-O ♗e6 10.f4 ♖c8 11.♔h1 ♘a5 12.f5 ♗d7**



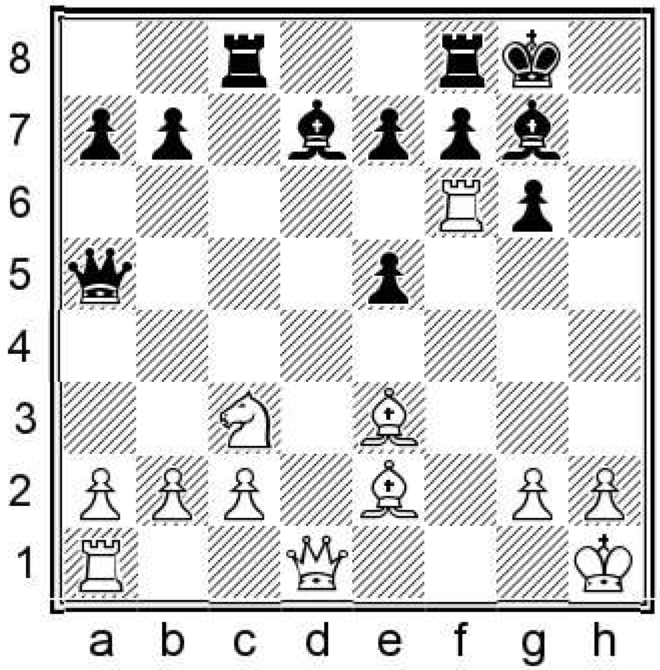
12...♘c4 - 31/(276)

**13.e5?!N**

13.♘xa5

**13...dxe5 14.♘xa5 ♕xa5 15.fxg6 ♗c6?**

15...hxg6∓ 16.♖xf6



16...♖xc3! (16...♗xf6 17.♕xd7 ♖xc3 18.♕d2 ♖xe3 19.♕xa5 (19.♕xe3 ♖d8-+) 19...♖xe2 20.♕c7∓) 17.♖f3 (17.♖f2 ♖xe3 18.♕xd7 ♗f6-+) 17...e4-+

**16.gxf7+ ♖xf7 17.♗h5?!**

17.a3 e6 18.♗g4 ♖e8 19.♗h5 ♖d7 20.♕e2 ♖ee7±; 17.♕e1 ♕b4 18.♖b1±

**17...♘xh5?!**

17...♖ff8

**18.♖xf7 ♔xf7 19.♕xh5+ ♔g8 20.♗h6± ♗xh6?**

20...♖f8

**21.♕g4+ ♔f7 22.♕xc8+- ♕b4 23.♕f5+ ♔g8 24.♖f1 ♗f4 25.♘e2 ♕c4 26.♕g4+ ♔h8 27.♖d1 1-0**

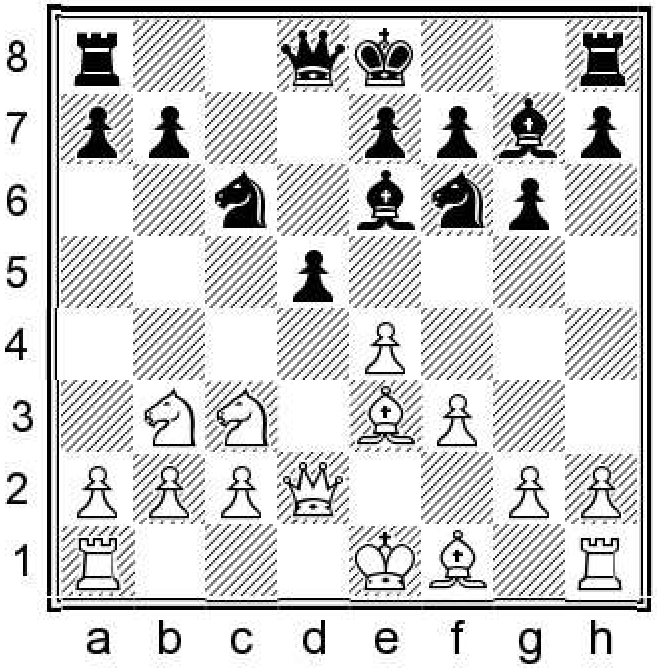
# B75-B99

**56. B75**
**Anton Guijarro, David (2679) - Carlsen, Magnus (2862)**
**Wijk aan Zee 147/56, 2021**

**1.e4 c5 2.♘f3 ♘c6 3.♘c3 g6 4.d4 cxd4 5.♘xd4 ♗g7 6.♗e3 ♘f6 7.♘b3**

7.♘xc6 bxc6 8.e5 - B 34

**7...d6 8.f3 ♗e6 9.♕d2 d5**



**10.♗b5N**

10.exd5 ♘xd5 11.♘xd5 ♕xd5 12.♕xd5 ♗xd5 13.O-O-O O-O-O∞

**10...dxe4 11.♕xd8+ ♖xd8 12.fxe4?!**

12.♗xc6+ bxc6 13.fxe4 a6∞

**12...♗d7 13.O-O-O**

13.♗xc6 ♗xc6 14.♗xa7 ♘xe4

**13...♘g4 14.♗c5 ♗xc3**

14...b6 15.♘d5!?

**15.bxc3 b6 16.♗g1 ♘ce5 17.♗d3 ♗a4**

⌓17...f6 18.h3 ♘h6∓

**18.♗d4 ♘xd3+**

18...f6!? 19.h3 ♘h6 20.♗xe5 fxe5∓

**19.cxd3 ♖xd4**

19...e5 20.♗g1

**20.cxd4 ♘f2 21.♔d2 ♘xh1 22.♖xh1 e6 23.♘c1 ♔e7 24.♘e2 ♗d7 25.a4 ♖c8**

25...♗xa4 26.♖a1 b5 27.♘c3=

**26.♘c3 f5 27.♖b1 fxe4!? 28.dxe4 e5 29.♔d3 exd4 30.♔xd4 ♖c5 31.♘d5+ ♔f7 32.♖f1+ ♔g7 33.♘c3 ♗e6 34.♘b5**

34.♘d5 ♖c2 35.h4 ♖xg2 36.♘f4 ♖d2+ 37.♔e3 ♖d6 38.e5 ♖c6 39.♘xe6+ ♖xe6 40.♔d4=∞

**34...♖c2 35.♔e5 ♗g8 36.♖g1 a5 37.♘d6**

37.h4!? ♖c5+ 38.♔d6 ♖c4 39.e5 ♖xa4 40.g4 ♖b4 41.♘c7 ♖d4+ 42.♔e7 a4 43.♘e8+ ♔h8 44.h5 ♖e4 45.♔f6 ♖f4+ 46.♔e7 ♖e4 47.♔f6=

**37...♗b3 38.♖b1 ♗xa4 39.♖xb6 ♖xg2 40.h4 ♖h2 41.♖a6 ♖xh4 42.♖xa5 ♗d1**

42...♖h5+ 43.♘f5+ gxf5 44.♖xa4 fxe4+ 45.♔f4=

**43.♖a1 ♖h1 44.♘e8+ ♔h6 45.♘f6 ♔g5 46.♖a7 h5 47.♘h7+ ♔h6**

47...♔h4 48.♔f6=

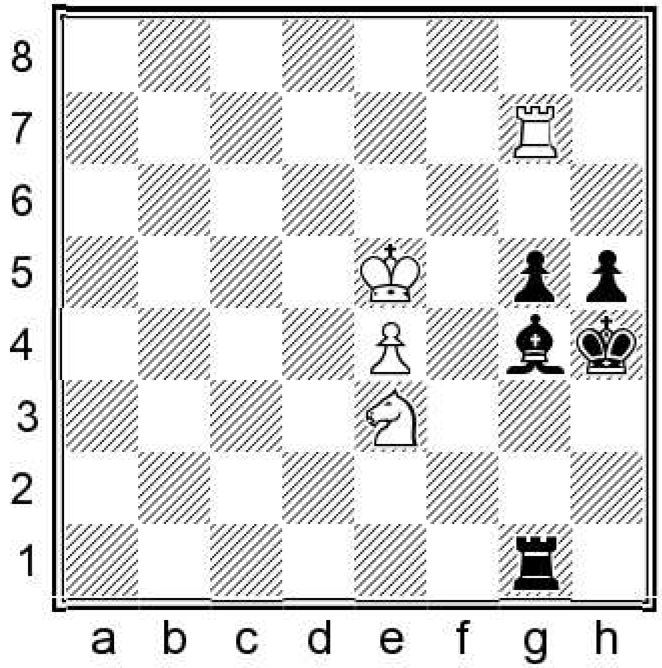
**48.♘f8 ♖f1 49.♖h7+ ♔g5 50.♘e6+ ♔h4**

50...♔g4 51.♖g7=

**51.♖g7 ♖g1 52.♘d4 g5 53.♘f5+ ♔h3 54.♘e3 ♗f3 55.♔f5 ♔h4!**

55...g4 56.♔f4

**56.♔e5 ♗g4**

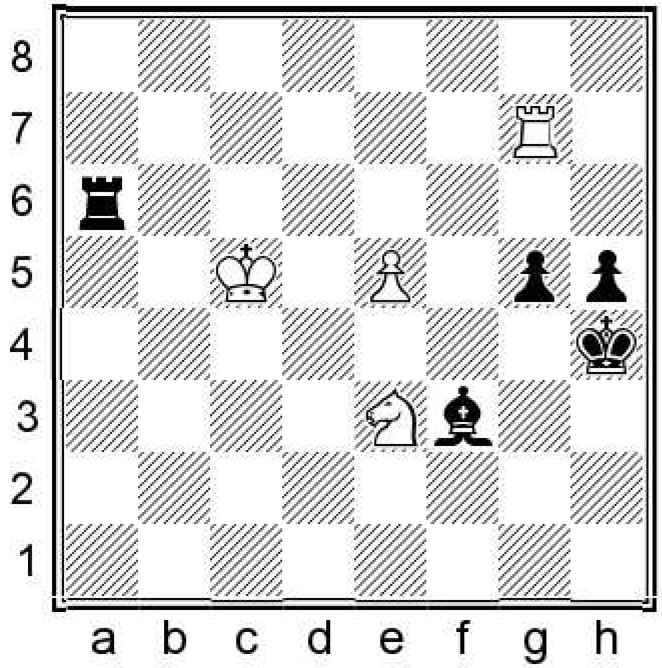


**57.♔d4?**

57.♔f6! ♖a1 (57...♗f3 58.♘f5+ ♔h3 59.♖xg5 ♖xg5 60.♔xg5=) 58.♘xg4 ♖f1+ 59.♔g6 ♔xg4 60.♖d7! (60.♔h6 ♖f6+-+) 60...♖e1 (60...h4 61.♖d5=) 61.♖d5=

**57...♗h3?**

57...♖a1! 58.e5 ♖a4+ 59.♔d5 ♗f3+ 60.♔d6 ♖a6+ 61.♔c5



61...♔g3! 62.♖xg5+ ♔f4-+

**58.e5 ♖a1 59.♖g6 ♖a4+ 60.♔d5 ♖a5+ 61.♔d4 ♖a8 62.e6 ♖e8 63.♔e5 ♗g4 64.♔d6**

64.♘xg4 ♔xg4 65.♔f6=

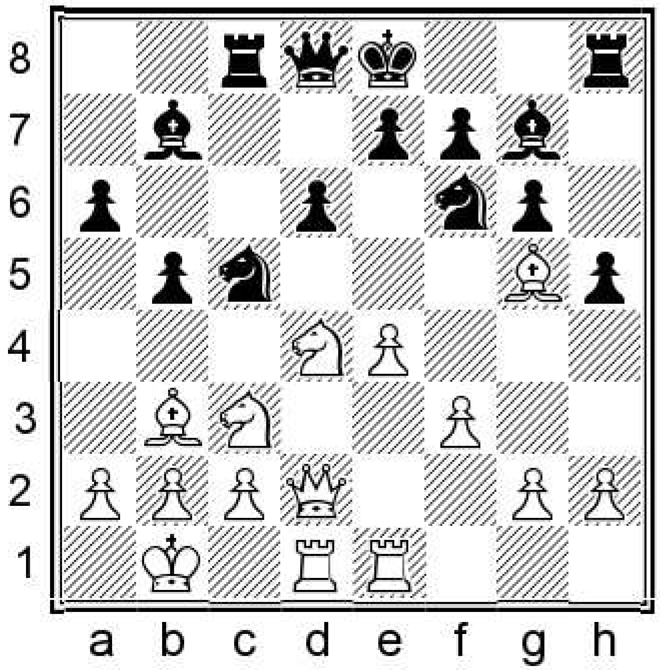
**64...♖xe6+ 65.♖xe6 ♗xe6 66.♔xe6 ♔g3 67.♔f5 ♔f3 68.♔xg5 ♔xe3 69.♔xh5 1/2-1/2**

**57. B75**
**Dominguez Perez, Leinier (2758) - Carlsen, Magnus (2862)**
**chess24.com (Int.-rapid) 147/57, 2021**

**1.e4 c5 2.♘f3 d6 3.d4 cxd4 4.♘xd4 ♘f6 5.♘c3 g6 6.♗e3 ♗g7 7.f3 a6 8.♕d2 h5 9.♗c4 ♘bd7 10.O-O-O b5 11.♗b3 ♘c5 12.♔b1 ♗b7 13.♖he1**

13.a3 - 146/66

**13...♖c8 14.♗g5**



**14...O-ON**

14...♘xb3

**15.♘d5?!**

15.a3; 15.h3

**15...e6**

15...♘xb3 16.♘xb3 (16.axb3 ♘xd5 17.exd5 ♖e8=) 16...♘xd5 17.exd5 ♖e8 18.♖e2 ♕c7=

**16.♘xf6+ ♗xf6 17.h4**

17.♗xf6!? ♕xf6 18.a3 (18.c3!?) 18...♖fd8 19.♗a2↑

**17...♗xg5 18.hxg5 ♔g7= 19.♕e3?!**

19.g4!?; 19.a3!?

**19...♕c7**

19...e5!? 20.♘e2 b4 21.♗d5 ♗xd5 22.♖xd5 ♘e6↑

**20.♖d2 b4 21.♖ed1**

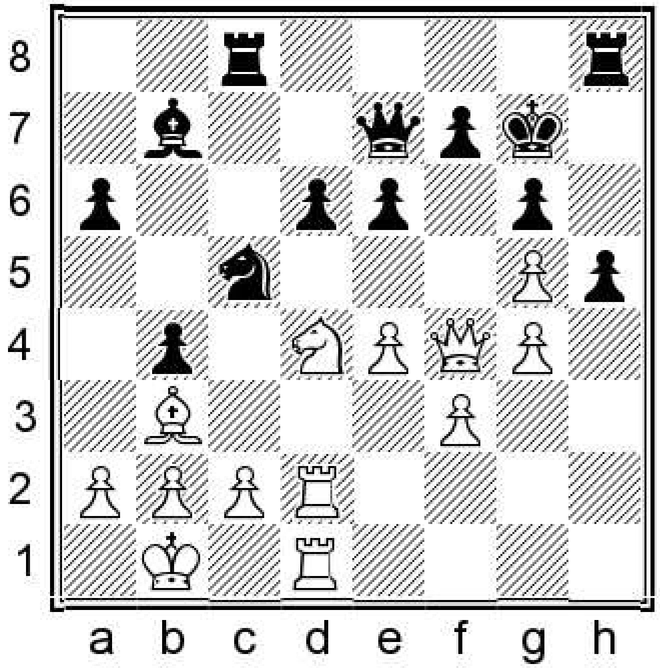
21.g4!? ♖h8 22.♕f4 ♕e7 23.e5 dxe5 24.♕xe5+ ♔g8 25.gxh5 ♖xh5 26.f4∞

**21...♖fd8**

⌓21...e5

**22.♕f4**

22.g4 ♖h8 (22...hxg4? 23.♕f4 ♖h8 (23...♕e7 24.e5+-) 24.♕f6+ ♔g8 25.♘xe6 ♘xe6 26.♗xe6 fxe6 27.♕xg6+ ♕g7 28.♕xe6+ ♕f7 29.♕xg4+-) 23.♕f4 ♔g8 (23...♕e7?



24.♘xe6+! ♘xe6 25.♗xe6 ♕xe6 26.♖xd6 ♕c4 27.♔a1+-) 24.♖h2 e5 25.♕f6 ♘xb3 (25...exd4 26.♕xg6+ ♔f8 27.♕f6 ♖g8 28.gxh5 ♕e7 29.♕xd4 ♖xg5∞) 26.♘xb3 ♕d8∞

**22...♕e7 23.♘e2?!**

23.♕g3

**23...a5?**

23...e5 24.♕e3 a5∓

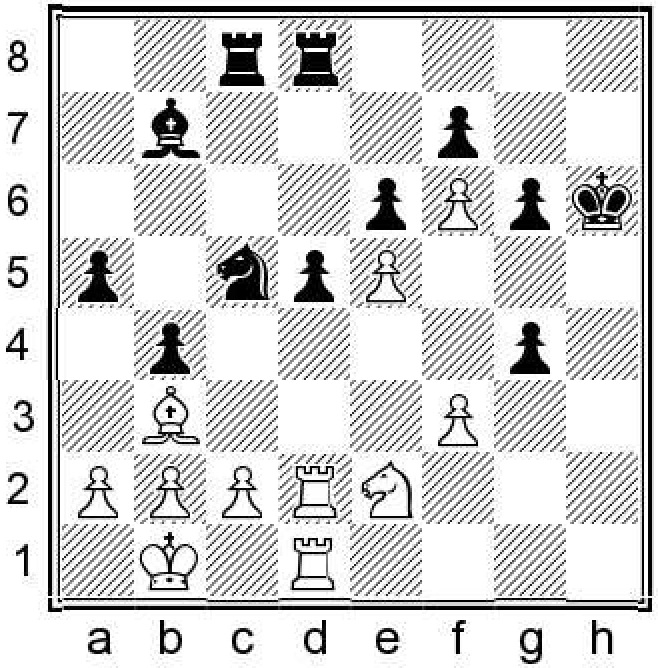
**24.e5! d5 25.g4?**

25.♗c4!±

**25...hxg4?**

25...♖h8-+

**26.♕f6+! ♕xf6 27.gxf6+ ♔h6?**



27...♔f8=

**28.♖h1+?**

28.♖d4!! ♘e4 (28...gxf3 29.♖g4 ♔h5 30.♖g3 g5 31.♘f4+ ♔h4 32.♖dg1 gxf4 33.♖g7 f2 34.♖h1#; 28...g5 29.♖xg4+-) 29.fxe4+-

**28...♔g5 29.f4+ ♔f5-+ 30.♖f1 g5 31.♘d4+ ♔g6**

⌓31...♔e4

**32.f5+! exf5 33.♘xf5 g3□ 34.♖g2 ♘e4 35.♘xg3 ♖e8! 36.♘xe4 dxe4 37.e6 fxe6?!**

37...e3∓

**38.f7 ♖f8 39.♗xe6 ♖c5 40.♖g3?**

40.♔c1∓

**40...♖e5!-+ 41.♗g4 e3**

41...♗a6!?

**42.♔c1 ♖xf7 43.♖xf7 ♔xf7 44.♔d1 ♔f6 45.♔e1 ♗d5**

45...♗e4!?

**46.a3 bxa3 47.bxa3 ♗e4 48.♖xe3 ♗xc2 49.♔d2 ♖xe3 50.♔xe3 ♔e5 51.♗f3 ♗f5 52.♗c6 ♔d6 53.♗f3 ♔c5 54.♗e2 ♗g6 55.♗f1 ♗h5 56.♔e4 ♗d1 57.♔e3 g4 58.♗a6 ♗f3 59.♗f1 ♗c6 60.♔f4 ♔d4?**

60...♗b5 61.♗g2 ♗d7

**61.♔xg4 ♔c3 62.♔f5 ♔b2 63.♔e5?**

63.♗e2=

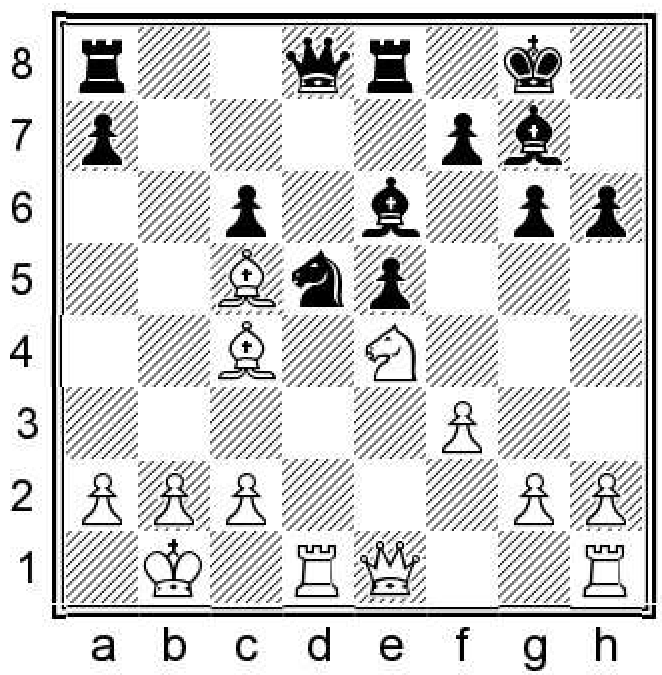
**63...♔xa3-+ 64.♔d6**

64.♗e2 ♔b4 65.♗d1 ♗a4 66.♗g4 ♗b5 67.♗d1 ♗c4 Δ Bb3

**64...♗e8! 65.♔c5 a4 66.♗c4 ♔b2 67.♔b4 a3 68.♗d5 ♗g6 69.♗e6 ♗b1 70.♗d5 ♗a2 71.♗e4 ♗f7 72.♗b1 ♗b3 0-1**

**58. B76**
**Krysa, Leandro Sergio (2544) - Paravyan, David (2647)**
**chess.com (Int.-blitz) 147/58, 2021**

**1.e4 c5 2.♘f3 d6 3.d4 cxd4 4.♘xd4 ♘f6 5.♘c3 g6 6.♗e3 ♗g7 7.f3 O-O 8.♕d2 ♘c6 9.O-O-O d5 10.♕e1 e5 11.♘xc6 bxc6 12.exd5 ♘xd5 13.♗c5 ♖e8 14.♗c4 ♗e6 15.♘e4 h6 16.♔b1**



**16...a5N**

16...f5 - 136/80

**17.g4 ♕c7 18.h4 a4 19.a3 ♘f4?!**

19...♖eb8

**20.♗xe6 ♘xe6**

20...♖xe6 21.h5±

**21.♗d6 ♕b6 22.g5?!**

22.♕b4 ♕a6 23.h5±

**22...h5 23.♕b4 ♕a6 24.♖d3 c5! 25.♕d2?!**

25.♗xc5 ♖ec8=∞; 25.♕c3 c4 26.♖d5 ♘d4 (26...♘f4 27.♖d2±) 27.♖d1⩲↑

**25...c4 26.♖d5 ♘d4**

26...♘f4 27.♖c5 ♘e6 28.♖xe5!? c3 (28...♖ed8 29.♖xe6 fxe6 30.♕f4=∞) 29.♕xc3 ♖ed8 30.♖d1 ♖ab8=∞

**27.c3?**

27.♕c3 ♕b7 28.♕xc4 (28.♖c5? ♘b5-+) 28...♖ec8 29.♖c5 ♘xf3 30.♖d1 ♘d4∞; 27.♕b4!?

**27...♕b7!**

27...♘b3? 28.♕d1±

**28.♖c5**

28.cxd4 ♕xd5 29.dxe5 ♕xd2 30.♘xd2 ♗xe5-+

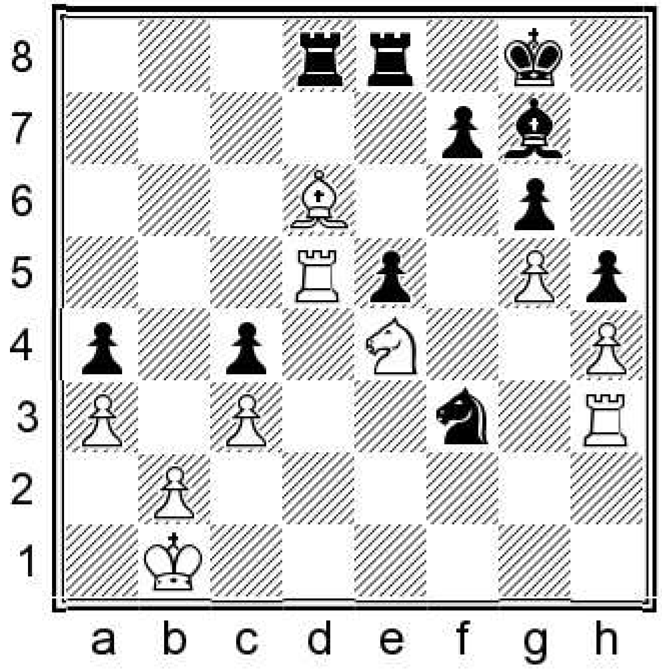
**28...♘xf3?**

28...♘b3 29.♕d5 ♘xc5 30.♕xc5 ♖ec8-+

**29.♕d5 ♕xd5 30.♖xd5 ♖ad8?!**

30...♖ed8=

**31.♖h3?**



31.♖a5 ♖a8 32.♖b5±

**31...♘d4!-+ 32.cxd4**

32.♖h1 ♘f5

**32...exd4 33.♘f6+**

33.♘c5 ♖e1+ 34.♔c2 ♖e2+ 35.♔c1 d3 36.♘xd3 cxd3 37.♖hxd3 ♗xb2+ 38.♔b1 f6

**33...♗xf6 34.gxf6 d3 35.♖d4 ♖e6 36.♖xc4 ♖dxd6**

36...d2!

**37.♖h1 ♖xf6 38.♖d1 ♖f2 39.♖xa4 ♖b6 40.♖b4**

40.b4

**40...♖xb4 41.axb4 ♖f4 42.b5 ♖xh4 43.♖xd3 ♖b4 44.♖d5 h4 45.♔c2 h3 46.♔c3**

46.♖d3 ♖xb5 47.♖xh3 f5

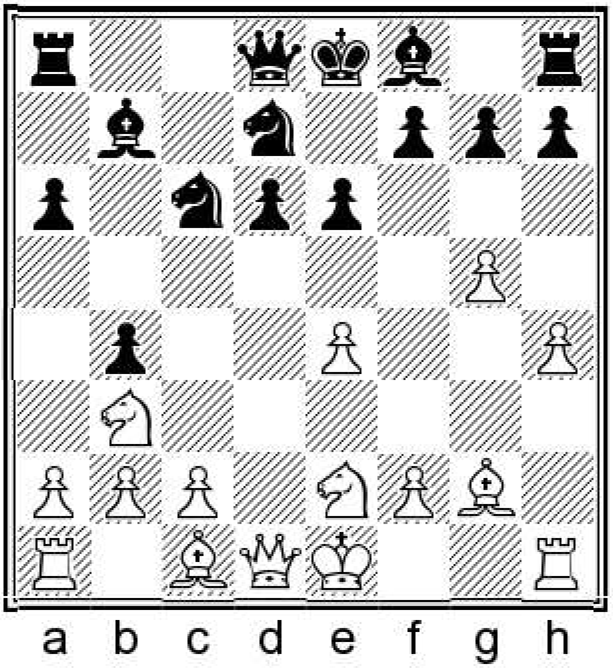
**46...♖xb5! 47.♖xb5 h2 48.♖b8+ ♔g7 49.♖h8 ♔xh8 0-1**

**59. * B81**
**Svidler, Peter (2723) - Nepomniachtchi, Ian (2784)**
**Russia (ch) 147/59, 2020**

**1.e4 c5 2.♘f3 d6 3.d4 cxd4 4.♘xd4 ♘f6 5.♘c3 a6 6.♘b3 e6 7.g4 b5 8.♗g2 ♗b7 9.g5 ♘fd7 10.h4 b4**

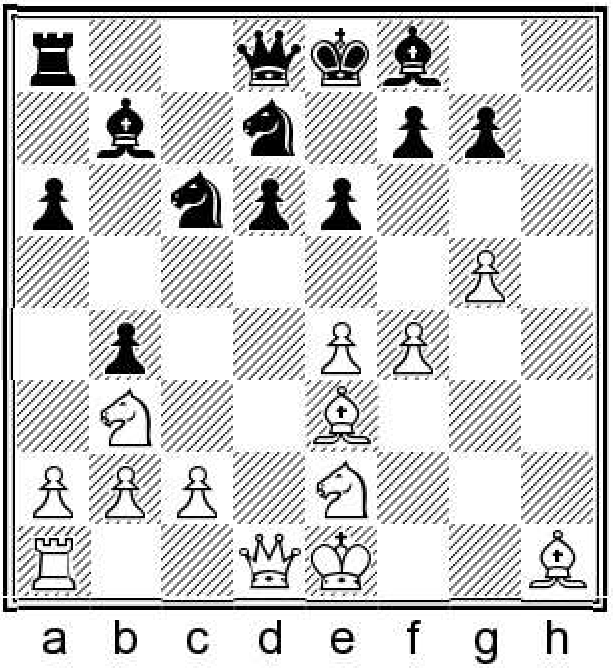
10...♘c6; 10...♗e7

**11.♘e2 ♘c6**



**12.O-ON**

12.f4 - 147/(59) 12...h6 13.♗e3 hxg5 14.hxg5 ♖xh1+ 15.♗xh1



15...a5N (15...g6) 16.♘ed4 ♘xd4 17.♘xd4 ♘c5 (17...e5!?) 18.♕g4 (18.♕h5 g6 19.♕h8∞) 18...g6∓ Svidler,P (2723)-Nepomniachtchi,I (2784) chess24.com (Int.-rapid) 147/(59) 2020

**12...h6 13.g6!?**

13.f4 hxg5 14.hxg5 a5↑; 13.a3 hxg5 14.hxg5 bxa3 (14...a5 15.axb4 axb4 16.♖xa8 ♕xa8 17.♗e3 ♗e7∞; 14...♘c5!?) 15.♖xa3 g6∞

**13...♕xh4**

13...fxg6 14.♘f4 ♕f6 15.♕g4 ♘de5 (15...g5 16.♕xe6+ ♗e7 17.♕xf6 gxf6 18.♘d5 ♔f7 19.a3±) 16.♕xe6+ ♗e7 17.a3 bxa3 18.♖xa3↑

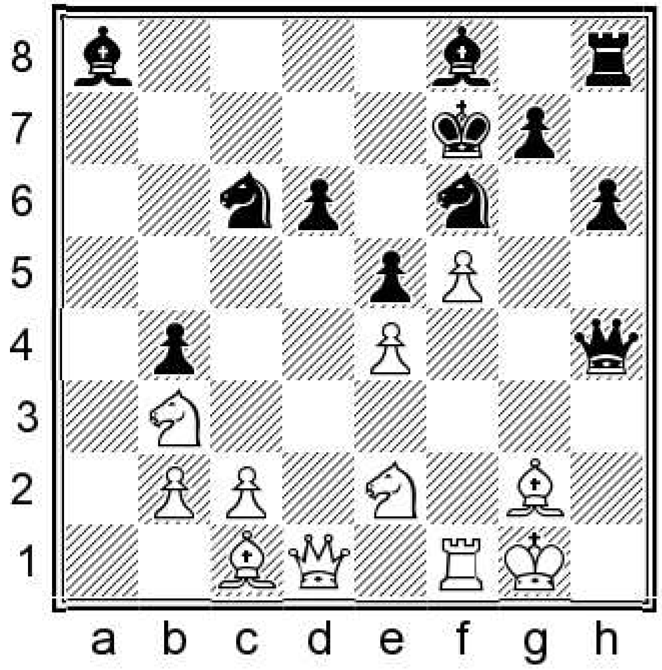
**14.gxf7+ ♔xf7 15.a3 a5**

15...♘c5!?

**16.axb4 axb4 17.♖xa8 ♗xa8 18.f4**

18.♗f4!?

**18...♘f6 19.f5 e5**



19...exf5 20.♖f4 ♕h5 21.♖xf5 ♕g4 22.♖f4 ♕d7 23.♕d5+ ♕e6 24.♗d2=∞; 19...♘e5 20.fxe6+ ♔g8 21.♘ed4 ♗xe4 22.♕e2=∞

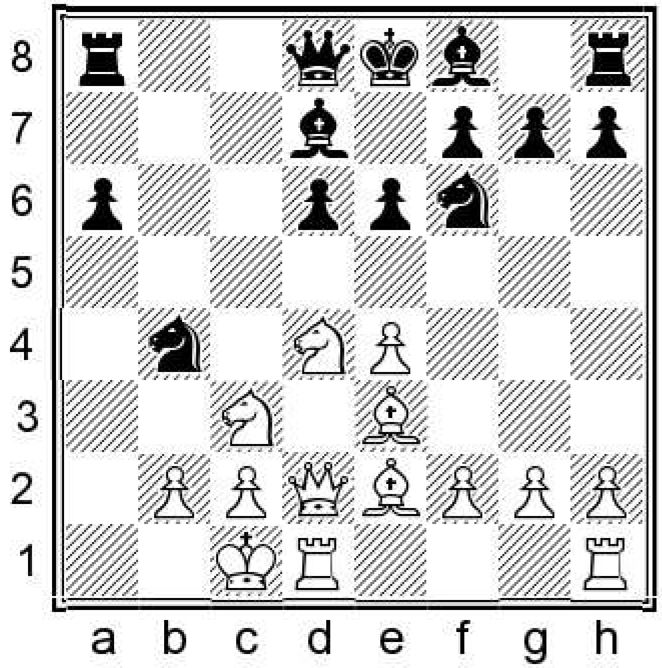
**20.♖f3! d5 21.♖h3 ♕g4 22.♖g3 ♕h4 23.♖h3 ♕g4 24.♖g3 ♕h4 25.♖h3 1/2-1/2**

**60. B84**
**Dubov, Daniil (2702) - Artemiev, Vladislav (2711)**
**Russia (ch) 147/60, 2020**

**1.e4 c5 2.♘f3 e6 3.d4 cxd4 4.♘xd4 ♘f6 5.♘c3 ♘c6 6.♗e2 d6 7.♗e3 ♗d7 8.♕d2 a6 9.O-O-O**

9.f4 - 93/183

**9...b5 10.a3 b4 11.axb4 ♘xb4**



**12.♔b1N**

12.f4

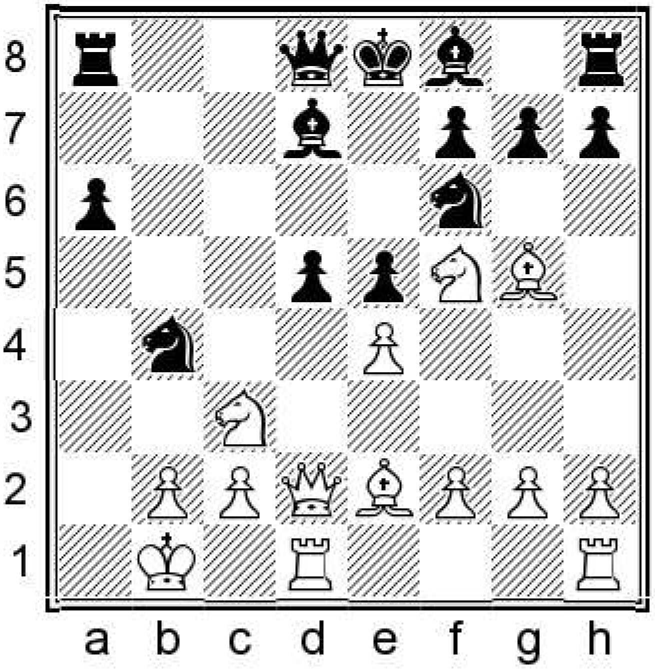
**12...e5 13.♘f5?**

13.♘b3 ♗e7 (13...a5? 14.f4 a4 15.♘c5! dxc5 16.fxe5 ♘g4 17.e6! fxe6 18.♗xg4+-; 13...d5!? 14.f4 d4 15.♘xd4 exd4 16.♗xd4∞) 14.f4 ♕c7 15.fxe5 (15.g4!? ♘xg4 16.fxe5 ♘xe3 17.exd6 ♗xd6 18.♕xd6 (18.♕xe3 ♖b8∞) 18...♕xd6 19.♖xd6 ♔e7 20.♖d2 ♗e6∞) 15...dxe5 16.♗g5 ♖a7!? 17.♗xf6 ♗xf6 18.♕d6 (18.♘d5 ♘xd5 19.exd5 a5∞) 18...♗e7 19.♕xc7 ♖xc7∞

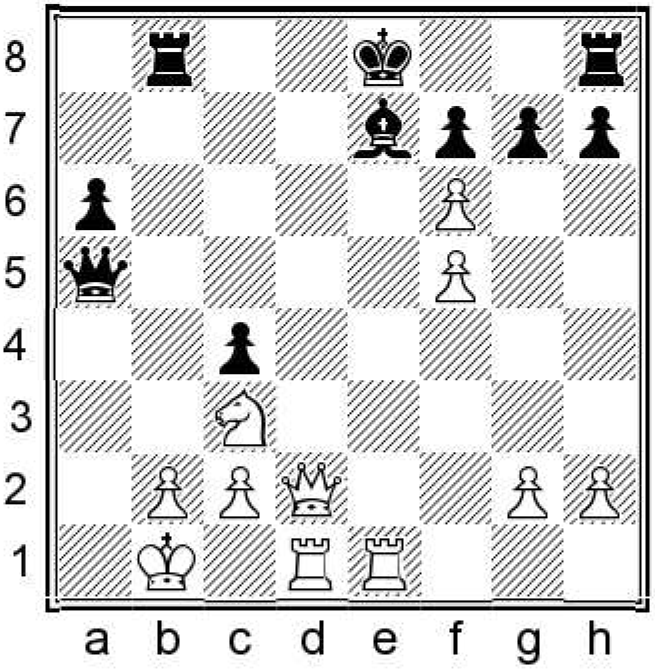
**13...d5!**

13...♗xf5 14.exf5 ♖c8 (14...d5 15.♗g5 d4 16.♖he1 ♗e7 (16...dxc3 17.♕xc3 ♗d6 18.♗f3 ♖b8 19.♖xe5+ ♔f8 20.♗f4+-) 17.♗f3 ♖c8 18.♖xe5 dxc3 19.♕xd8+ ♖xd8 20.♖xd8+ ♔xd8 21.bxc3±) 15.♗g5±

**14.♗g5**

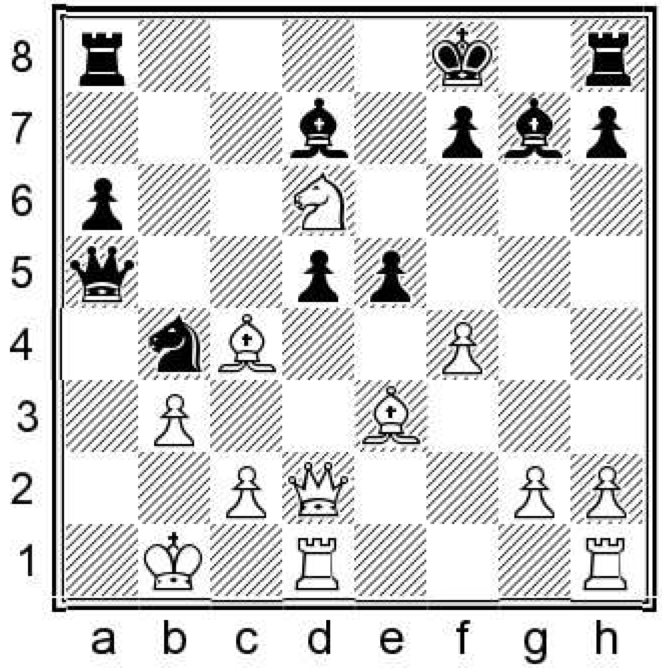


14.♖he1 ♖c8! (14...♕a5 15.♗c4 ♗xf5 16.exf5 dxc4 17.♗f4 ♘c6 18.♗xe5 ♘xe5 19.♕d4 (19.f4 ♗e7 20.fxe5 ♖b8 21.exf6



21...♖xb2+!! 22.♔xb2 O-O-+) 19...♗e7 (19...♕b4?! 20.♘b5! ♗e7 (20...axb5? 21.♕xe5+ ♗e7 22.c3+-) 21.♘c7+ ♔f8 22.♘xa8 (22.♖xe5 ♖c8 23.c3! ♕b3 24.♖xe7 ♕xd1+ 25.♕xd1 ♔xe7 26.♕e2+ ♔d7 27.♘xa6 ♖he8 28.♕f1 ♔e7 29.♘b4 ♔f8 30.f3±) 22...♘c6 23.♕b6±) 20.♖xe5 ♕b4 21.♘a2 ♕b7 22.♖de1 ♘g8∓) 15.♗f3 (15.♗g5? ♕a5-+) 15...♗e6 16.♗d4 (16.g4 d4 17.♗xd4 exd4 18.♘xd4 ♗c5-+) 16...dxe4 (16...exd4? 17.♘xd4 dxe4 18.♗xe4 ♘xe4 19.♖xe4 ♗e7 20.♕e2 ♕c7 21.♘xe6 fxe6 22.♖xe6 ♔f7 23.♕e4=∞) 17.♗xe4 ♘xe4 18.♖xe4 ♗xf5 19.♖xe5+ ♗e6-+; 14.f4 ♕a5! (14...♘xe4 15.♘xg7+! (15.♘xe4 ♗xf5-+) 15...♗xg7 16.♘xe4 ♕a5 17.♗c4!∞ (17.♘c3 ♗f5-+; 17.♘d6+ ♔e7 18.♕c3 d4

19.♕b3 ♗e6 20.♗c4 ♖hb8 21.♗xe6 fxe6-+) 17...♗a4 (17...O-O 18.♗c5 ♖fb8 19.♗xb4 ♖xb4 20.♕xd5 ♕xd5 21.♗xd5 ♖ab8 22.b3 ♗g4∞) 18.♘d6+ ♔f8 19.b3 (19.♘b7? ♗xc2+ 20.♕xc2 ♕a1+! 21.♔xa1 ♘xc2+ 22.♔b1 ♘xe3-+) 19...♗d7



(19...♗c6 20.c3 dxc4 21.cxb4 ♕a3 22.♗c5 ♕xb3+ 23.♕b2 ♕xb2+ 24.♔xb2 exf4+ 25.♔c1 ♔g8∞) 20.♕xb4! ♕xb4 21.♖xd5∞) 15.♗f3 ♗xf5 16.exf5 e4 17.♗e2 (17.♗d4 ♗e7 18.♖he1 O-O-+) 17...♖c8-+

**14...♗e6!-+**

14...d4? 15.♘xd4 exd4 16.♕xd4⩱

**15.f4**

15.♕e3 d4 16.♘xd4 exd4 17.♖xd4 ♕a5-+

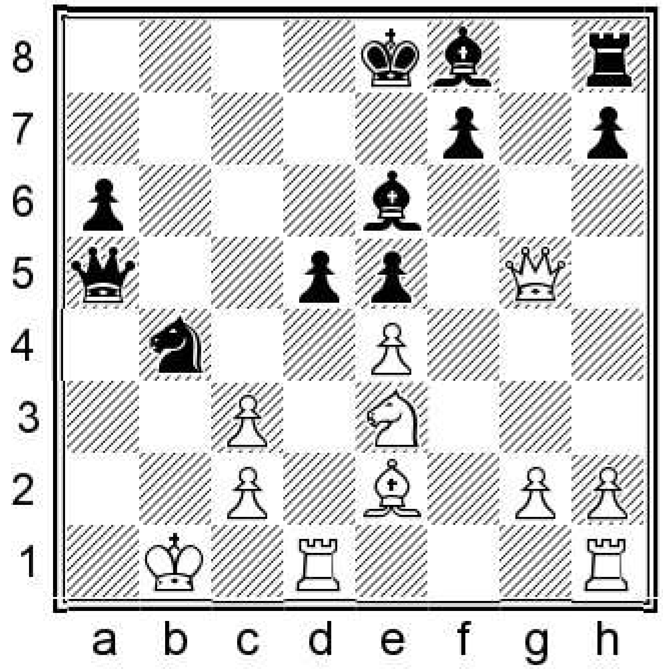
**15...♕a5! 16.♗xf6 gxf6 17.fxe5 fxe5 18.♕g5**

18.♘e3 d4 19.♘c4 dxc3 20.♘xa5 cxd2-+

**18...♖c8!**

18...d4? 19.♘xd4

**19.♘e3 ♖xc3 20.bxc3**



**20...♗c5??**

20...d4! 21.cxd4 (21.cxb4 ♕a2+ 22.♔c1 ♕a1+ 23.♔d2 ♗xb4+ 24.♔d3 ♕c3#; 21.♗c4 ♗xc4 22.♖xd4 ♕a2+ 23.♔c1 exd4 24.♕e5+ ♗e6 25.♕b8+ ♔d7 26.♕b7+ ♔d8 27.♕b8+ ♗c8 28.♕b6+ ♔e8-+) 21...♕a2+ 22.♔c1 ♕a3+! (22...♘c6!-+) 23.♔d2 exd4 24.♗b5+ (24.♘d5 ♘xd5-+) 24...axb5 25.♕xb5+ ♘c6 26.♕xc6+ ♗d7-+

**21.cxb4 ♕xb4+ 22.♔c1= ♕a3+ 23.♔b1 ♕b4+ 24.♔c1 ♕a3+ 25.♔b1 1/2-1/2**

**61. B84**
**Wei, Yi (2732) - Topalov, Veselin (2735)**
**chess.com (Int.-rapid) 147/61, 2020**

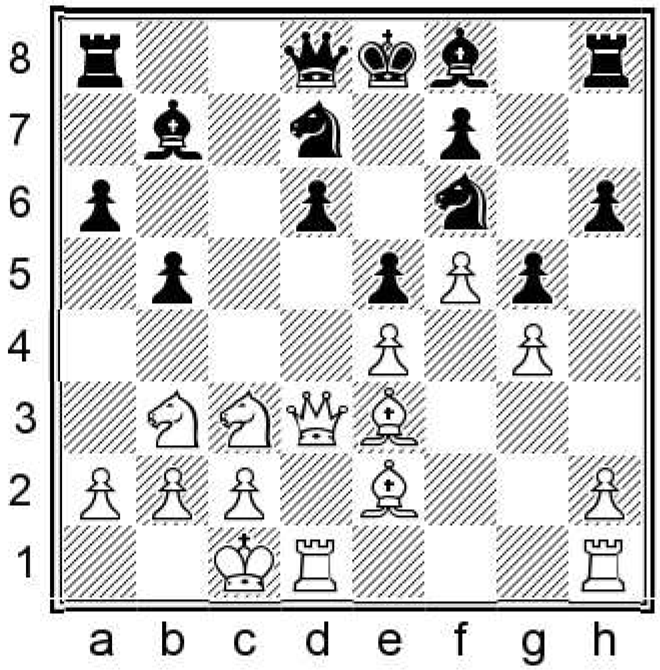
**1.e4 c5 2.♘f3 d6 3.d4 cxd4 4.♘xd4 ♘f6 5.♘c3 a6 6.♗e3 e6 7.♗e2 ♘bd7 8.g4 h6 9.f4 g5 10.f5 e5**

10...♘e5 - 119/64

**11.♘b3 b5 12.♕d3**

12.♗f3; 12.a4; 12.a3

**12...♗b7 13.O-O-O**



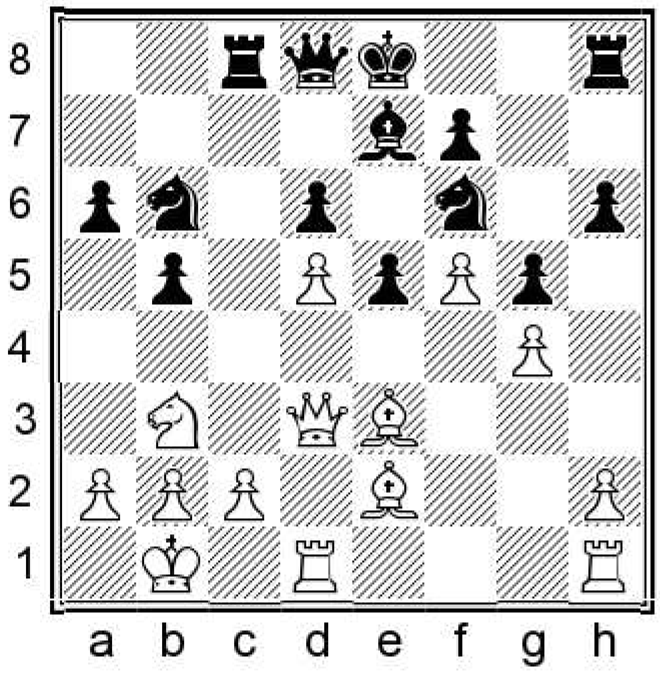
**13...♖c8N**

⌓13...b4 14.♘d5 ♘xd5 15.exd5 a5=

**14.♔b1 ♗e7**

14...♖xc3 15.♕xc3 ♗xe4 (15...♘xe4 16.♕e1 ♗e7 17.♖f1±) 16.♖he1 ♘d5 17.♕d2 ♘7f6 18.♔a1±; 14...h5 15.h4! ♖xc3 16.♕xc3 ♘xe4 17.♕d3 hxg4 18.hxg5 ♖xh1 19.♖xh1 ♘f2 20.♗xf2 ♗xh1 21.f6±

**15.♘d5 ♗xd5 16.exd5 ♘b6?!**



16...♖c4!?

**17.♗f3**

17.h4!±

**17...♘c4 18.♘d2?!**

18.♗c1±

**18...♘xe3**

18...e4!? 19.♘xe4 ♘xe3 20.♕xe3 ♘xe4 21.♗xe4 ♗f6

**19.♕xe3 ♕c7 20.c3 ♕c5 21.♕xc5 ♖xc5= 22.h3 ♔d7 23.♖c1 ♖hc8 24.a3 ♗d8**

24...♘xd5?! 25.♘b3 ♘f4 26.♘xc5+ ♖xc5 27.♖hd1±

**25.♘e4 ♘xe4 26.♗xe4 ♗f6 27.♖he1 ♖c4 28.♖e3 ♖h8 29.b3 ♖c7 30.♗f3 e4!?**

30...h5 31.gxh5 g4 32.hxg4 ♗g5 33.♖ce1 ♗xe3 34.♖xe3 f6=

**31.♗xe4 ♖e8 32.c4 bxc4 33.♖xc4 ♖xc4 34.bxc4 ♖b8+ 35.♔c1 ♗e5 36.♖f3 ♔e7 37.♗c2 ♔f6 38.♖b3 ♖xb3 39.♗xb3 ♗d4 40.♗a4 ♗c5 41.♔b2 ♔e7 42.♗d1 f6 43.♗a4 ♔d8 44.♗d1 ♔e7 45.♗a4 ♔d8 46.♗d1 ♔e7 1/2-1/2**

**62. * B84**
**Esipenko, Andrey (2677) - Carlsen, Magnus (2862)**
**Wijk aan Zee 147/62, 2021**

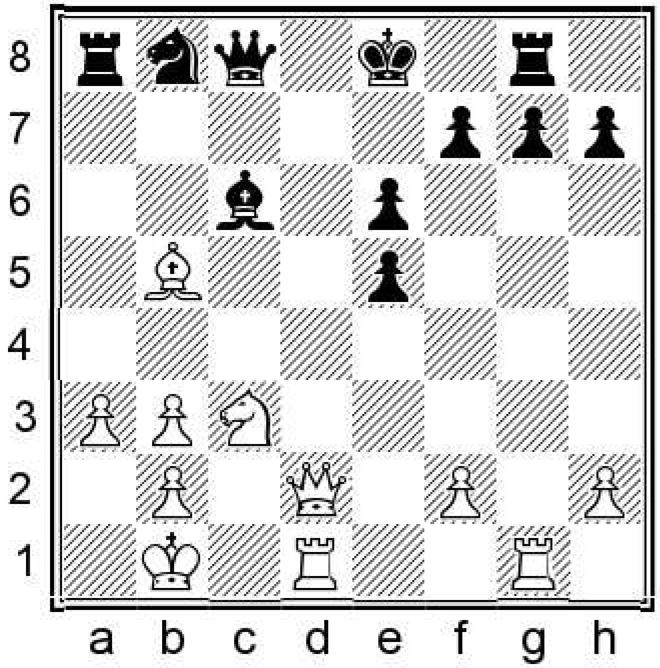
**1.e4 c5 2.♘f3 d6 3.d4 cxd4 4.♘xd4 ♘f6 5.♘c3 a6 6.♗e2 e6 7.♗e3 ♗e7 8.g4 b5 9.g5 ♘fd7 10.a3**

10.f4 - 20/500

10.♕d2 b4 11.♘d1 (11.♘a4 ♘c5 12.♕xb4 ♗d7)

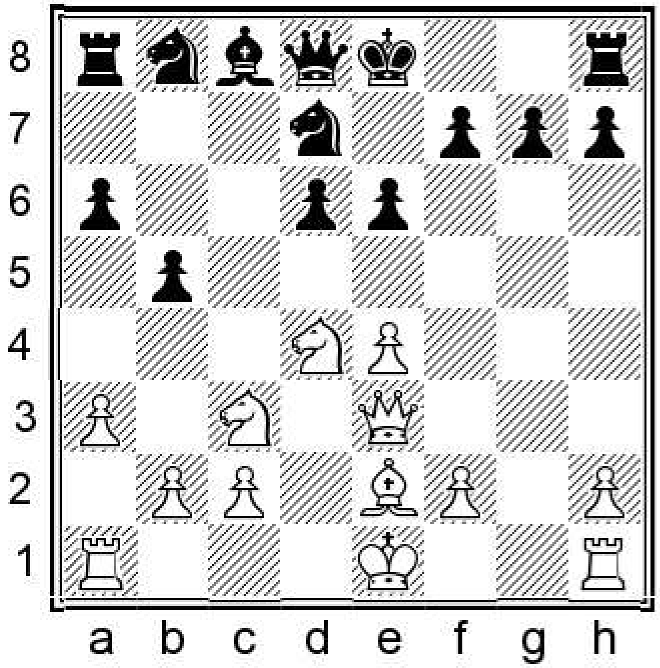
**10...♗xg5 11.♕d2 ♗xe3?!**

11...♗f6 12.O-O-O ♗b7 13.♖hg1 ♘c5? 14.e5! ♗xe5 15.♘dxb5 ♘b3+ (15...axb5 16.♗xc5±) 16.cxb3 axb5 17.♗xb5+ ♗c6 18.♗d4 ♕c8 19.♗xe5 dxe5 20.♔b1 ♖g8



21.♘e4!+-; 11...♗e7 12.O-O-O ♗b7 (12...O-O) 13.♖hg1 g6 14.f4 (14.♗h6?! ♘c6 15.♗g7 ♖g8 16.♘xc6 ♗xc6 17.♕h6 ♕a5!∓)

**12.♕xe3**



**12...♕h4?!N**

12...♗b7 - 147/(62) 13.O-O-ON (13.♖g1 g6 14.O-O-O ♕e7= Speelman,Jon (14...♕b6 15.♕g3)) 13...♕e7 14.♘b3 ♘c6 15.♕g3 ♘c5 16.♘xc5 dxc5 17.♕xg7 ♖f8 18.♗g4 ♘d4∞ Frotscher,T-Gomila Marti,S corr 147/(62) 2019

**13.♖g1! g6**

13...♘e5 14.O-O-O O-O 15.f4 ♘g6 16.♖df1± →

**14.O-O-O**

14.♖g5 ♘e5 Speelman, Jon

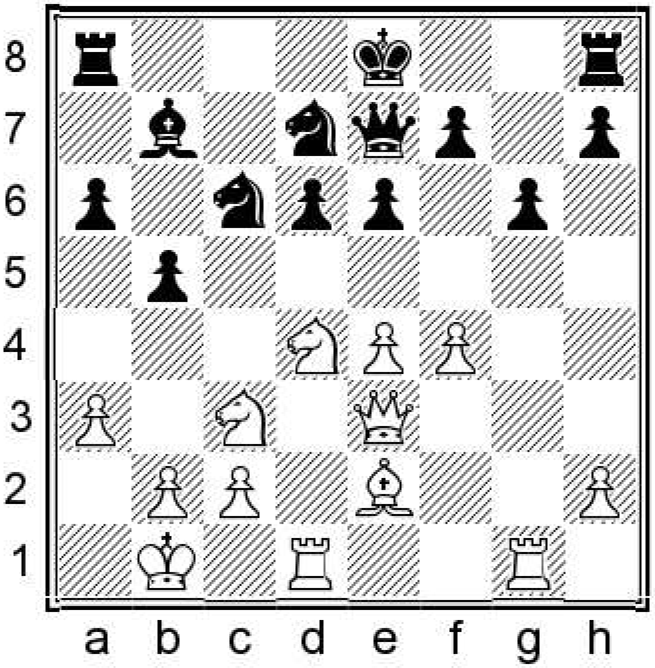
**14...♕e7**

14...e5 15.♘f3 ♕f4 16.♕xf4 exf4 17.♖xd6+-; 14...O-O 15.♘f3 (15.♖g5!?) 15...♕e7 16.h4 ♗b7 17.h5+-; RR14...♗b7 15.♘b3 (15.♖g5!? ♘c6 (15...O-O 16.♘f3) 16.♘xc6 ♗xc6 17.♖xd6) 15...♕e7 16.♘a5 Speelman,Jon

**15.f4**

15.e5!? d5 (15...dxe5 16.♘xe6! ♕xe6 17.♗f3+-) 16.f4 ♗b7 17.f5! ♘c6 (17...gxf5 18.♗h5+-) 18.fxe6 fxe6 19.♘xe6! ♕xe6 20.♗g4+-

**15...♗b7 16.♔b1 ♘c6**



RR16...O-O 17.h4 ♘c6 18.♘f3 ♖fd8 19.h5→; ⌓16...♘c5 17.b4 ♘a4 18.♘xa4 (18.♘dxb5 axb5 19.♗xb5+ ♗c6 20.♗xc6+ ♘xc6 21.♘xa4 ♖xa4 22.♕c3 O-O) 18...bxa4 19.e5 d5 20.f5 gxf5 21.c4± Speelman,Jon

**17.♘cxb5! axb5 18.♘xc6 ♗xc6 19.♕c3 O-O 20.♕xc6 d5**

20...♘f6 21.♕xd6 ♕b7 (21...♕xd6 22.♖xd6 ♘xe4 23.♖d4+-) 22.♕e5 ♘xe4 23.♗xb5+-; RR20...♘c5 21.♕xd6 ♕a7! (21...♕xd6 22.♖xd6 ♘xe4 (22...♖fb8 23.♖d4) 23.♖d4 f5 24.♗xb5) 22.♗xb5 ♖ab8 23.c4 ♖fd8 24.♕xd8+ ♖xd8 25.♖xd8+ ♔g7 (Speelman, Jon) 26.♖gd1±

**21.exd5**

21.♗xb5?! ♘f6± Speelman,Jon

**21...♖fc8**

21...exd5 22.♖ge1+-

**22.d6 ♕d8 23.♕xb5+-**

23.♕e4!?+-

**23...♖cb8**

RR23...♖xa3 24.bxa3 ♖b8 25.♖g3+- Speelman, Jon

**24.♕c4**

24.♕d3!? ♕b6 25.♕b3

**24...♖xa3 25.♕c7 ♕e8**

25...♕f6 26.♕xb8+☐ ♘xb8 27.bxa3; 25...♖a4 26.♕xd8+ (26.♗b5!?) 26...♖xd8 27.♗b5 ♖xf4 28.♗xd7 ♖xd7 29.b3 Δ c4

**26.♖g5**

26.♖g3!? Speelman,Jon

**26...♖a4**

RR26...e5 27.♗g4 f5 28.♗xf5 ♕f7 29.♕xb8+ ♘xb8 30.bxa3 Speelman,Jon

**27.♖a5**

27.♗b5? ♖xb5! 28.♖xb5 ♕a8!∓ Speelman, Jon

**27...♖ab4 28.b3 ♖4b7 29.♕c3 ♕d8 30.♗f3 ♖b4 31.♕c7 ♕f6**

31...♖c8 32.♖a7!?

**32.♖a8**

32.♕xd7?? ♖xb3+! 33.cxb3 ♖xb3+ 34.♔c2 ♕c3# Speelman,Jon

**32...♖xa8 33.♗xa8 ♕f5 34.♔b2 ♖b5** [Δ Rc5]

RR34...♘f6 35.d7 ♘xd7 36.♖xd7 ♖xf4 37.♕c3 Speelman,Jon

**35.♕xd7 ♖c5 36.♖c1 ♕xf4 37.♕e8+ ♔g7** [Δ Qd2] **38.d7**

38.d7 RR♕d4+ (38...♖xc2+ 39.♖xc2 ♕d4+ 40.♔a2 ♕a7+ 41.♔b1 ♕g1+ 42.♖c1 ♕e3 43.♕b8) 39.c3 ♖xc3 40.d8=Q Speelman,Jon

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**63. B84**
**Le, Quang Liem (2709) - Svidler, Peter (2723)**
**chess24.com (Int.-rapid) 147/63, 2020**

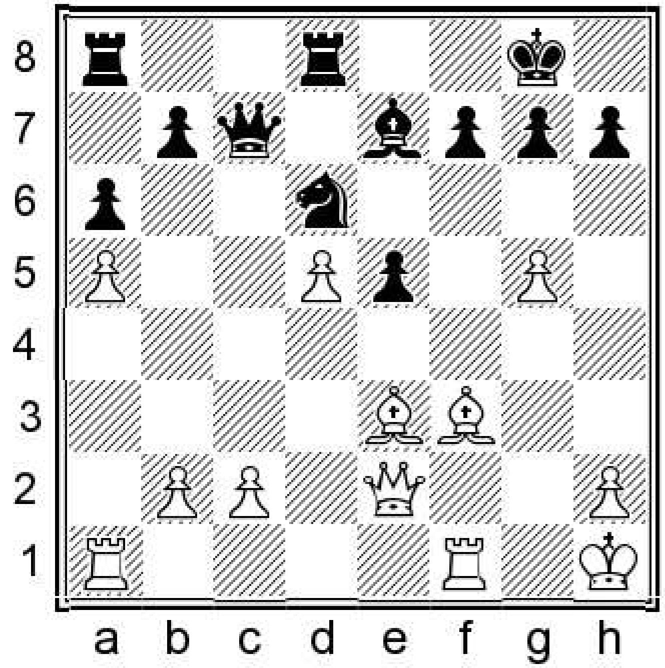
**1.e4 c5 2.♘f3 d6 3.d4 cxd4 4.♘xd4 ♘f6 5.♘c3 a6 6.♗e2 e6 7.O-O ♗e7 8.f4 ♕c7 9.♗f3 O-O 10.♗e3 ♘c6 11.a4 ♖e8**

11...♘a5 - 144/56

**12.♔h1 ♖b8 13.g4 ♘xd4 14.♗xd4 e5 15.fxe5 dxe5 16.♗a7 ♖a8 17.g5 ♖d8 18.♕e2 ♘e8 19.♗e3 ♗e6 20.♘d5**

20.♗g4 - 76/227

**20...♗xd5 21.exd5 ♘d6 22.a5**



**22...e4?!N**

22...♖ac8 23.♗b6 ♕xc2 24.♗xd8 ♕xe2 25.♗xe7 ♕xb2 26.♗xd6 ♖c2 27.♖ab1! (27.♗a3?) 27...♖xh2+ 28.♔g1 ♕d2 29.♖xb7 f5 (29...f6? 30.♗b4! ♕f4 (30...♕d3 31.♔xh2 ♕xf1 32.♖b8+ ♔f7 33.♗h5+ g6 34.♖f8+ ♔g7 35.♖xf6+-) 31.♖b8+ ♔f7 32.♗h5+ ♖xh5 33.♖xf4 ♖xg5+ 34.♔f2 exf4 35.d6+-) 30.♖xg7+! (30.♗b4? ♕d3! 31.♔xh2 ♕xf1=) 30...♔xg7 31.♗xe5+ ♔f7 32.♗xh2 ♕xg5+ 33.♔h1 ♔e7 34.d6+ ♔d7 35.♗f4 ♕f6 36.♔g2+-; 22...♕c4; 22...♖e8

**23.♗g2**

23.♗g4

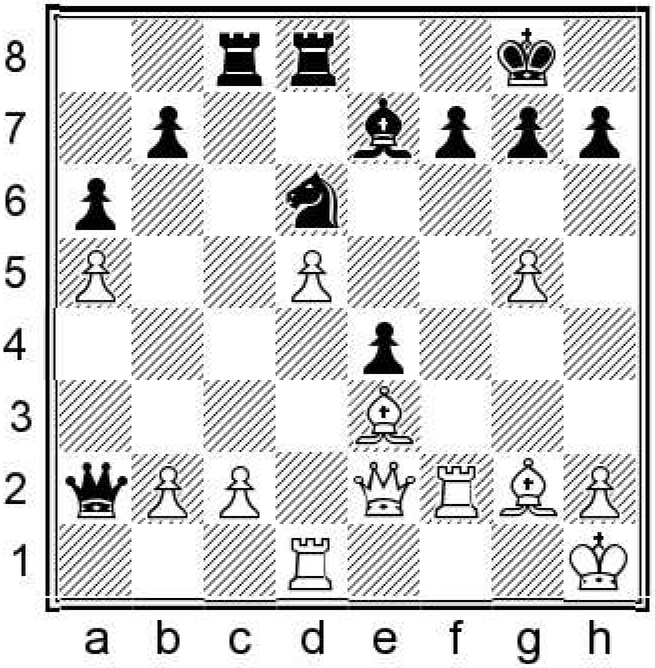
**23...♖ac8 24.♖f2 ♕c4?!**

24...♘c4 25.♗f4 ♗d6 26.♕xe4 ♗xf4 27.♕xf4 ♕xf4 28.♖xf4 ♘xb2 29.♖b4 ♖xc2 30.♖xb7 ♖d2=

**25.♖d1**

25.♕d1

**25...♕a2?**



25...♕b5

**26.♗h3! ♖c4**

26...♕xb2 27.♗xc8 ♖xc8 28.♗f4+-; 26...♖a8 27.b3 ♕xa5 28.c4 b6 29.♗d4 ♕b4 30.♕e3+-

**27.b3! ♖c3 28.♗d4 ♕xa5 29.♕e1 ♘b5 30.♕xe4+- ♗f8 31.♗e6!?**

31.♗f5 h6 (31...g6 32.♗xg6!) 32.♗xg7! ♗xg7 33.gxh6

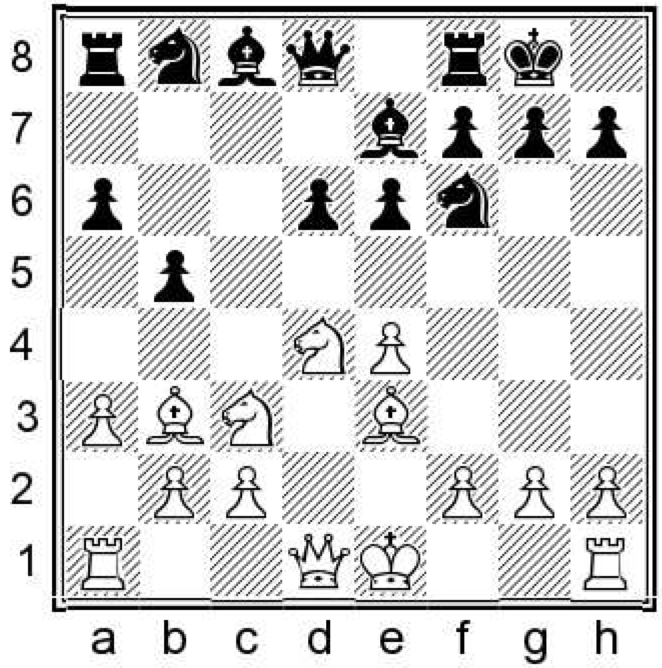
**31...♘d6**

31...♘xd4 32.♗xf7+ ♔h8 33.♖xd4

**32.♕e1 1-0**

**64. B87**
**Aronian, Levon (2781) - Ding, Liren (2791)**
**chess24.com (Int.-rapid) 147/64, 2021**

**1.e4 c5 2.♘f3 d6 3.d4 cxd4 4.♘xd4 ♘f6 5.♘c3 a6 6.♗c4 e6 7.♗e3 b5 8.♗b3 ♗e7 9.a3 O-O**



**10.h4N**

10.♕e2 - 24/471

**10...♗b7 11.h5 h6**

11...♗xe4? 12.♘xe4 ♘xe4 13.♘xe6! fxe6 14.♗xe6+ ♔h8 15.h6 g6 16.♗d5+-; 11...♘xe4? 12.♘xe4 ♗xe4 13.♕g4 ♗b7 14.O-O-O ♘c6 15.♘xc6 ♗xc6 16.♗h6 ♗f6 17.♗xg7 ♗xg7 18.h6 ♕f6 19.hxg7 ♕xg7 20.♕f4+-

**12.f3 ♘c6 13.♕e2 ♘a5 14.g4 ♖c8∞**

14...d5!?

**15.g5?!**

15.O-O-O!?

**15...hxg5 16.h6**

16.♘xe6 fxe6 17.♗xe6+ ♔h8 18.♗xc8 ♕xc8 19.♗xg5 ♘c4 20.O-O-O a5↑

**16...g6 17.h7+?!**

17.♘xe6? fxe6 18.♗xe6+ ♔h7 19.♗xc8 ♗xc8 20.♗xg5 ♘h5-+; 17.♗xe6 fxe6 18.♘xe6 ♕d7 19.♘xf8 ♖xf8∓

**17...♔h8 18.♗xe6 fxe6 19.♘xe6 ♕d7 20.♘xf8 ♗xf8! 21.O-O-O ♖xc3?**

21...♗g7-+

**22.bxc3 ♕e6**

⌓22...♘c4

**23.♗xg5**

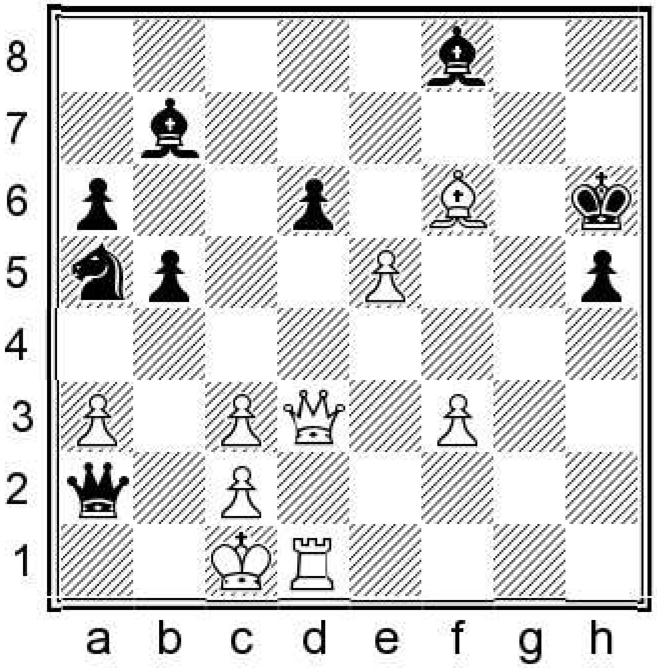
23.♗d4

**23...♘h5**

23...♘c4!?

**24.♖xh5**

24.e5! ♘c4 (24...♕a2? 25.♖xh5! gxh5 26.♗f6+ ♔xh7 27.♕d3+ ♔h6



28.♗g5+! ♔xg5 (28...♔g7 29.♕f5+-) 29.♖g1+ ♔f4 (29...♔h4 30.♕d4+ ♔h3 31.♖h1+ ♔g2 32.♕g1+ ♔xf3 33.♕f1+ ♔e4 34.♕d3+ ♔f4 35.♖f1+ ♔g4 36.♕f5+ ♔g3 37.♖g1+ ♗g2 38.♕g5++-) 30.♕d2+! ♔xe5 31.♕g5+ ♔e6 32.♕g8++-; 24...♕f5? 25.exd6! ♗xf3 (25...♕xg5+ 26.♔b1 ♕f5 27.d7 ♘c6 28.♕e8+-; 25...♗c6 26.♗e7 ♗g7 27.♕d3+-) 26.♕e8! ♗xd1 27.♖xd1 ♘g7 28.d7+-) 25.♖xh5 gxh5 26.f4±

**24...gxh5 25.e5 ♔xh7?**

25...♘c4 - 24.e5

25...♗c8! 26.♕e4 ♕f5 27.♕xf5 ♗xf5 28.exd6 ♗d7⩱

**26.♕d3+ ♕g6 27.exd6 ♗xd6?!**

27...♗c6 28.d7 ♗xa3+ 29.♔b1 ♕xd3 30.♖xd3 ♘b7 31.d8=Q ♘xd8 32.♗xd8±

**28.♕xd6+- ♕xg5+?!**

28...♕xd6 29.♖xd6 ♗xf3

**29.f4 ♕g7 30.♕d3+**

30.♕e6! ♗c6 31.♖d8

**30...♔h6 31.♕d6+ ♔h7 32.♕d8?!**

32.♕e6 - 30.Qe6

**32...♘c6?!**

32...♘b3+ 33.♔b1□ ♘c5 34.f5

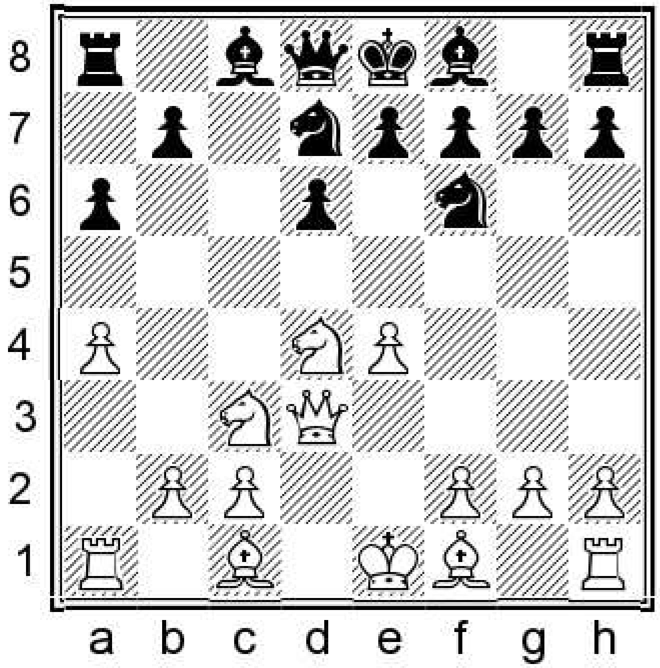
**33.♕e8 1-0**

**65. B90**
**Carlsen, Magnus (2862) - Vachier Lagrave, Maxime (2784)**
**chess24.com (Int.-m2/2-rapid) 147/65, 2021**

**1.e4 c5 2.♘f3 d6 3.d4 cxd4 4.♘xd4 ♘f6 5.♘c3 a6 6.♕d3**

6.a3 - 146/76

**6...♘bd7 7.a4**



**7...♘c5N**

7...b6

**8.♕e3 e5! 9.♘b3**

9.♘f3 ♗e7 10.♗c4 O-O 11.O-O ♗d7 (11...♗e6 12.♗xe6 ♘xe6 13.♖d1 ♕c7 14.♕d3 ♖ac8 15.a5±) 12.a5 (12.♖d1 b5! 13.axb5 axb5 14.♖xa8 ♕xa8 15.♗xb5 ♗xb5 16.♘xb5 ♘cxe4∞) 12...♗c6 13.♘d2 ♖c8⇄

**9...♘xb3**

9...♘e6 10.♕d3 ♗e7 11.♗e2 O-O 12.O-O ♗d7 13.♗e3 ♖c8 14.♖fd1 ♕c7 15.a5±

**10.cxb3 ♗e6 11.♗c4 ♗e7 12.O-O ♖c8 13.♕e2**

13.♗xe6 fxe6 14.♕h3 ♕d7 15.♗e3 O-O 16.♖ad1 ♖c6 17.f4 ♕c8 18.f5 exf5 19.♖xf5 g6 20.♕g3 ♖f7=

**13...O-O 14.♖d1 ♕c7 15.♗g5!?**

15.♗xe6 fxe6 16.a5 ♕d7 17.♗g5 ♖c6=

**15...♗xc4 16.bxc4 ♕xc4 17.♕f3 ♕e6 18.♗xf6 ♗xf6 19.♘d5 ♖c6 20.♖a3 ♖b8 21.g3 ♗d8 22.a5 g6= 23.♔g2 ♔g7 24.h4 h5 25.b4 ♖c4 26.♖c3**

26.♖b3 ♖bc8 (26...♕g4 27.♕xg4 hxg4 28.♘e3 ♖xe4 29.♖xd6 ♖d4 30.♖d3 ♖xd3 31.♖xd3 ♗e7 (31...f5 32.♖d7+ ♔f6 33.♖d6+ ♔f7 34.♘c4 ♗f6 35.♖b6±) 32.b5 axb5 33.♖d5 ♖a8 34.♖xb5 ♖a7 35.♖xe5 ♗b4 36.♘c4 f5 37.♖b5 ♗c3=) 27.♘e3 ♖c1 28.♖bd3 ♖xd1 29.♕xd1 ♖c6=

**26...♖xc3 27.♕xc3 ♖c8**

27...♗xh4!? 28.♘f4 (28.♕c7 ♖c8 29.♕xb7 ♖c2 30.♘e3 (30.♖d3 ♗g5 31.b5 h4∓) 30...♖e2 31.♕xa6 ♖xe3 32.fxe3 (32.♖xd6? ♕g4 33.♖xg6+ ♕xg6 34.♕xg6+ ♔xg6 35.fxe3 ♗d8-+) 32...♕g4 33.♕f1 ♕xg3+ 34.♔h1 ♗g5 35.♕g2 ♕h4+ 36.♔g1 ♗xe3+ 37.♔f1 ♕f6+ 38.♔e1 ♗d4∓) 28...♕g4 29.♖xd6 ♖e8 30.♖b6 ♔h6 31.♘d5 ♕xe4+ 32.♕f3 ♕xf3+ 33.♔xf3 ♗g5 34.♖xb7 e4+ 35.♔g2∞

**28.♕d3 ♖c6 29.♖d2 ♕c8 30.♘e3 b6 31.axb6 ♗xb6 32.♘d5 ♗d8 33.♕e2 ♖c4 34.♖a2 ♕c6 35.♖xa6?!**

35.♕d3 ♕b5 36.♖a3=

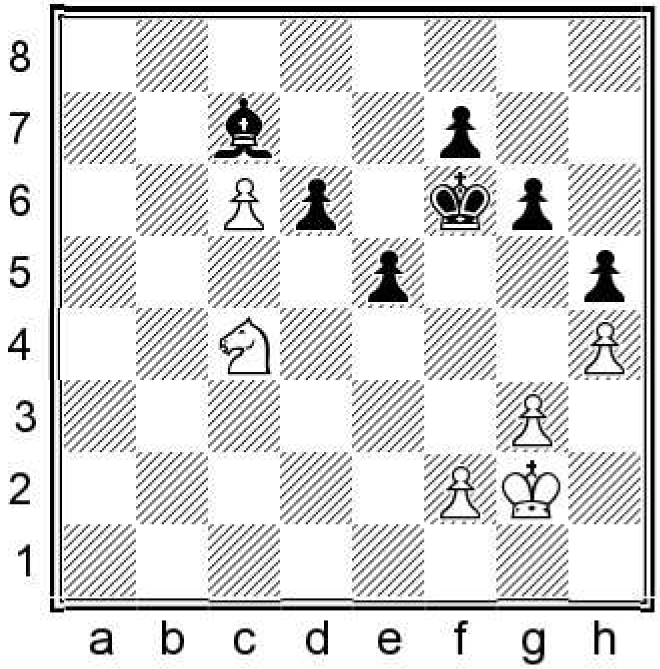
**35...♕xa6 36.♘e3 ♖c6**

36...♗a5! 37.♕xc4 ♕xc4 38.♘xc4 ♗xb4 39.♘e3 ♗c5 40.♘d5 f5 41.f3 ♔f7∓

**37.b5 ♕a4 38.bxc6 ♕xe4+ 39.♕f3 ♕a4 40.♕d5 ♗c7 41.♘c4 ♕b3 42.♘e3 ♕a4 43.♕c4**

43.♘c4=

**43...♕xc4 44.♘xc4 ♔f6**



44...d5? 45.♘e3 d4 46.♘d5 ♗a5 47.♔f3! f5 48.c7+-

**45.♘a3! ♔e7 46.♘b5 ♗b6**

46...♔d8 47.♘c3 ♗b6 48.♘d5 ♗c5 49.♔f3=

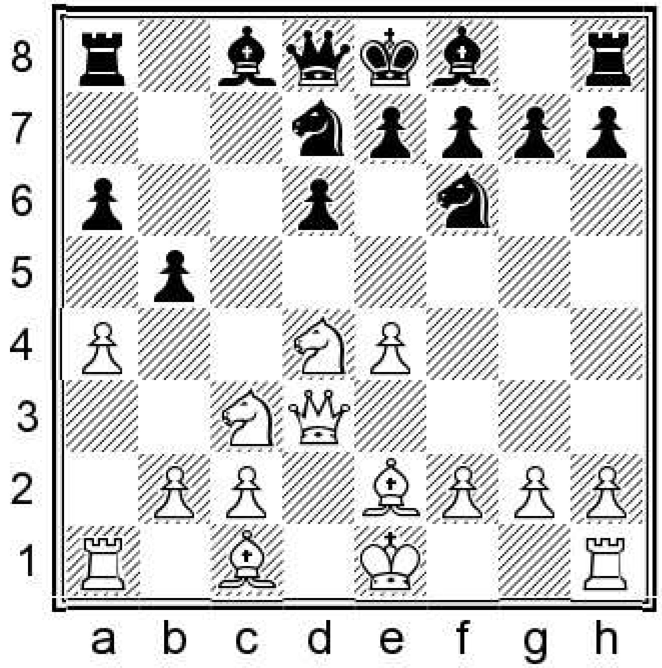
**47.c7 ♔d7 48.c8=Q+ ♔xc8 49.♘xd6+ ♔d7 50.♘xf7= ♔e6 51.♘g5+ ♔f6 52.♔f3 ♔f5 53.♘e4 ♔e6 54.♔e2 ♗d8 55.♔d3 ♔d5 56.f3 ♗a5 57.♘f6+ ♔e6 58.♘e4 ♔d5 59.♘f6+ ♔e6 60.♘e4 ♔d5 1/2-1/2**

**66. B90**
**Van Foreest, Jorden (2671) - Grandelius, Nils (2663)**
**Wijk aan Zee 147/66, 2021**

**1.e4 c5 2.♘f3 d6 3.d4 cxd4 4.♘xd4 ♘f6 5.♘c3 a6 6.♕d3**

6.♕e2 - 143/64

**6...♘bd7 7.♗e2 b5 8.a4**



**8...♘c5N**

8...b4 9.♘d5±

**9.♕e3 b4 10.♘d5 ♘cxe4 11.a5?!**

11.♘xf6+ ♘xf6 12.♘c6 ♕c7 13.♘xb4∞ Marin, Mihail

11.♘xb4 e5 12.♘dc6 ♕c7 13.♗f3 ♗b7! 14.♗xe4 ♘xe4 15.♕xe4 ♖c8! 16.♕d3 ♗xc6 17.♕xa6 ♗xg2 18.♕b5+ ♕d7 19.♖g1±

**11...♘xd5 12.♕xe4 e6?!**

RR12...♗b7 13.O-O ♕c8 14.♘f5 e6 15.♗f3 g6 16.♘h6⩱ Speelman,Jon

**13.O-O ♗d7 14.♗d2 ♗e7 15.♗f3 O-O 16.♕d3 ♕b8 17.c4 bxc3 18.bxc3 ♖a7?**

18...♗f6

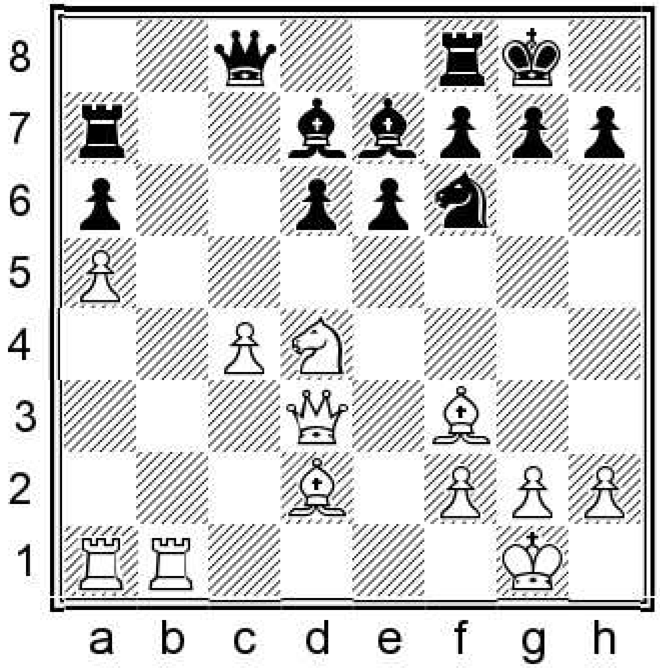
**19.♖fb1**

19.♘f5!? exf5 20.♗xd5 ♕c8 21.c4 ♗f6 22.♖ab1±

**19...♕c8**

RR19...♕d8 20.c4 ♘f6 21.♗e3 ♖c7 22.♘b5! axb5 23.cxb5± Marin,Mihail

**20.c4 ♘f6**



**21.♘b5!!± axb5 22.cxb5 ♗xb5!**

22...d5 23.b6 ♖b7 24.a6 ♖b8 25.b7 ♕c7 26.♗a5 ♕c6 27.♖b6 ♕c7 28.♖xe6 ♕c5 29.♗b6 fxe6 30.♗xc5 ♗xc5 31.a7+-; 22...♘d5!? 23.♗xd5 exd5 24.b6 ♗f5 25.♕b5 ♗xb1 26.♖xb1 ♖a8 27.b7 ♕c2 28.bxa8=Q ♖xa8 29.♕b7 ♖a7 30.♕b8+ ♗f8 31.h3±

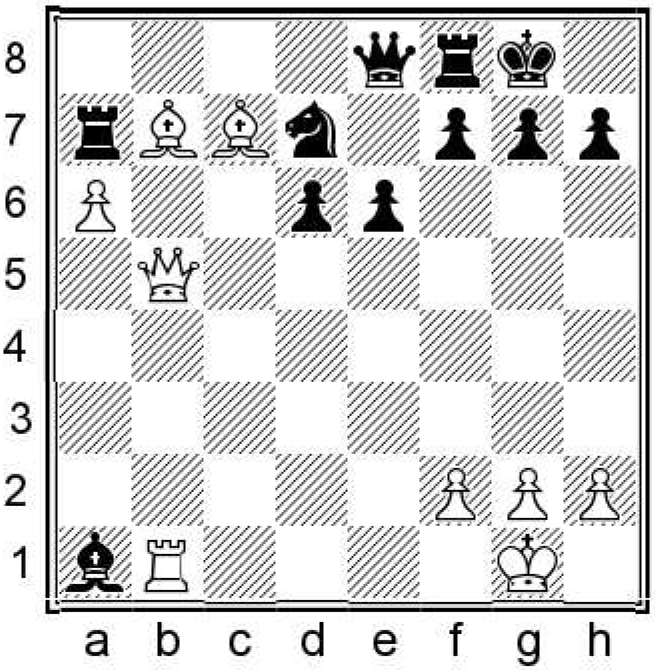
**23.♕xb5 ♘d7**

RR23...♘d5 24.♗xd5 exd5 25.♕xd5 ♗f6 26.♖a2!?± Marin,Mihail

**24.♗b7 ♕d8 25.a6± ♗f6 26.♗a5 ♕e8 27.♗c7**

27.♖a4 ♘c5 28.♗b6 ♖xb7 29.axb7 ♕xb5 (29...♘xa4 30.♗c7 ♕xb5 31.♖xb5 g5 32.b8=Q ♖xb8 33.♖xb8+ ♔g7 34.♗xd6±) 30.♖xb5 ♘xb7 31.g3±

**27...♗xa1**



**28.♖xa1?!**

28.♗xd6! ♗e5 29.♗xf8 ♔xf8 (29...♕xf8 30.♕xd7±) 30.♖d1 ♔e7 (30...♗b8 31.♖xd7+-) 31.♕b4+ ♔f6 (31...♔d8 32.♕b6++-) 32.♕h4+ g5 (32...♔g6 33.f4 ♗f6 (33...♗b8 34.♕g5#) 34.♗e4#) 33.♕h6+ ♔e7 (33...♔f5 34.♗e4+! ♔xe4 35.♕xg5 ♗d4 36.♖e1+ ♔d3 37.♕b5++-) 34.♕xg5+ ♗f6 (34...♔f8 35.♕e3 ♗b8 36.♖c1 ♔e7 37.♖c8+-; 34...f6 35.♕g7+ ♔d8 36.♕xh7+-) 35.♕f4! ♕d8 (35...♔f8 36.♖c1+-) 36.♕d6+ ♔e8 37.♗c6 ♗e7 38.♗xd7+ ♖xd7 39.♕xd7+ ♕xd7 40.♖xd7 ♔xd7 41.a7+-

**28...d5?**

28...♘c5 29.♕b6 ♕d7!±

**29.♗d6 ♕d8 30.♖c1?!**

30.♗xf8 ♘xf8 31.♖c1+-

**30...g6**

30...♖e8 31.g3 d4 32.♗c7 ♕e7 33.♗b6 ♘xb6 34.♕xb6+-

**31.h3**

31.♗xf8 ♘xf8 32.♕b4 ♕f6 33.h3 ♔g7 34.♕b6 ♖xb7 35.♕xb7+- Speelman,Jon

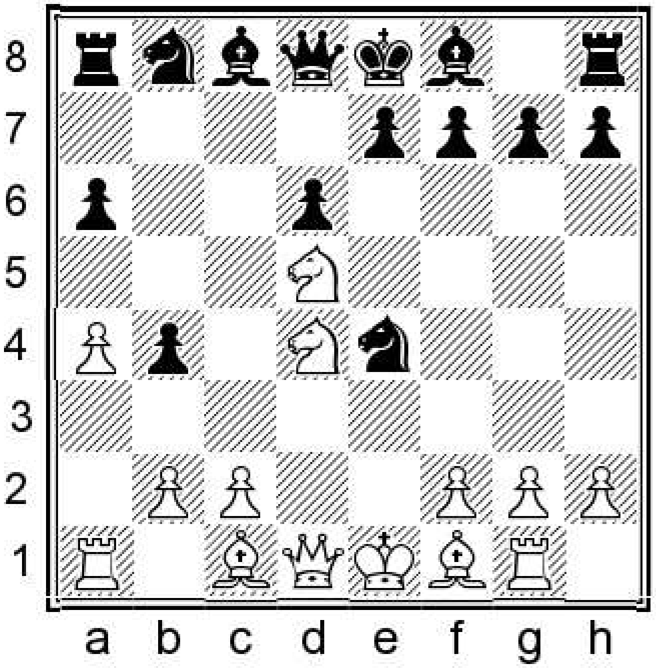
**31...♖e8 32.♖c7 ♘f6 33.♗e5 ♘e4 34.♕c6 ♖f8 35.♗d4 ♕b8 36.f3 ♖xa6 37.♗xa6 ♕b4 38.♗e5 ♕e1+ 39.♔h2 ♘f2 40.♕c3 ♕h1+ 41.♔g3 ♕g1**

RR41...♘d1 42.♖xf7! ♖xf7 (42...♔xf7 43.♕c7+ ♔e8 (43...♔g8 44.♕g7#) 44.♗b5#; 42...♘xc3 43.♖g7+ ♔h8 44.♖xg6+ ♖f6 45.♗xf6#) 43.♕c8+ ♖f8 44.♕xe6+ ♖f7 45.♗d4! ♘e3 46.♕xe3+- Speelman,Jon

**42.♖c8 ♘h1+ 43.♔h4 ♕f2+ 44.g3 g5+ 45.♔xg5 f6+ 46.♔h6 fxe5 47.♕xe5 1-0**

**67. B90**
**Vachier Lagrave, Maxime (2784) - Ding, Liren (2791)**
**chess24.com (Int.-rapid) 147/67, 2021**

**1.e4 c5 2.♘f3 d6 3.d4 cxd4 4.♘xd4 ♘f6 5.♘c3 a6 6.♖g1 b5 7.a4 b4 8.♘d5 ♘xe4**



8...e6 - 145/(68)

**9.♗c4N**

9.♕f3 ♘c5 10.♗e3 e6 11.♘f6+ gxf6 12.♕xa8 ♗b7 13.♕a7 ♕c7 14.a5 ♕c8 15.♕b6 d5∓

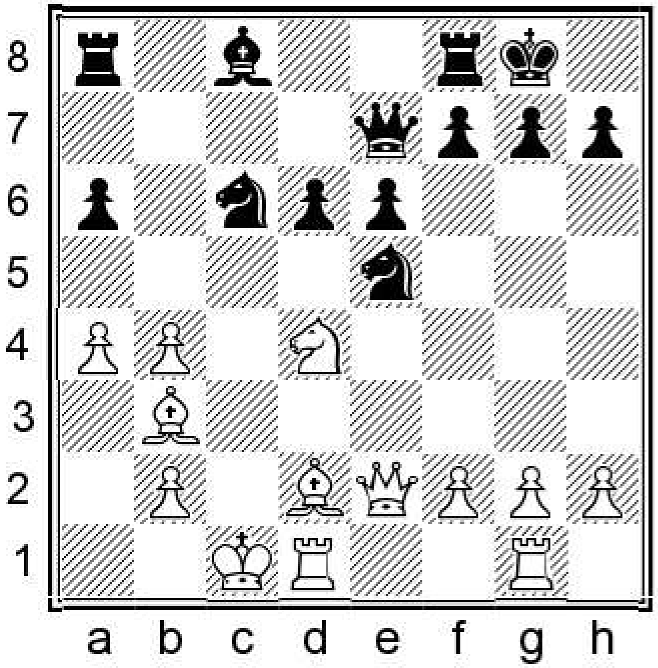
**9...e6 10.♕e2 ♘c5 11.c3! ♗e7**

11...bxc3 12.b4! ♘b7 (12...♘cd7 13.♗g5! ♘f6 (13...♕xg5? 14.♘c7+ ♔e7 (14...♔d8 15.♘dxe6+-+) 15.f4! ♕g6 16.♗d3 ♕f6 17.♘d5++-) 14.O-O-O (14.♖c1 ♗e7 15.♘xe7 ♕xe7 16.♖xc3⯹) 14...♗e7 15.♘xe7 ♕xe7 16.♖ge1↑) 13.♖a3 (13.♗g5? ♕xg5 14.♘c7+ ♔d8 15.♘xa8 d5-+) 13...♗e7 14.♘xe7 ♕xe7 15.♖xc3 ♘d8∞ (15...O-O 16.♖g3±) 16.b5

**12.♘xe7 ♕xe7 13.cxb4 ♘cd7 14.♗d2! ♘e5**

14...♘f6 15.O-O-O ♗b7 (15...O-O 16.♗g5 e5 17.♔b1±) 16.♔b1 O-O 17.♗c3 ♘e4∞

**15.♗b3 O-O 16.O-O-O ♘bc6**



**17.♘c2!± ♖b8 18.♗c3 ♘g6 19.g3 e5 20.♗d5 ♕d7**

20...♕c7? 21.♕c4 ♘ge7 22.b5 ♘xd5 23.♖xd5±; 20...♗b7 21.♖ge1 ♖fd8 22.♗c4±

**21.f4 ♗b7 22.♗b3± exf4?!**

22...♔h8 23.h4 f6 24.h5 ♘ge7 25.h6 ♘f5 (25...gxh6 26.♔b1±) 26.hxg7+ ♕xg7 27.♕d3±

**23.gxf4+- ♕f5 24.♕d2**

24.♕d2 ♔h8 25.♖g5 ♕h3 26.♖g3 ♕f5 27.♖f1 f6 28.♘e3 ♕c8 29.♔b1 ♘ce7 30.♗c2

**1-0**

**68. B90**
**Di Berardino, Diego Rafael (2471) - Karjakin, Sergey (2752)**
**chess.com (Int.-blitz) 147/68, 2020**

**1.e4 c5 2.♘f3 d6 3.d4 cxd4 4.♘xd4 ♘f6 5.♘c3 a6 6.a3 e5 7.♘f5 d5 8.♗g5 d4 9.♗xf6 gxf6 10.♘b1**

10.♘a2 - 146/76

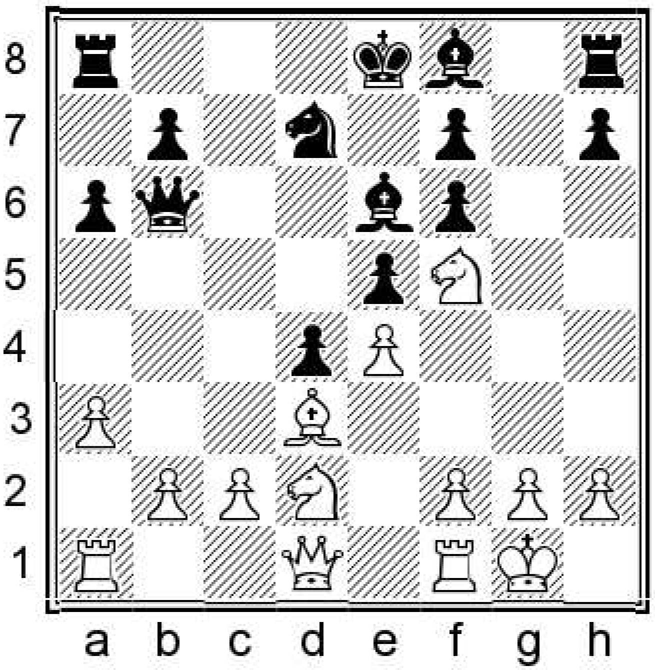
**10...♕b6 11.♘d2 ♗e6**

11...♕xb2 12.♗c4 ♖a7 (12...b5 13.♖b1! (13.♗xf7+ ♔xf7 14.♕h5+ ♔g8 15.♕g4+ ♔f7=) 13...♕xa3 14.♗xf7+ ♔xf7 (14...♔d8 15.c4 ♗b4 16.O-O ♖a7 17.♗d5±) 15.♕h5+ ♔e6 (15...♔g8 16.♖b3+-) 16.♕e8+ ♗e7 17.♕xh8+-) 13.♖b1 ♕xa3 14.♗xf7+ ♔d8 15.O-O b5 16.♗d5 h5! 17.♘b3 ♖c7 18.♕e2 ♖c3! 19.♖fd1 ♗xf5 20.exf5 ♕d6∞

**12.♗d3 ♘d7**

12...♕xb2 13.♖b1 ♕xa3 14.♖xb7 ♕a4 15.O-O ♕c6 16.♖b1 h5 17.♕e2 ♘d7 18.f4 h4 19.h3±

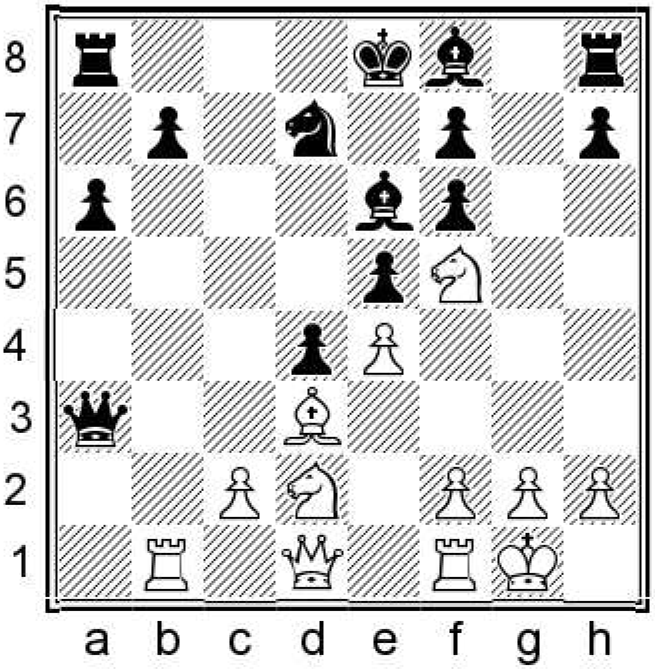
**13.O-O**



**13...♕xb2N**

13...O-O-O; 13...♖g8 14.♕h5 h6 15.b4 ♕c7 16.♖fb1 ♘b6 17.f4∞

**14.♖b1 ♕xa3**



**15.♘c4?**

15.♖xb7! ♘c5 16.♖b1 ♘xd3 (16...♕c3 17.♕e2 ♖d8 18.♗xa6 ♘xa6 19.♕b5+ ♗d7 20.♕xa6 ♕c6 21.♖b6 ♕a4 22.♕d3±) 17.cxd3 ♕xd3 18.f4 a5 19.fxe5 fxe5 20.♖b6 ♕c3 21.♕b1! ♗b4 (21...♕xd2 22.♖xe6+! fxe6 23.♕b5+ ♔d8 24.♕b6+ ♔d7 25.♕b7+ ♔d8 26.♕xa8+ ♔c7 27.♕a7+ ♔c8 28.♖b1+-)

22.♘g7+ ♔d8 23.♘xe6+ fxe6 24.♕a2 ♖e8 25.♖xe6±

**15...♕c5∓ 16.♕e2 b5 17.♘a5 ♕c7 18.♖a1**

18.♘b3 ♖c8 19.♖b2 h5 (19...♘b6 20.♕h5 ♕c6 21.♕h4 ♖g8 22.♕xh7 ♖g6 23.g3 ♘a4 24.♖bb1 ♕c3 25.♕h8 ♔d7 26.♕h5 ♔c7 27.f4 ♔b6 28.fxe5 ♘b2 29.♘c1 fxe5∓) 20.♖a2 ♘b8 21.♖fa1 ♗e7 22.♘g7+ ♔f8 23.♘xe6+ fxe6 24.h4 ♔f7∓

**18...♗b4 19.♘b3 ♗c3-+ 20.♖a2 ♖a7 21.♕g4 ♔d8 22.♕g7 ♖e8 23.♕xh7 ♘c5 24.♘g7**

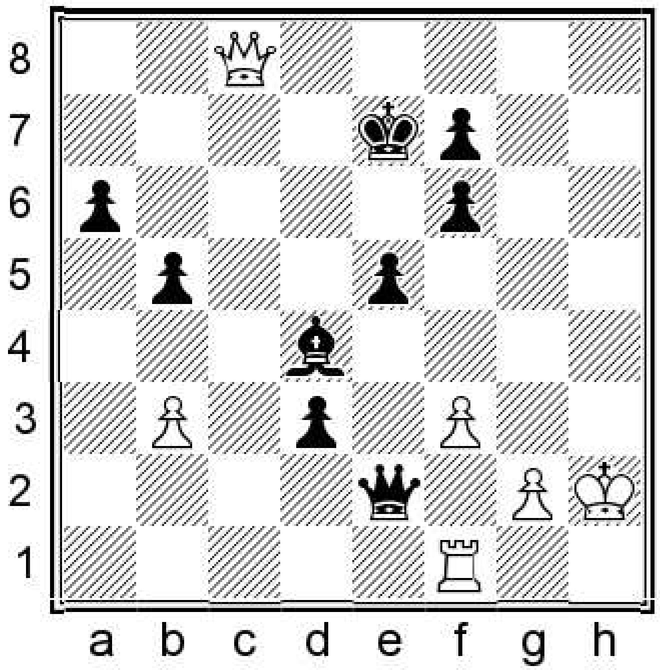
24.♖b1 ♕c6 25.h4 ♘xd3 26.cxd3 a5 27.♖c2 ♗xf5 28.♕xf5 b4 29.♘xa5 ♖xa5 30.♖xb4 ♖a1+ 31.♔h2 ♔e7 32.h5 ♖h8 33.♖b3 ♕c8 34.♕f3 ♖h6 35.♖b6 ♖a6-+

**24...♗xb3**

24...♘xd3 25.♘xe6+ fxe6 26.♕xc7+ ♔xc7 27.cxd3 a5 28.f4 ♔d6 29.fxe5+ fxe5 30.♖b1 a4-+

**25.cxb3 ♘xd3 26.♘xe8 ♔xe8 27.h4 ♔e7 28.h5 ♕c6 29.h6 ♖a8 30.♕g7 ♕xe4 31.h7 ♘f4 32.♖xa6?**

32.f3 ♘e2+ 33.♖xe2 ♕xe2 34.h8=Q ♖xh8 35.♕xh8 d3 36.♕c8 ♗d4+ 37.♔h2

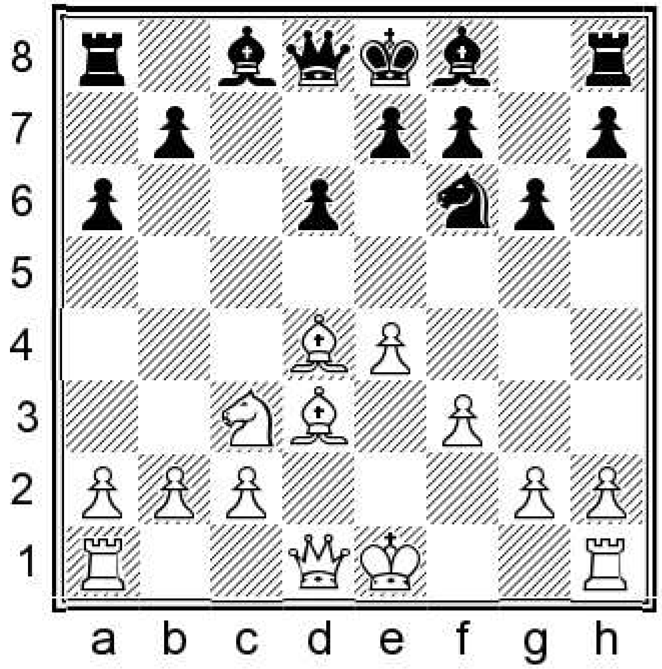


37...♗e3! (37...♕xf1?? 38.♕b7+ ♔f8 39.♕c8+ ♔g7 40.♕g4+=) 38.♕b7+ ♔f8 39.♕c8+ ♔g7 40.♕g4+ ♗g5 41.♖a1 d2-+

**32...♘e2+ 0-1**

**69. * B90**
**Deac, Bogdan Daniel (2625) - Bernadskiy, Vitaliy (2619)**
**lichess.org (Int.-rapid) 147/69, 2021**

**1.e4 c5 2.♘f3 d6 3.d4 cxd4 4.♘xd4 ♘f6 5.♘c3 a6 6.♗d3 g6 7.f3 ♘c6 8.♗e3 ♘xd4 9.♗xd4**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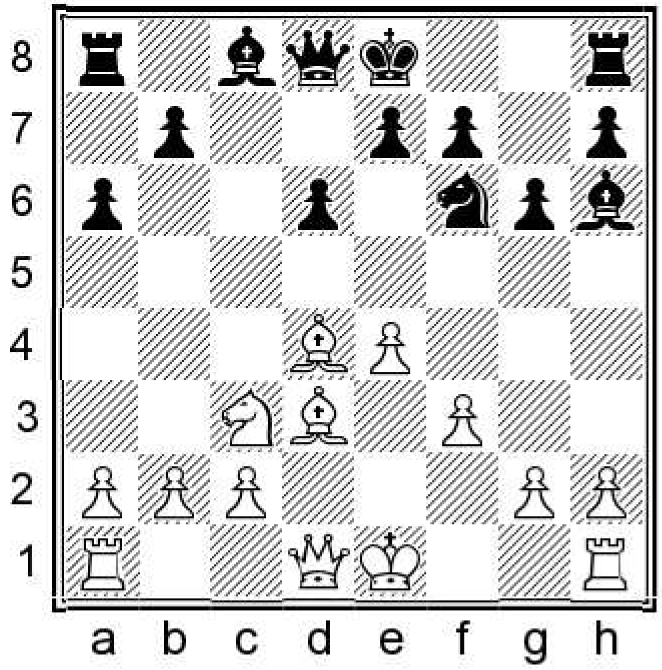
**9...e5N**

9...♗h6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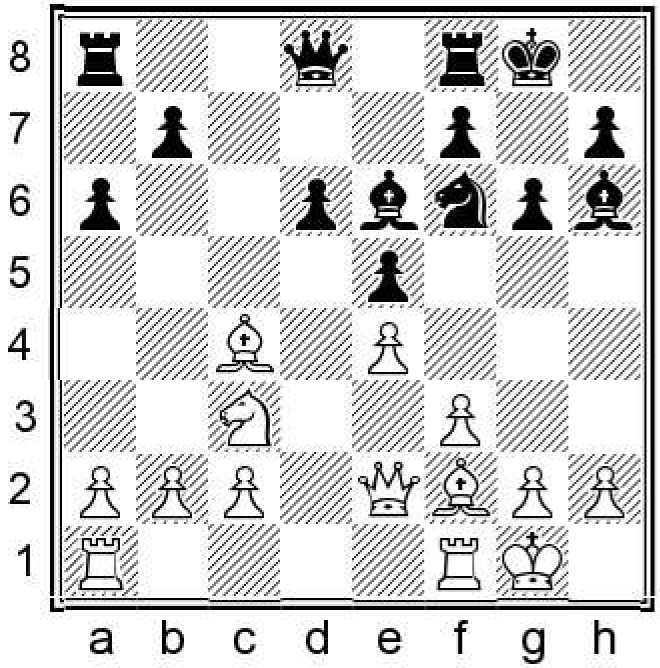
- 147/(69) 10.♕e2N (10.♘d5 - 144/ 69) 10...O-O 11.O-O e5 12.♗f2 (12.♗e3 ♗xe3+ 13.♕xe3 ♗e6 14.a4 ♖c8 15.a5 ♔g7=) 12...♗e6 13.♗c4



13...♕c7 (13...♖c8 14.♗xe6 fxe6 15.a4 ♖c6 16.♖fd1 ♕c7∞) 14.♗b3 ♖ac8 15.♖ad1 ♗g5 16.♖d3 ♖fd8 17.♖fd1 b5 18.h4 ♗f4 19.g3 ♗h6∞ Karjakin,S (2752)-Duda,J (2757) chess.com (Int.-m/10-blitz) 147/(69) 2020

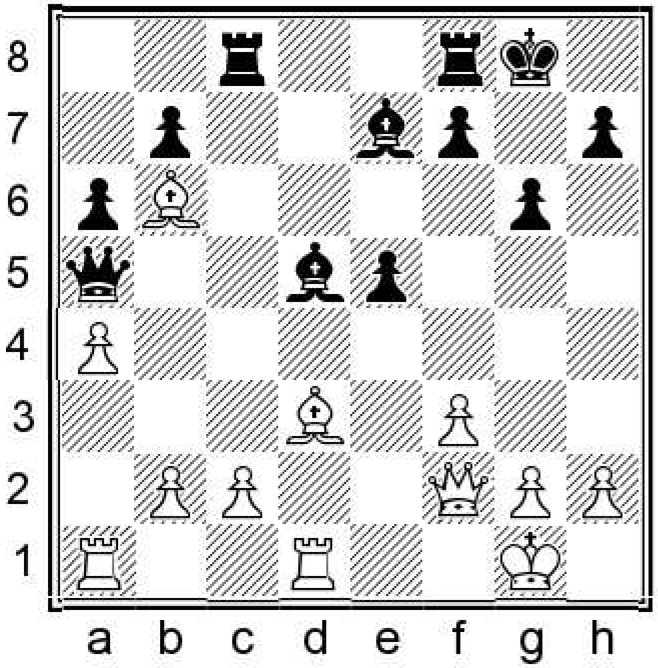
**10.♗e3 ♗e6 11.♕e2 ♖c8 12.O-O ♗e7 13.a4 O-O 14.♖fd1**

14.a5 ♕c7 15.♔h1 d5 16.exd5 ♘xd5 17.♘xd5 ♗xd5 18.♗b6 ♕c6=

**14...♕a5 15.♕f2 d5 16.exd5 ♘xd5**

16...♗xd5!? 17.♘xd5 (17.♗b6 ♕b4 18.a5 ♗c4=) 17...♘xd5 18.♔h1 ♘xe3 19.♕xe3 ♖fd8=

**17.♘xd5 ♗xd5 18.♗b6**



**18...♕xb6! 19.♕xb6 ♗c5+ 20.♕xc5 ♖xc5 21.b4 ♖c3 22.♗xg6**

22.♖d2 ♖fc8 23.♗xa6 ♗xf3 24.♗d3 ♗d5 25.♖e1 f6 26.♗xg6 hxg6 27.♖xd5 ♖xc2=

**22...♗xf3 23.♖d3**

23.♗xh7+ ♔xh7 24.gxf3 ♖xc2 25.♖d7 b5 26.axb5 axb5=

**23...♖xc2 24.♗xh7+ ♔xh7 25.♖xf3 f6= 26.♖d1 ♖f7 27.♖d6 ♔g6 28.a5 ♖b2 29.♖b6 e4**

29...♔g5 30.♖g3+ (30.g3 f5=) 30...♔f4 31.♖f3+ ♔g5=

**30.♖f4 e3 31.h3 e2 32.♔f2 e1=Q+ 33.♔xe1 ♖xg2 34.♔f1 ♖h2 35.h4 ♖c7**

35...♖b2 36.♖e6 ♔h5=

**36.♔g1 ♖b2 37.♖bxf6+ ♔g7 38.♖b6 ♖c1+ 39.♖f1 ♖cc2 40.♖f4 ♖c1+ 41.♖f1 ♖cc2 42.♖xb7+ ♔g8 43.♖f5 ♖c1+ 44.♖f1 ♖cc2 45.♖f5 ♖c1+ 46.♖f1 ♖cc2 1/2-1/2**

**70. B90**
**Anton Guijarro, David (2679) - Giri, Anish (2764)**
**Wijk aan Zee 147/70, 2021**

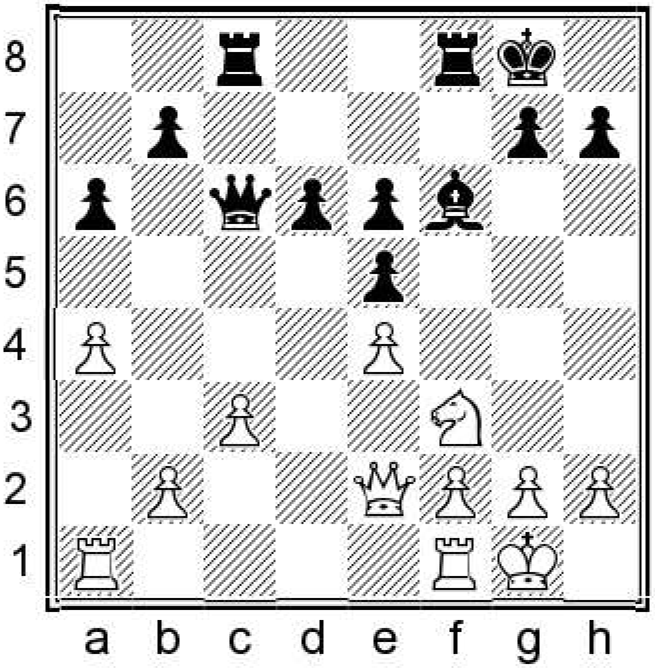
**1.e4 c5 2.♘f3 d6 3.d4 cxd4 4.♘xd4 ♘f6 5.♘c3 a6 6.a4 e5 7.♘f3 ♗e7 8.♗g5 ♗e6 9.♗xf6 ♗xf6 10.♘d5 ♘d7 11.♗c4 ♖c8 12.♕e2 ♘b6 13.♘xb6**

13.♘xf6+ - 112/135

**13...♕xb6 14.♗xe6 fxe6**

14...♕xb2 15.♗xc8 ♕xa1+ 16.♕d1 ♕c3+ 17.♔e2 ♕xc8 18.♕xd6 ♕xc2+ 19.♘d2 ♕c8 20.♖b1 h5 21.♖b6 h4 22.h3 ♖h6 23.♕d5 ♗e7 24.♖xh6 gxh6 25.♕xe5 ♕c6∞

**15.c3 O-O 16.O-O ♕c6**



16...d5 17.a5 ♕d6 18.♖fd1 ♖fd8 19.♖d3 ♕c5 20.♔f1 ♕b5=

**17.♕d1N**

17.♘e1; 17.♖fd1

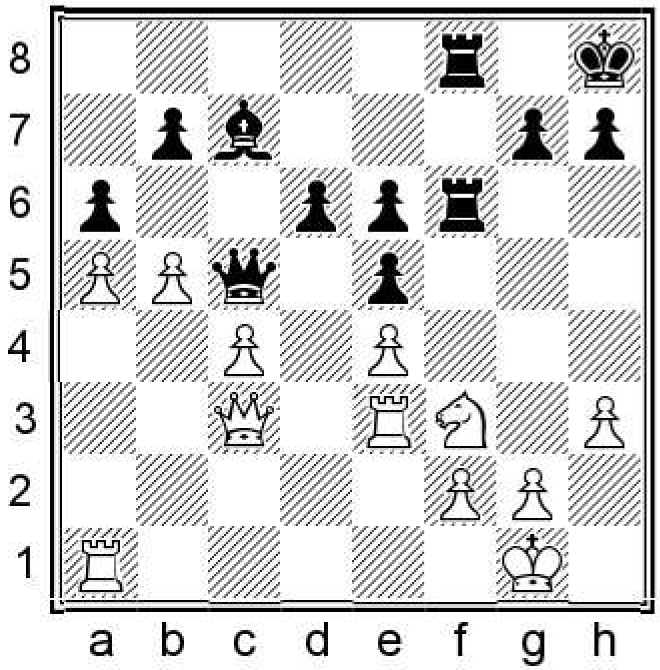
**17...♗e7**

17...♕b6 18.♕d2 ♖c4 19.♖fe1 ♖d8 20.♕c2 ♕c7∞

**18.♖e1 ♖f6 19.a5 ♖cf8 20.♕a4 ♕c8 21.♖e3 ♗d8 22.c4 ♖f4 23.♕b3 ♔h8**

⌓23...♕c6 24.c5 (24.♕a4 ♕xa4 25.♖xa4 d5! 26.exd5 exd5 27.♖xe5 dxc4 28.♖b4 ♗f6 29.♖d5 ♖f7=) 24...♕xc5 25.♕xe6+ (25.♖c3 ♕b5 26.♕xe6+ ♔h8 27.♕xd6 ♗xa5 28.♖c2 ♗b6⇄) 25...♔h8 26.♕b3 ♗xa5 27.♕xb7 ♗b4 28.♕xa6 g5⩱

**24.h3 ♖4f6 25.♕d3 ♕c5 26.♕c3 ♗c7 27.b4 ♕c6 28.b5 ♕c5**



**29.b6**

29.♕a3! ♕xa3 30.♖exa3 ♖f4 31.♘g5 ♖4f6 32.c5! dxc5 (32...axb5 33.♖b3±) 33.bxa6 bxa6 34.♖c3 ♗d6 35.♖d1±

**29...♗b8 30.♕b3 h6 31.♖a2 ♖c8 32.♖a4 ♖f7 33.♖e1**

33.♘e1 ♕c6 34.♘d3±

**33...♖d8 34.♕b4 ♕c6 35.♖aa1 ♖f4 36.♕a4 ♖c8 37.♕xc6 ♖xc6 38.♘d2 ♖f8 39.♖ed1 ♔g8 40.f3 ♔f7 41.♔f1 ♔e7 42.♔e2 ♖c5 43.h4 ♖d8 44.♖a2 d5= 45.cxd5 exd5 46.exd5 ♖dxd5 47.♖da1**

47.♘b3 ♖b5 48.♖xd5 ♖xd5 49.♖c2 ♗d6 50.♖c8 ♖b5 51.♘d2 e4 52.fxe4 ♖xa5=

**47...♗d6 48.♘e4 ♖c4 49.♖d2 ♖xd2+ 50.♘xd2 ♖c5 51.h5 e4 52.♘xe4 ♖xh5 53.♔d3 ♔d7 54.♔c4 1/2-1/2**

**71. B90**
**Shirov, Alexei (2662) - Paehtz, Elisabeth (2467)**
**Salamanca (rapid) 147/71, 2021**

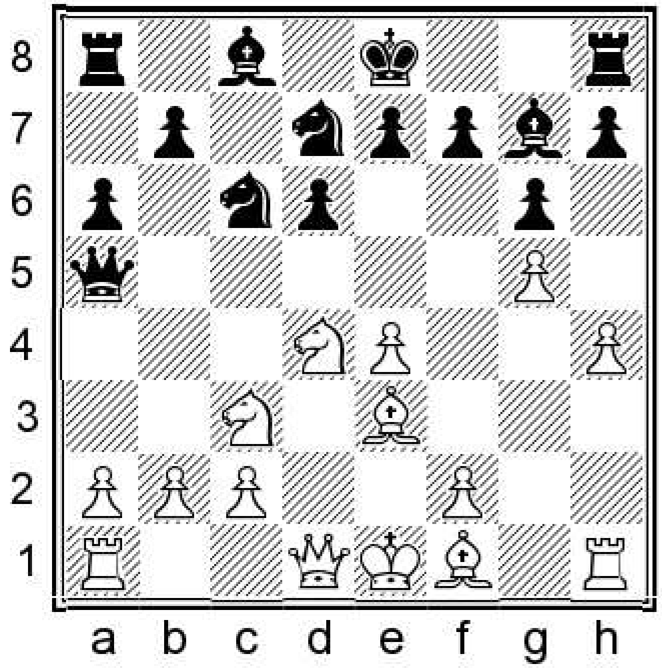
**1.e4 c5 2.♘f3 d6 3.d4 cxd4 4.♘xd4 ♘f6 5.♘c3 a6 6.h3 ♘c6 7.g4 g6 8.g5**

8.♗g2 - 146/79

**8...♘d7 9.♗e3 ♗g7**

9...h6=

**10.h4 ♕a5**



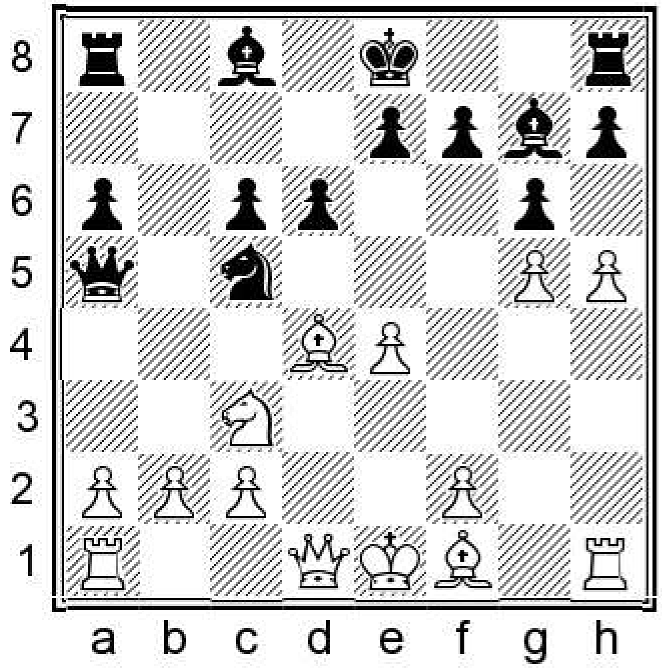
**11.h5N**

11.♕d2 ♘c5 12.O-O-O ♗g4 13.♗e2 ♗xe2 14.♕xe2 ♖c8 (14...♘a4 15.♘xc6 bxc6 (15...♘xc3 16.♘xa5 ♘xe2+ 17.♔d2 ♘d4 18.c3 ♘c6 19.♘c4±) 16.♕c4! ♘c5 17.♗xc5 dxc5 18.♘a4 ♕b5 19.b3!±) 15.♔b1±

**11...♘c5 12.♘xc6**

12.h6 ♗xd4 (12...♗e5!?) 13.♗xd4 ♖f8 14.♗g7 (14.♗xc5 ♕xc5 15.♘d5 ♘b4 16.c3 ♘xd5 17.♕xd5 ♕xd5 18.exd5 f6∓) 14...♘xe4 15.♕d5 (15.♗xf8 ♘xc3∓) 15...♘xc3 16.♕xa5 ♘xa5 17.♗xf8 ♘e4 18.♗g7 ♘xg5 19.O-O-O ♗f5=∞

**12...bxc6∓ 13.♗d4**



**13...♗g4! 14.♗e2**

14.♕d2 ♘xe4 15.♕e3 ♘xc3 16.♗xg7 ♘d5+ 17.♕d2 ♕xd2+ 18.♔xd2 ♖g8 19.hxg6 hxg6∓

**14...♗xe2 15.♔xe2 ♘e6 16.♗xg7 ♘xg7 17.hxg6 fxg6∓ 18.♕d4**

18.f4 ♖b8 19.♖b1 O-O 20.♕d2 ♘h5∓

**18...O-O 19.♕c4+ e6 20.♕xc6 ♕b4**

20...♕xg5!? 21.♕b6 (21.♕xd6 ♖ad8-+) 21...♕f6 22.♕e3 ♖ab8 23.e5 (23.♖ab1 ♘h5-+) 23...dxe5 24.♘e4 ♕e7-+

**21.♕a4 ♕c5 22.♖h2**

22.♖af1 ♖ab8 23.♕a3 ♕d4∓

**22...♖ab8**

22...♘h5 23.♕a3 ♕xg5-+

**23.♕a3 ♖b4**

23...♕xg5 24.♖ah1 ♘h5 25.♘d1 ♘f4+ 26.♔e1 h5-+

**24.♖ah1 ♘h5**

24...a5! 25.♔d1 ♖f3 26.♔e2 (26.♖xh7 ♘h5-+) 26...♖f4-+

**25.♔d1 ♖fb8 26.♘e2 ♕e5**

26...♖xb2?! 27.♕xc5 dxc5 28.♘c3 ♖f8 29.♔c1 ♖b4 30.♖d1=; 26...♖8b5! 27.♖h3 ♖xb2 28.♕xc5 ♖xc5 29.♖b3 ♖cxc2 30.♖b8+ ♖xb8 31.♔xc2 ♖f8∓

**27.b3 a5**

27...♕xg5? 28.♖xh5! gxh5 29.♖g1+-

**28.f3 ♖d4+?**

28...♖c8 29.♕c1 d5↑

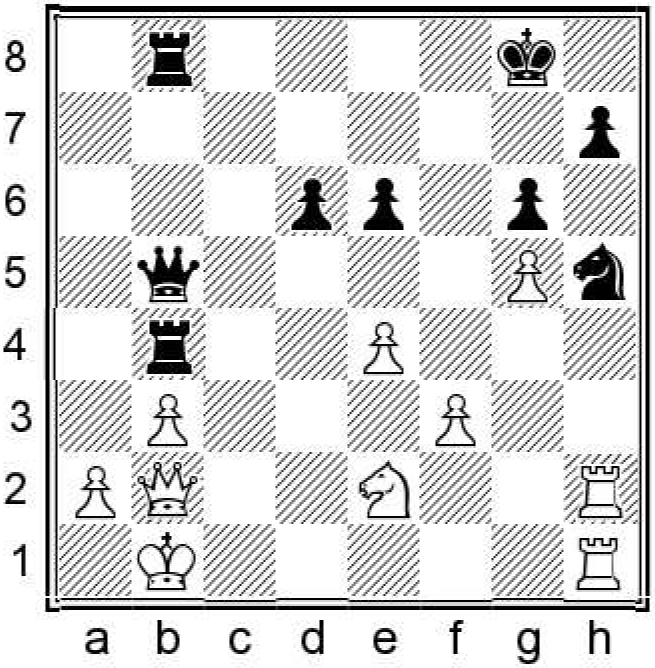
**29.♔c1?**

29.♘xd4 ♕xd4+ 30.♖d2 (30.♔c1? ♕a1+ 31.♔d2 ♕d4+=) 30...♕a1+ 31.♕c1 ♕c3 32.♖d3+-

**29...♖db4 30.♔b1± a4**

⌓30...♖f8 31.♖h3 ♕b5 32.♘g3 ♘xg3 33.♖xg3±

**31.♕b2 axb3 32.cxb3 ♕b5**



**33.♘f4!+- e5**

33...♘xf4? 34.♕g7+! (34.♕h8+! ♔xh8 35.♖xh7+ ♔g8 36.♖h8+ ♔f7 37.♖1h7#) 34...♔xg7 35.♖xh7+ ♔f8 36.♖h8+ ♔e7 37.♖1h7#; 33...d5 34.♘xh5 gxh5 35.♕f6 ♕d3+ 36.♔a1 ♕d4+ 37.♕xd4 ♖xd4 38.♖xh5+-

**34.♘d5**

34.♘xh5?! gxh5 35.♕c2 ♖c4 36.♕d1

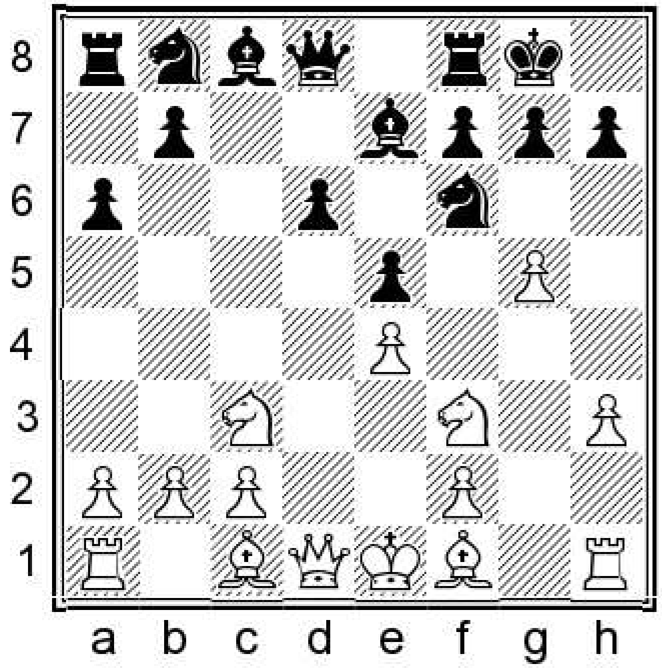
**34...♕d3+ 35.♕c2 ♖xb3+ 36.axb3 ♖xb3+ 37.♔c1 1-0**

**72. * B90**
**Giri, Anish (2764) - Vachier Lagrave, Maxime (2784)**
**Wijk aan Zee 147/72, 2021**

**1.e4 c5 2.♘f3 d6 3.d4 cxd4 4.♘xd4 ♘f6 5.♘c3 a6 6.h3 e5 7.♘f3**

7.♘b3 - 146/84

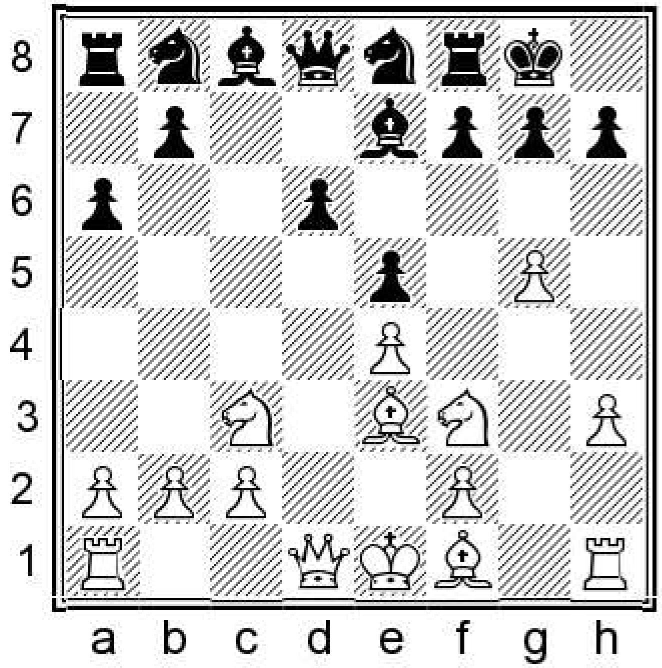
**7...♗e7 8.g4 O-O 9.g5**



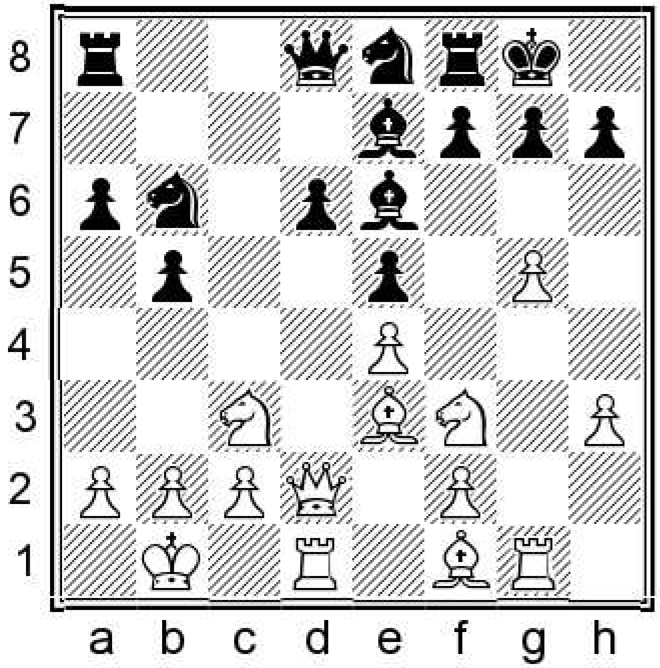
9.♗g2

**9...♘h5N**

9...♘e8 - 147/(72) 10.♗e3



10...♗e6N (10...♘c7 11.♕d2 ♘d7 12.h4 b5 13.♗h3 b4 14.♘e2 a5∞) 11.♕d2 ♘d7 12.O-O-O b5 13.♔b1 ♘b6 14.♖g1

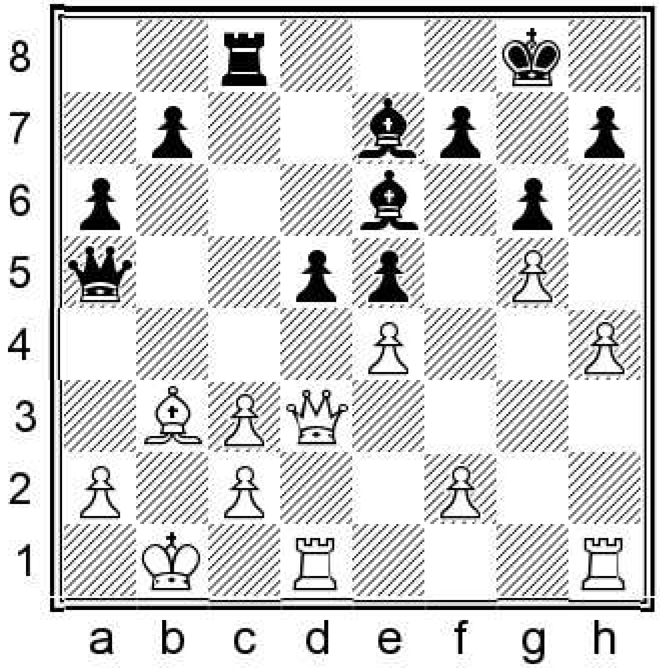


14...g6?! (14...♘c4!?; 14...♖c8!?) 15.♘h2! ♖c8 16.♘g4 ♕c7 17.f4± Nestorovic,N (2469) -Yudasin,L (2481) New York 147/(72) 2020

**10.♗c4 ♗e6 11.♗b3 g6 12.♗e3 ♘d7 13.♕d2 ♖c8 14.O-O-O ♘c5 15.♗xc5 ♖xc5 16.h4 ♘f4 17.♔b1 ♕a5 18.♘e1!** [Δ Nd3-f4] **18...♖fc8 19.♘d3 ♘xd3 20.♕xd3 ♖xc3!**

20...♔g7 21.♗xe6 (21.♘d5 ♗xd5 22.♗xd5 ♖xc2 23.♕f3! (23.♕xc2 ♖xc2 24.♔xc2=) 23...♕c7 24.♗b3 ♖c4 25.♗xc4 ♕xc4 26.♖c1±) 21...fxe6 (21...♖xc3 22.♗xc8 ♖xd3 23.♖xd3 ♕c7 24.♖c3 ♕b6 25.♖b3 ♕xf2 26.♖xb7) 22.♕h3±

**21.bxc3 d5**



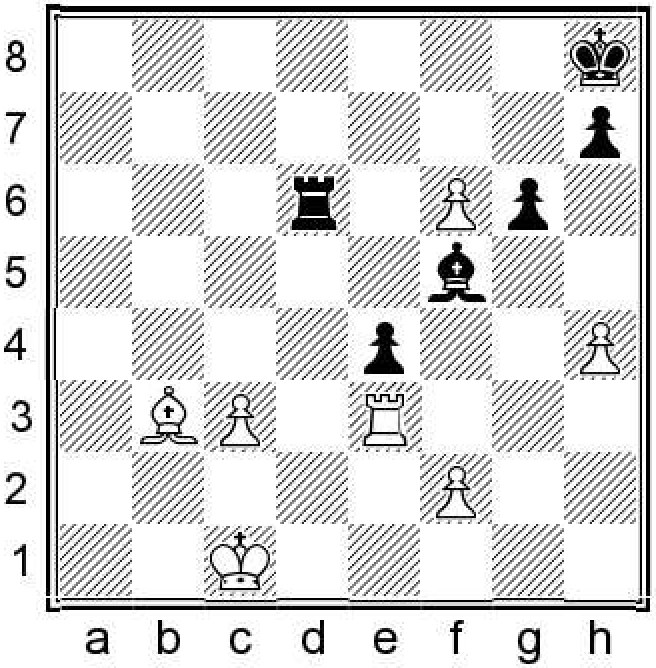
**22.exd5**

22.♕d2!! ♖xc3 (22...♗a3 23.h5 gxh5 24.f3 dxe4 25.♖xh5 exf3 (25...♗xb3 26.axb3 ♕xc3 27.♕xc3 ♖xc3 28.fxe4±) 26.g6! hxg6 27.♖h8+ ♔xh8 28.♕h6+ ♔g8 29.♖h1+-) 23.exd5 ♗f5 24.d6+-

**22...♗f5 23.♕d2 ♗d6 24.c4 ♕b6 25.♔a1 a5 26.c3 a4 27.♗c2 e4 28.♗xa4 ♖xc4 29.♗b3 ♖c5 30.♖he1 ♗e5 31.♖e3 ♕d6 32.♔b2 b5 33.a3 ♖c8 34.♖a1 b4 35.axb4 ♕xb4 36.d6 ♖b8 37.♖a3 ♕b7**

⌓37...♕b5

**38.♔c1 ♕d7 39.♕d5 ♗xd6 40.♖a6 ♖d8 41.♖xd6 ♕xd6 42.♕xf7+ ♔h8 43.♕f6+ ♕xf6 44.gxf6 ♖d6**



**45.f3! ♖xf6 46.fxe4 ♗e6**

46...♗d7 47.♗d5! ♔g7 48.c4 ♖f2 (48...h5 49.♖a3 ♗g4 50.♖a7+ ♔f8 51.♔d2+-) 49.♖a3 ♔f8 50.♖a7 ♔e8 51.c5+-

**47.e5 ♖f1+ 48.♔b2 ♗xb3 49.♔xb3 ♔g7 50.c4 ♖b1+ 51.♔a4 ♔f7 52.c5 ♔e6 53.c6 ♖c1 54.♔b5 ♖c2 55.♖e1 ♖c3 56.♔b6 ♖b3+ 57.♔a6 ♖a3+ 58.♔b6 ♖b3+ 59.♔a6 ♖a3+ 60.♔b7 ♖b3+ 61.♔c8 ♖b4 62.c7 ♖xh4 63.♖c1 ♖f4 64.♔b7 ♖f7 65.♖e1! g5 66.♔b8 ♖f8+ 67.c8=Q+ ♖xc8+ 68.♔xc8 h5 69.♔c7 h4 70.♔c6**

70.♔c6 h3 71.♔c5 g4 72.♔d4 g3 73.♔e3+-

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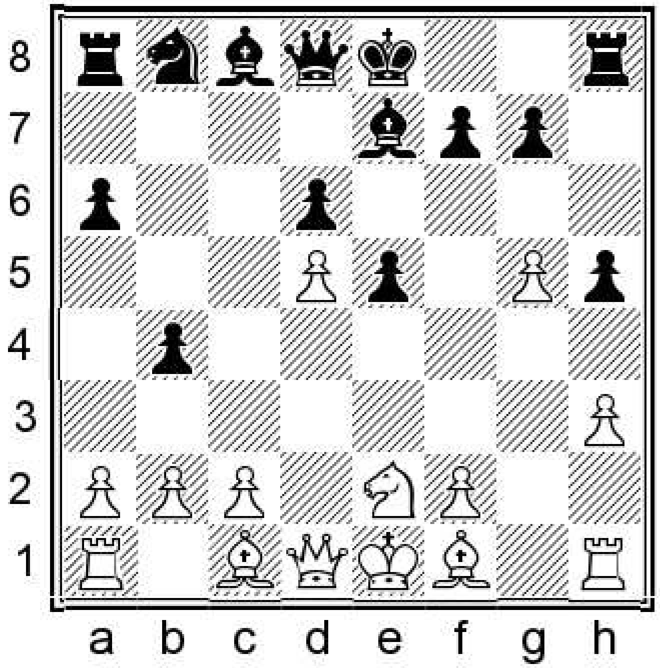
**73. ** B90**
**Shuvalova, Polina (2454) - Goganov, Aleksey (2565)**
**Chelyabinsk 147/73, 2020**

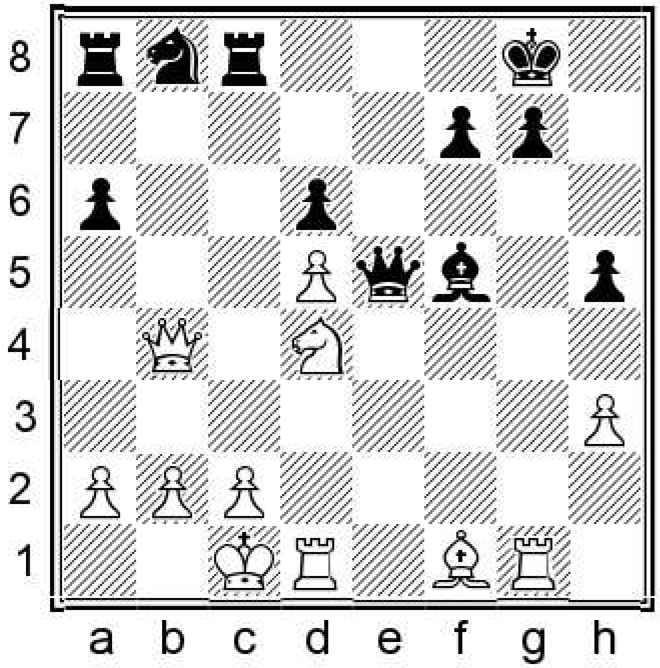
**1.e4 c5 2.♘f3 d6 3.d4 cxd4 4.♘xd4 ♘f6 5.♘c3 a6 6.h3 e5 7.♘de2 b5 8.g4 b4 9.♘d5 ♘xd5**

**10.♕xd5**

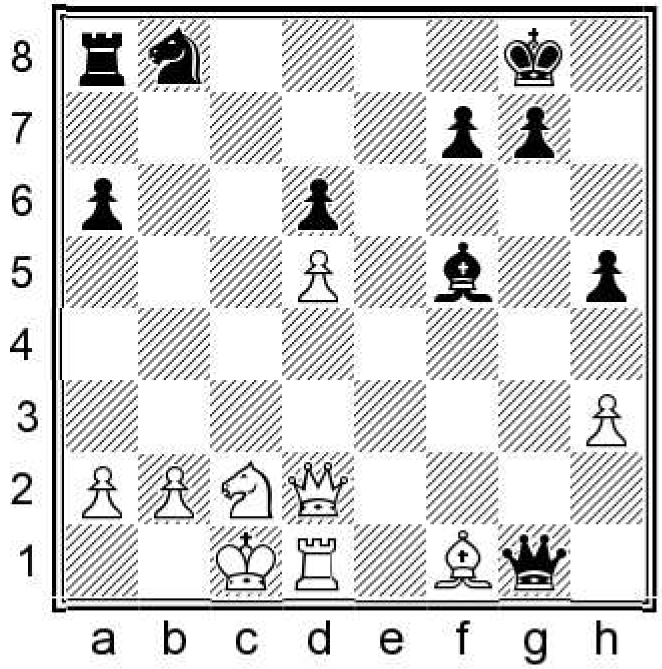
10.exd5 h5 11.g5 ♗e7



(11...h4 - 130/(74)) 12.f4N (12.h4 ♗g4∞; 12.♖g1) 12...exf4 13.♗xf4 ♗xg5 14.♗xg5 ♕xg5 15.♕d4 O-O 16.♖g1 ♕e5 17.♕xb4 ♗f5 18.O-O-O ♖c8 19.♘d4?



(19.c3 ♘d7 20.♕f4 ♖e8∞ (20...♕xf4+ 21.♘xf4 ♘f6∞)) 19...♕e3+? (19...♗xc2! 20.♘xc2 ♕e3+ 21.♔b1 ♕xg1 22.♕xd6 (22.♘d4 ♘d7-+) 22...♕f2 23.♘d4 ♖e8-+) 20.♕d2 ♖xc2+! 21.♘xc2 ♕xg1

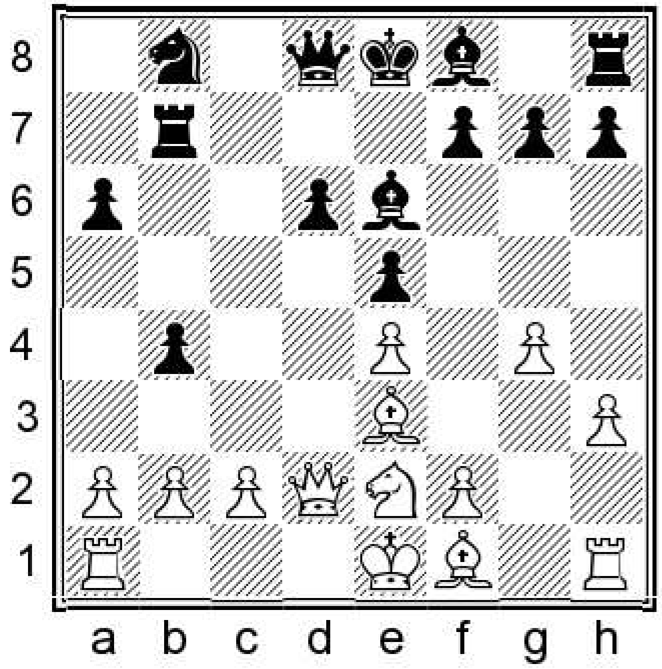


22.♘d4?! Matinian,N (2475)-Kokarev,D (2611) Chelyabinsk (rapid) 147/(73) 2020 (22.♘d4 ♗e4∓; 22.♕e3! ♕xe3+ 23.♘xe3 ♗g6 24.♘c4 ♘d7 25.♘xd6 ♔f8∞)

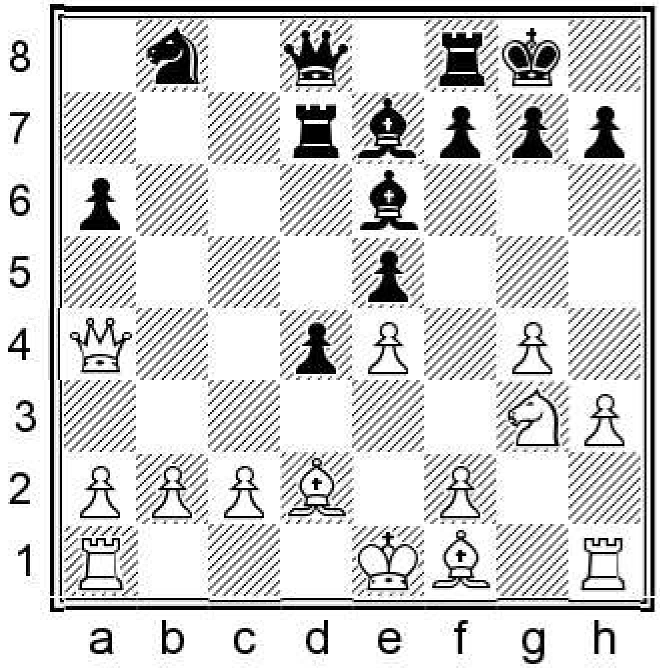
**10...♖a7 11.♗e3 ♗e6 12.♕d2**

12.♕d3 - 125/(67)

**12...♖b7**



12...♖d7 13.♕xb4 d5 14.♕a4 d4 15.♗d2 ♗e7 16.♘g3 O-O



17.♗d3N (17.♗c4 ♕b6 18.O-O ♖c8 19.♗xe6 fxe6⩱) 17...♖b7 18.b3 ♘d7 19.♕a5 ♕b8 20.♘f5 Bodnaruk,A (2411)-Petrov,M (2520) chess. com (Int.-blitz) 147/(73) 2020 (20.♘f5 ♗xf5 21.gxf5 ♖c8 22.O-O ♘c5∞)

**13.♖d1N**

13.♗g2

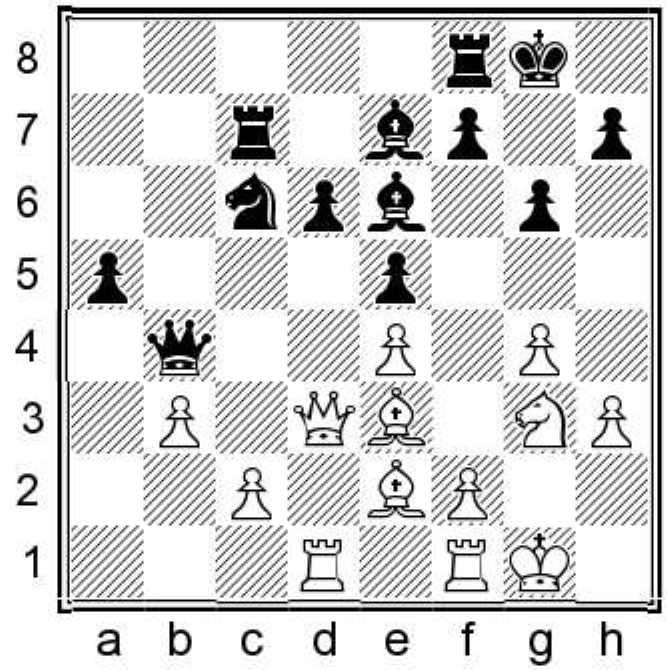
**13...♗e7 14.♘g3 g6 15.♗e2**

15.♗h6 a5 16.♗d3 ♘c6 17.O-O ♗f8 18.♗xf8 ♖xf8 19.♕h6 f6 20.♖d2 ♖ff7⇄

**15...♕a5 16.a3 ♘c6 17.axb4 ♕xb4 18.b3**

18.♗xa6 ♕xd2+ 19.♔xd2 ♖xb2 20.♖b1 ♖xb1 21.♖xb1 O-O=

**18...a5 19.O-O O-O 20.♕d3 ♖c7**



**21.♖a1**

21.♘f5!? gxf5 22.gxf5 ♘d4 23.♗h6 (23.fxe6?! ♘xe2+ 24.♕xe2 ♕xe4∓) 23...♖c3 24.♔h2! ♔h8 25.♖g1 ♗f6 26.♕d2 ♗xf5! 27.exf5 (27.♗xf8? ♖xh3+ 28.♔g2 ♕b7 29.f3 ♗e6 30.♖h1 ♕c8∓) 27...♘xe2 28.♕xe2 ♕h4 29.♗e3 e4∞

**21...♖fc8**

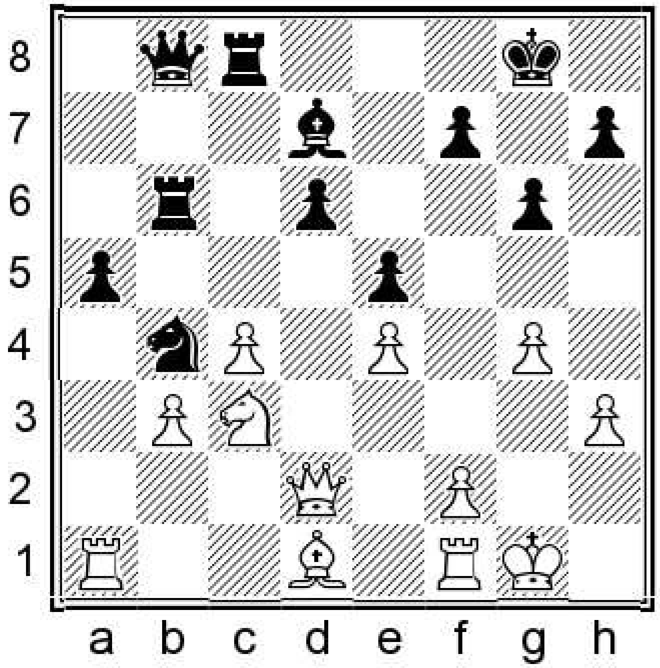
21...♘d4 22.♗d2 ♕b7 23.♗d1 d5 24.♗xa5 ♖d7=∞

**22.c4 ♕b8 23.♗d1 ♖b7 24.♘e2 ♗d8! 25.♘c3 ♗b6 26.♗xb6 ♖xb6 27.♘b5 ♘b4**

27...♔g7 28.♕e3 ♖xb5 29.cxb5 ♕xb5 30.♗e2 ♕b7 31.♖fc1 ♖a8 32.♗c4 ♘d4 33.♗xe6 ♘xe6=∞

**28.♕d2 ♗d7 29.♖xa5**

29.♘c3



29...a4! 30.♘xa4 (30.bxa4 ♖xc4 31.♗b3 ♖d4 32.♕h6 ♕f8=) 30...♗xa4 31.♖xa4 ♘c6 32.♕d3 ♘d4 33.♖a3 ♕b7=∞

**29...♗xb5 30.cxb5 ♖xb5 31.♖xb5 ♕xb5= 32.♗e2**

32.♕xd6 ♘c6 33.♕d5 ♖b8 34.♔g2 ♘d4=

**32...♕b8 33.♗c4 ♘c6 34.♕d5 ♘d8**

⌓34...♕c7 35.♖c1 ♘d8 36.b4 ♘e6∞

**35.♖d1 ♖c6 36.♖a1 ♔g7 37.♕b5 ♕xb5 38.♗xb5 ♖c3 39.♗c4 ♘e6 40.♖a7**

40.♗xe6 fxe6 41.♔g2 ♖xb3 42.♖a6 ♖d3 43.g5 ♖d4 44.♖a7+ ♔g8 45.♖a8+=

**40...♘g5 41.h4 ♘f3+ 42.♔h1?!**

42.♔g2 ♘xh4+ 43.♔f1 ♘f3 44.♖xf7+ ♔h6 45.♔e2 ♘g5 46.♖d7 ♘xe4 47.f3 ♘g5 48.♗d5 ♘h3 49.♔d2 ♖c8 50.♖xd6=

**42...♘xh4 43.♖xf7+ ♔h6∓ 44.♗e6 ♘f3 45.♗d5 ♘g5! 46.♖d7**

46.♖f8 ♘h3 47.b4 ♖c1+ 48.♔h2 ♘f4 49.b5 ♖b1∓

**46...♘h3 47.♔g2?!**

47.b4 ♘xf2+ 48.♔g2 ♘h3 49.b5 ♔g5∓

**47...♘f4+ 48.♔g1 ♔g5-+ 49.♖xh7**

49.♖xd6 ♖c1+ 50.♔h2 ♔xg4-+

**49...♔xg4 50.♗c4 ♖c1+ 51.♔h2 ♖c2 52.♔g1 ♔f3 53.♗f1 ♖c1**

53...♖xf2 54.b4 ♖b2 55.b5 ♖b1

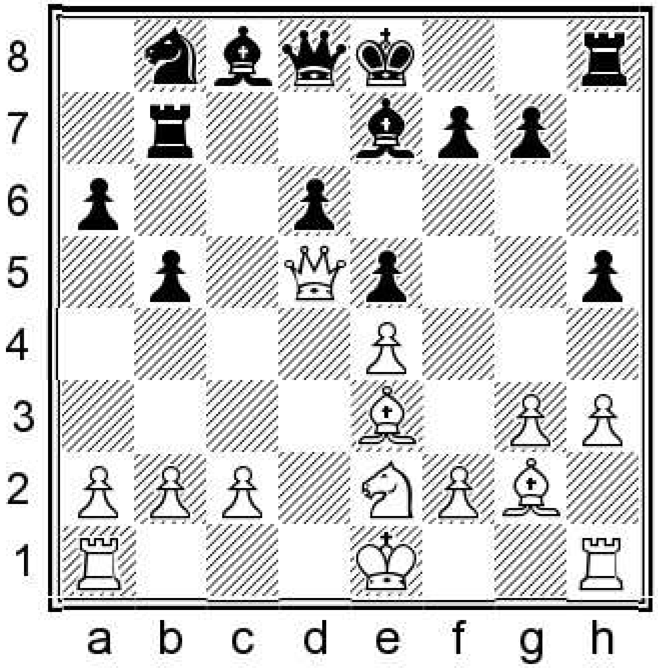
**54.♖f7 ♔xe4 55.b4 ♖b1 56.b5 d5 57.♖f6 d4 58.b6 d3 59.♖d6 ♘e2+**

59...♔f3 60.b7 e4

**60.♔g2 ♘d4 61.♗xd3+ ♔xd3 62.♖xg6 ♔e4 63.♖d6 ♔f5 64.♔g3 ♘e2+ 65.♔f3 ♘f4 66.♔g3 ♖b3+ 67.♔h2 ♔e4 68.♖c6 ♔f3 69.♖c5 ♔xf2 70.♖c2+ ♔f3 71.♖c6 ♖b2+ 72.♔h1 e4 73.b7 ♖xb7 74.♖c3+ e3 75.♖a3 ♖h7+ 0-1**

**74. B90**
**Donchenko, Alexander (2668) - Wojtaszek, Radoslaw (2705)**
**Wijk aan Zee 147/74, 2021**

**1.e4 c5 2.♘f3 d6 3.d4 cxd4 4.♘xd4 ♘f6 5.♘c3 a6 6.h3 e5 7.♘de2 h5 8.g3 ♗e7 9.♗g2 b5 10.♘d5 ♘xd5 11.♕xd5 ♖a7 12.♗e3 ♖b7**



**13.g4N**

13.a3 - 141/(75)

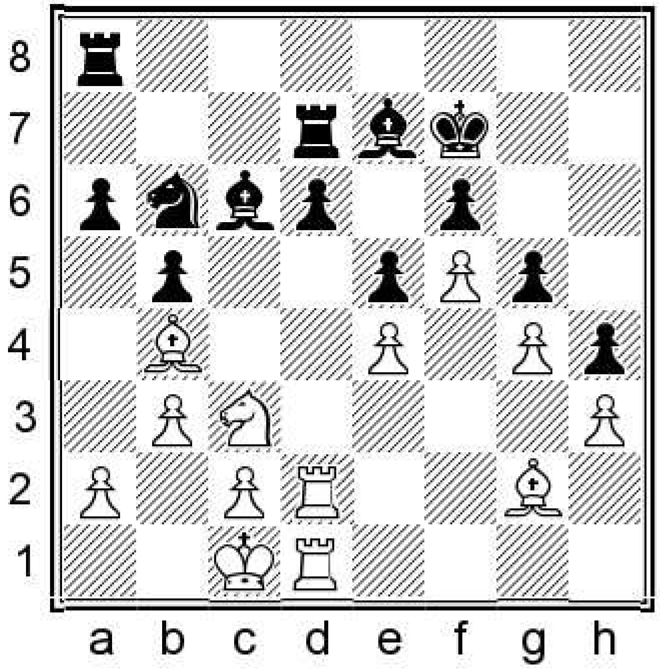
**13...h4**

13...♘d7!? 14.gxh5 (14.O-O-O ♘b6 15.♕c6+ ♕d7 (15...♔f8!?) 16.♕xd7+ ♗xd7 17.gxh5 ♖xh5⇄) 14...♘f6 15.♕d2 ♘xh5 16.O-O-O ♗e6 17.♔b1 b4∞

**14.f4 ♘d7 15.f5 ♘b6 16.♕c6+ ♕d7 17.♕xd7+ ♗xd7 18.b3 g5**

18...a5 19.g5 ♗c6 20.♖d1 b4 21.♗f3 ♘d7 22.♖g1±

**19.O-O-O f6 20.♗d2 ♗c6 21.♗b4 ♖d7 22.♘c3 ♔f7 23.♖d2 ♖a8! 24.♖hd1**



24.♗a5 ♗d8 25.♖hd1 ♘c8 26.♗xd8 (26.♗b4 a5 27.♗xd6 ♗b6 28.♔b1 b4 29.♘a4 ♗e3 30.♖d3 ♖xd6 31.♖xd6 ♘xd6 32.♖xd6 ♖c8 33.♘b2 ♗c5 34.♖d3 ♔e7⯹) 26...♖xd8=

**24...a5! 25.♗xd6 b4 26.♗xe7**

26.♘e2 a4 (26...♗xd6 27.♖xd6 ♖ad8 28.♖xd7+ ♖xd7 29.♖xd7+ ♘xd7 30.♔d2 ♘c5 31.♔e3 ♔e7=) 27.♗xe7 ♔xe7 28.♖xd7+ ♘xd7⯹

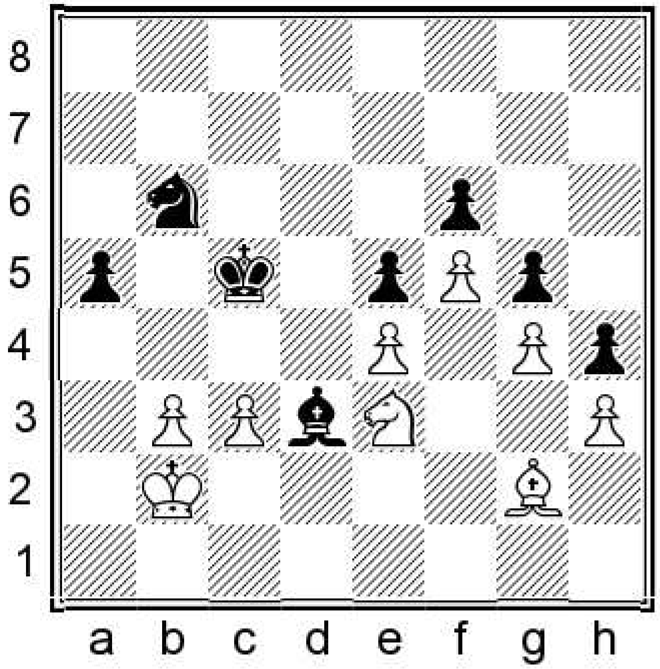
**26...♖xd2 27.♖xd2 ♔xe7 28.♘d1 ♖d8**

28...♘c8 29.♘e3 ♘d6 30.♘d5+ ♗xd5 31.♖xd5 a4 32.♔b2 axb3 33.axb3 ♔d7 34.♖c5 ♖a6⯹

**29.♖xd8 ♔xd8⯹ 30.♘f2**

30.♘e3 ♔c7 31.c3 ♔d6 32.♔b2 ♔c5=

**30...♔e7 31.♔b2 ♔d6 32.a3 bxa3+ 33.♔xa3 ♔c5 34.c3 ♗b5 35.♘d1 ♗e2 36.♘e3 ♗d3 37.♔b2**



37.c4 ♗e2 (37...♔d4 38.♘d5 ♘xd5 39.exd5 ♔c5 - 37...Be2) 38.♘d5 ♘xd5 39.exd5 (39.cxd5 ♗b5=) 39...♗d3 40.♔b2 e4 41.♔c3 ♗e2 42.♗xe4 ♗f1 43.♗f3 ♗xh3 44.♔d2 ♗f1=

**37...a4!= 38.♔a3**

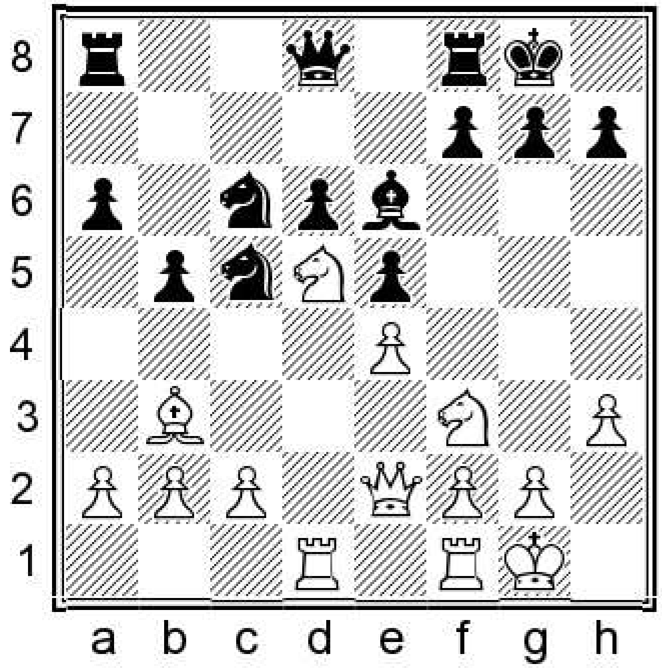
38.b4+ ♔b5 39.♔a3 ♘c4+ 40.♘xc4 ♗xc4=

**38...axb3 39.♔xb3 ♘c4 40.♘xc4 ♗xc4+ 41.♔c2 ♔b5 42.♔d2 ♔a4 43.♗f3 ♔b3 44.♗d1+ ♔b2 45.♗c2 ♔a3 46.♗d3 ♗a2 47.♗b5 ♗b1 48.♗d3 ♗a2 49.♗b5 ♗b1 50.♗d3 1/2-1/2**

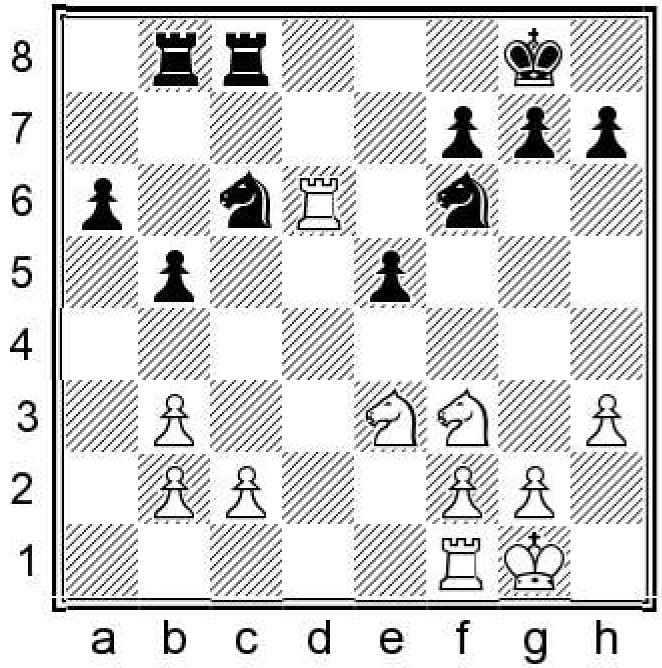
**75. **** B90**
**Korneev, Oleg (2517) - Paehtz, Elisabeth (2472)**
**Espana 147/75, 2020**

**1.e4 c5 2.♘f3 d6 3.d4 cxd4 4.♘xd4 ♘f6 5.♘c3 a6 6.♗e3 e5 7.♘f3 ♗e7 8.♗c4 O-O 9.♗b3**

9.O-O ♘c6 10.♗b3 ♗e6 11.♗g5 ♘d7 12.♗xe7 ♕xe7 13.♘d5 ♕d8 14.♕e2 ♘c5 15.♖ad1 b5 16.h3

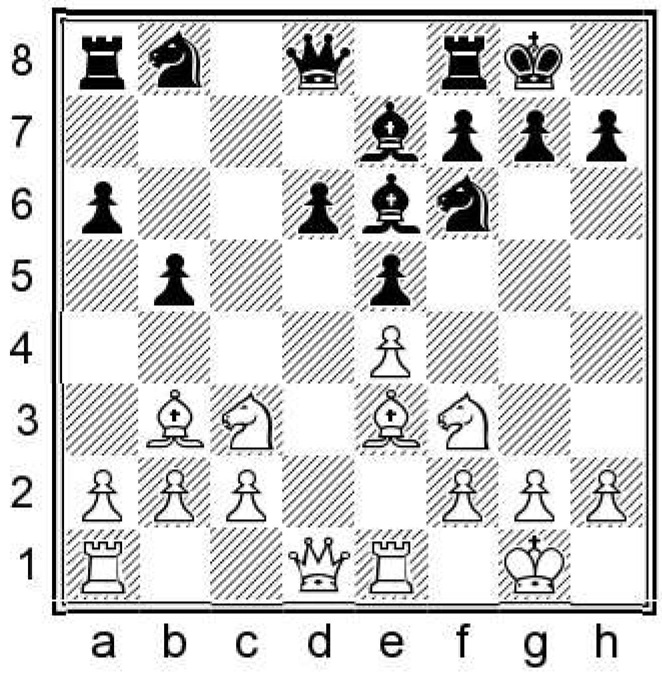


(16.♘e3 - 102/184) 16...♖b8N (16...♖c8) 17.♘e3 ♘xe4 18.♕d3 ♗xb3 19.axb3 ♘f6 20.♕xd6 ♕xd6 21.♖xd6 ♖fc8

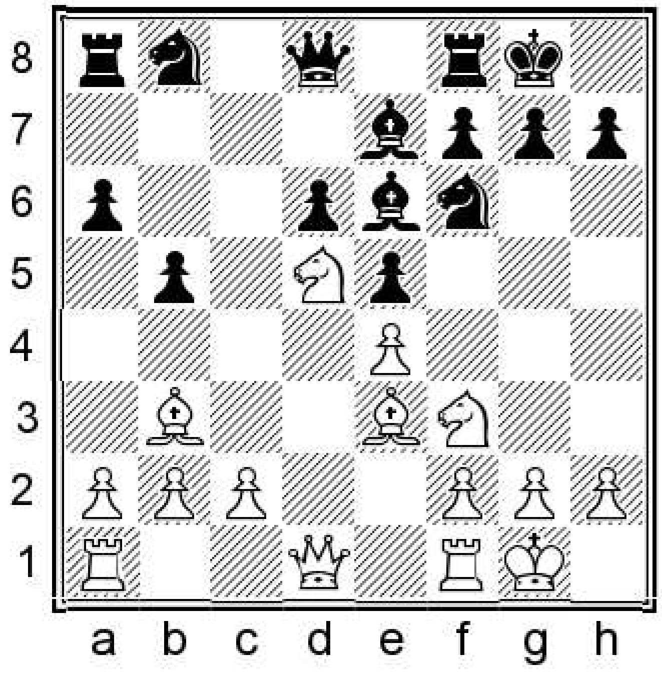


22.♖fd1 (22.♘f5 ♔f8 23.♖fd1 ♖a8 (23...♘e4? 24.♖xc6! ♖xc6 25.♘xe5 ♖c7 26.♘d7++-) 24.c3 ♘e4 25.♖6d5 f6 26.♘d2 ♘xd2 27.♖5xd2 ♖d8=) 22...♘e4 23.♖d7 ♘f6= 24.♖7d6 ♘e4 25.♖d7 ♘f6 26.♖7d6 1/2 (26) Korneev,O (2517)-Santos Latasa,J (2588) Espana 147/(75) 2020

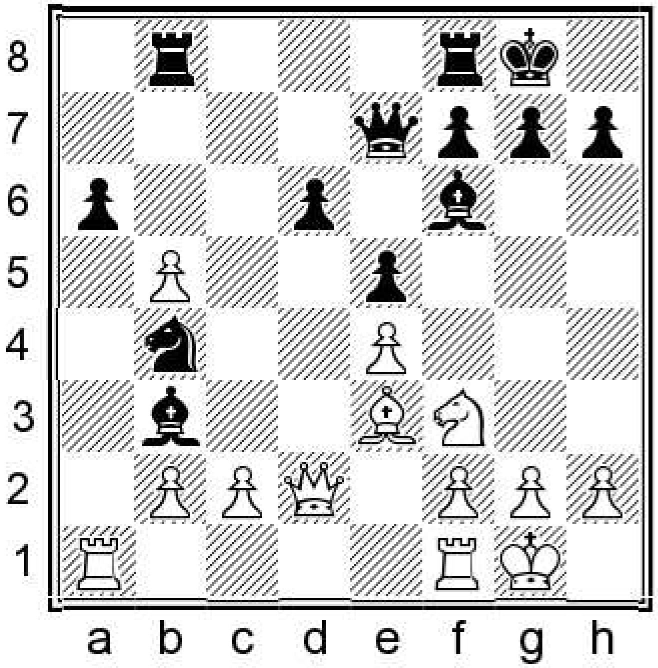
**9...♗e6 10.O-O b5 11.♖e1**



11.♘d5



11...♘c6?!N (11...♘bd7 12.♘xf6+ ♘xf6 13.♕d3 ♗xb3 14.axb3 d5! 15.♘xe5 ♕c7 16.♗d4 dxe4 17.♕c3 ♖fc8∞; 11...♘xd5 12.♗xd5 ♗xd5 13.♕xd5 ♘d7 14.a4 ♘b6 15.♗xb6 ♕xb6 16.axb5 ♕xb5 17.♕xb5 axb5=) 12.♘xf6+ ♗xf6 13.♕d3 ♕e7 14.a4 (14.♖fd1 ♖fd8 15.a4 ♖ab8 16.♗xe6 fxe6 17.axb5 axb5 18.♕b3±) 14...♖ab8 15.axb5 ♘b4 16.♕d2 (16.♕e2 ♗xb3 17.cxb3 axb5 18.♗d2 d5 19.exd5 ♘xd5 20.♕e4 ♕e6∞) 16...♗xb3

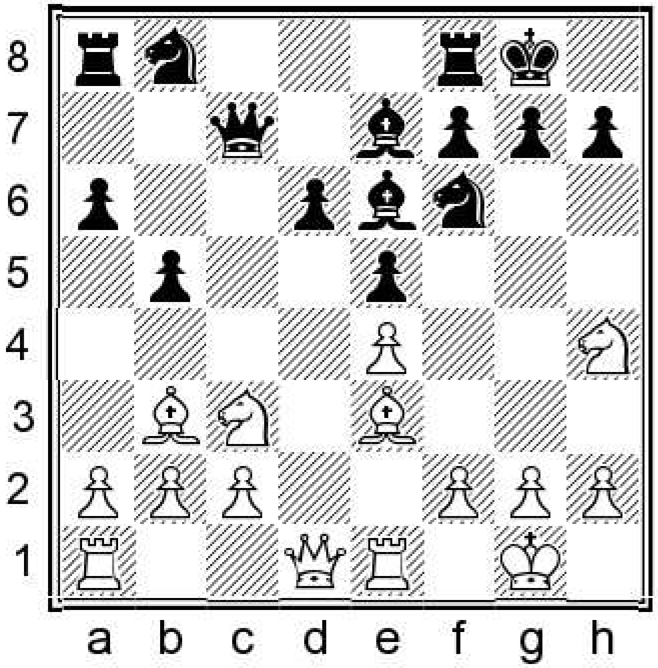


17.♕xb4 (17.cxb3 ♖xb5 18.♕e2 ♕b7 19.♖fd1 d5∓) 17...♖xb5 18.♕d2 ♗e6 19.b3 d5∓ Korneev,O (2513)-Remizov,Y (2382) Chelyabinsk 147/(75) 2020

**11...♕c8!**

11...h6 - 64/(256)

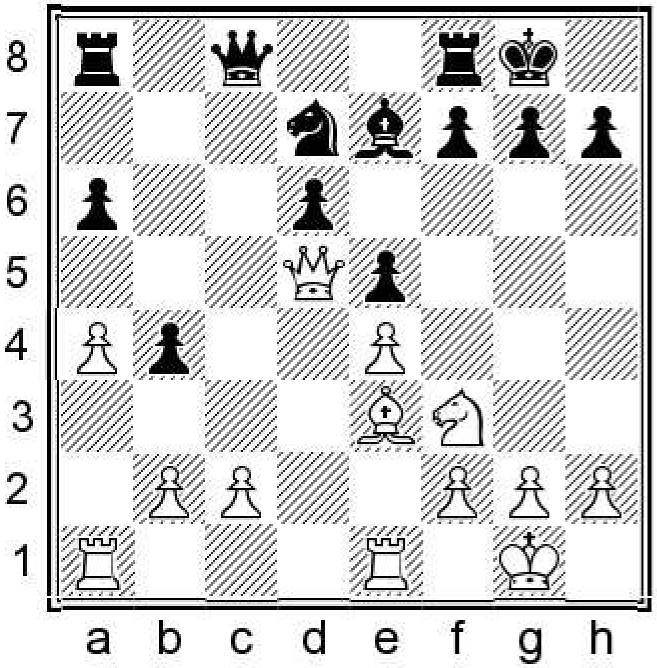
11...♕c7 12.♘h4



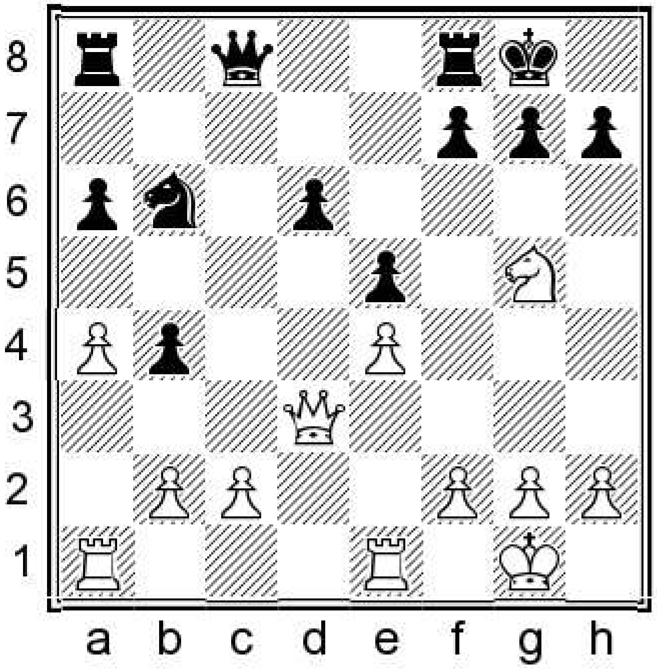
12...♘bd7N (12...g6 13.♗h6 ♖e8 14.♖e3 b4 15.♘d5 ♘xd5 16.♗xd5 ♗xd5 17.♕xd5 ♕c6 18.♘f5 ♕xd5 19.exd5 a5∞ (19...f6∞)) 13.♘f5 ♗xf5 14.exf5 b4 15.♘d5 ♘xd5 16.♗xd5 ♖ab8 17.♗b3 a5 18.♕f3 ♘b6 19.♖ad1 ♗f6 20.♗xb6 ♖xb6 21.♖d5± Harikrishna,P (2732)-Vachier Lagrave,M (2784)

**12.♘d5**

12.a4 b4 13.♘d5 ♘xd5 14.♗xd5 ♗xd5 15.♕xd5 ♘d7



16.♗g5N (16.♕d3 ♕c6=) 16...♘b6 17.♕d3 ♗xg5 18.♘xg5



18...♕c5 (18...a5 19.b3 (19.♕xd6?! ♘c4∓) 19...♖d8=) 19.♖ed1 ♖fd8 20.a5 ♘c4 21.♕b3 ♖ab8 22.♖d5 ♕c7 23.♘f3 ♖b7 24.h3 g6∞ Vachier Lagrave,M (2784) -Aronian,L (2781) chess24.com (Int.-m2/4-rapid) 147/(75) 2021

**12...♘xd5 13.♗xd5**

13.exd5 ♗g4∞

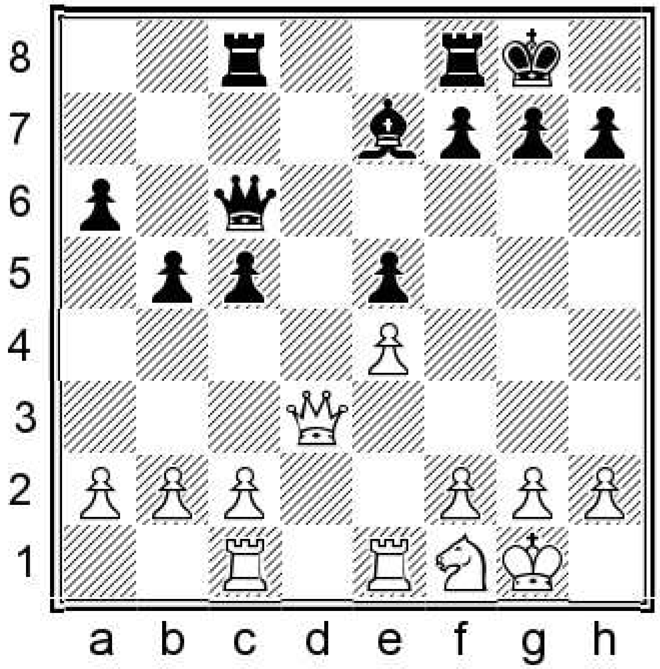
**13...♗xd5 14.♕xd5 ♘d7 15.♕d3 ♕c6 16.♘d2N**

16.c3

**16...♖ac8 17.♖ac1**

17.c3 ♖fd8 18.♖ad1 ♘c5 (18...h6!?=) 19.♗xc5 dxc5 20.♕e2 c4 21.♘f1 ♖xd1 22.♖xd1 ♖d8=

**17...♘c5 18.♗xc5 dxc5 19.♘f1**



**19...♗g5**

19...c4 20.♕f3 c3 21.b3 ♖fd8 22.♖cd1 ♗c5 (22...♖d4 23.♖xd4 exd4 24.♘g3∞) 23.♖d5 ♖xd5 24.exd5 ♕g6 25.♕h3 ♖d8 26.♕xc3 ♗d4 27.♕c7 ♕f6 28.♘e3 ♖xd5! 29.♖d1 ♖d8 30.c3 ♗b6 31.♖xd8+ ♕xd8 32.♕xd8+ ♗xd8=

**20.♖cd1 ♖cd8 21.♕g3 ♗f4 22.♕f3 g6= 23.g3 ♗h6 24.h4 ♕e6**

24...f5 25.♖xd8 ♖xd8 26.c3 c4 27.♖d1=

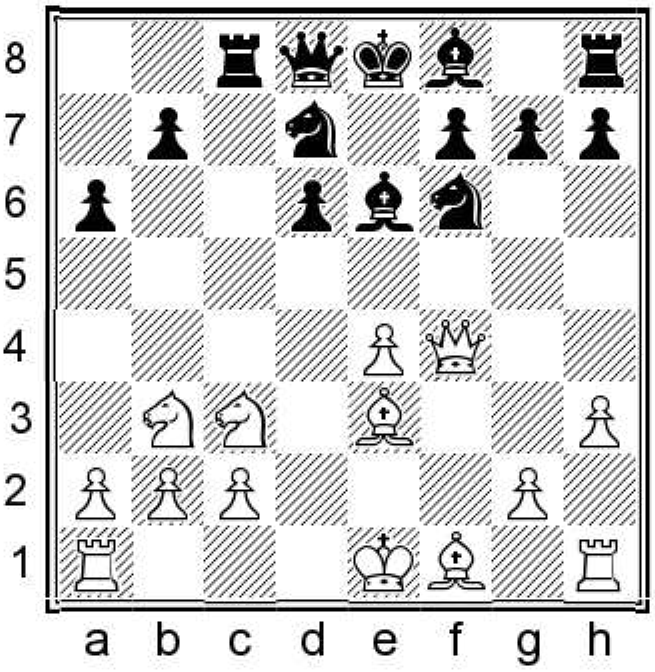
**25.b3 c4 26.♘e3 ♗xe3 27.♕xe3 h5 28.♔g2 cxb3 29.cxb3 ♖d6 30.♖xd6 ♕xd6 1/2-1/2**

**76. B90**
**Vega Gutierrez, Sabrina Neide (2392) - Anton Guijarro, David (2679)**
**Salamanca (rapid) 147/76, 2021**

**1.e4 c5 2.♘f3 d6 3.d4 cxd4 4.♘xd4 ♘f6 5.♘c3 a6 6.h3 e5 7.♘b3 ♗e6 8.♗e3 ♘bd7 9.f4**

9.g4 - 139/87

**9...♖c8 10.♕f3 exf4 11.♕xf4**



11.♗xf4 ♘e5 12.♕e3 ♘h5 13.♗g5 (13.♗h2 ♗e7∓) 13...♗e7 14.♗xe7 ♕xe7 15.O-O-O O-O 16.g4 ♘f6 17.g5 ♘fd7 18.♘d4 ♘b6! 19.♘xe6 ♘ec4 20.♗xc4 ♘xc4 21.♘d5 ♕xe6=

**11...♗e7N**

11...♘e5

**12.O-O-O ♖xc3! 13.bxc3 ♕c7∓ 14.g4**

14.♗d4 O-O 15.♗d3 ♘e5 16.♔b1 ♖c8∓

**14...♘e5**

14...♕xc3 15.g5 (15.♗d4 ♕c6 16.♗d3 O-O 17.g5 ♘h5 18.♕e3 ♖c8∓) 15...♘h5 16.♗d2 ♕c7 17.♕f3 g6 18.h4 O-O∓

**15.g5 ♘fd7**

15...♘h5 16.♕f2 ♕xc3 17.♔b1 O-O=∞

**16.h4**

16.♗d4 O-O 17.h4 ♘b6 18.♕g3 ♘bc4 19.h5 ♕c6 20.♗xe5 ♘xe5=∞

**16...♕xc3 17.♗d4 ♕b4**

17...♕c7 18.♗h3 O-O 19.♗xe6 fxe6 20.♕d2 ♖c8 21.♖hf1 ♕c6=∞

**18.♗b2**

18.♗h3 O-O 19.♕d2 ♕a4 20.♗xe6 fxe6 21.♕a5 ♕c4=∞

**18...O-O 19.a3**

19.♕e3 ♕a4 20.♔b1 ♖c8 21.♖d4 ♕c6 22.♖d2 ♕c7 23.♘d4 ♘c5 24.♘xe6 ♘xe6=∞

**19...♕a4 20.♘d4 d5 21.♕g3**

21.♘xe6 fxe6 22.♕e3 ♗c5 23.♕b3 ♕xe4 24.♗d3 ♕g4∞

**21...♖c8 22.♖h2**

22.♖d2 dxe4 23.♘xe6 ♘f3 24.♘d4 ♘xd2 25.♔xd2 ♘b6 26.♔c1 ♗c5 27.♗h3 ♗xd4 28.♗xc8 ♗xb2+ 29.♔xb2 ♘c4+ 30.♔c1 e3 31.♕c7 ♕xa3+ 32.♔d1 e2+! 33.♔xe2 ♕e3+ 34.♔f1 ♘d2+ 35.♔g2 ♕f3+ 36.♔h2 ♕f2+ 37.♔h3 ♕f3+ 38.♔h2=

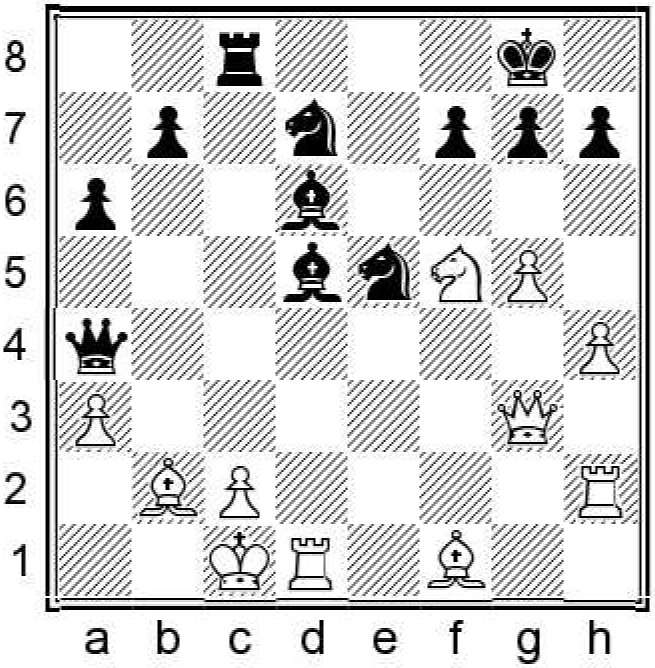
**22...♗d6 23.exd5**

23.♘xe6 ♘c4 24.♕c3 ♗e5 25.♖d4 fxe6 26.♗xc4 dxc4 27.♖hd2 ♕b5∞

**23...♗xd5**

23...♗g4 24.♖dd2 ♘c5 25.♔b1 ♘e4 26.♕e3 ♘xd2+ 27.♖xd2 ♘c4 28.♗xc4 ♕xc4∓

**24.♘f5?**



24.♘b5 ♘d3+! (24...axb5? 25.♖xd5+-) 25.♕xd3 ♗xh2 26.♘c3 ♕f4+ 27.♔b1 ♗c6 28.♘d5 ♗xd5 29.♕xd5 ♘f8=

**24...♗e4!-+ 25.♘xd6 ♖xc2+ 26.♔b1 ♖xh2+ 27.♔a2 ♖xb2+ 0-1**

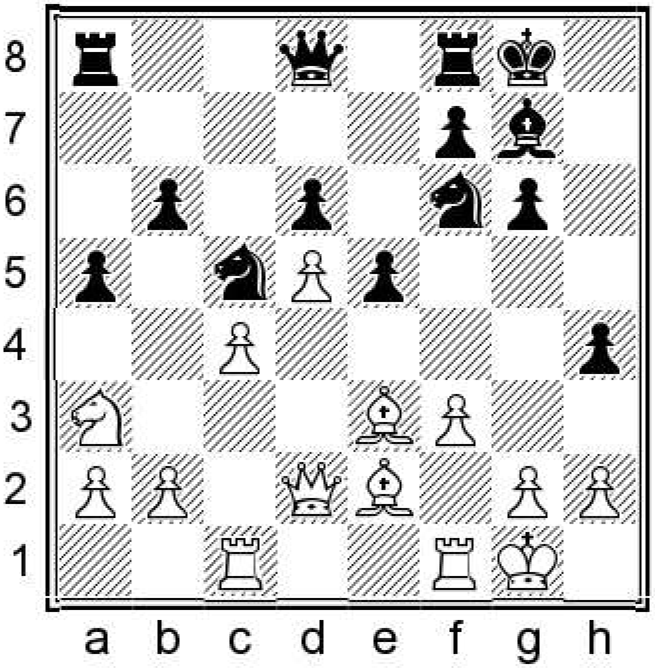
**77. * B90**
**Topalov, Veselin (2735) - Wei, Yi (2732)**
**chess.com (Int.-rapid) 147/77, 2020**

**1.e4 c5 2.♘f3 d6 3.d4 cxd4 4.♘xd4 ♘f6 5.♘c3 a6 6.♗e3 ♘g4 7.♗c1 ♘f6 8.f3 e5 9.♘b3 ♗e6 10.♗e3**

**h5 11.♘d5 ♗xd5 12.exd5 ♘bd7 13.♕d2 g6 14.♗e2 ♗g7 15.O-O b6 16.c4 O-O 17.♖ac1 a5**

17...♖e8 - 140/83

**18.♘a1 ♘c5 19.♘c2 h4 20.♘a3**



20.♗g5 h3 21.g4 ♕d7 22.♗h6 ♘h7 23.♗xg7 ♔xg7∞

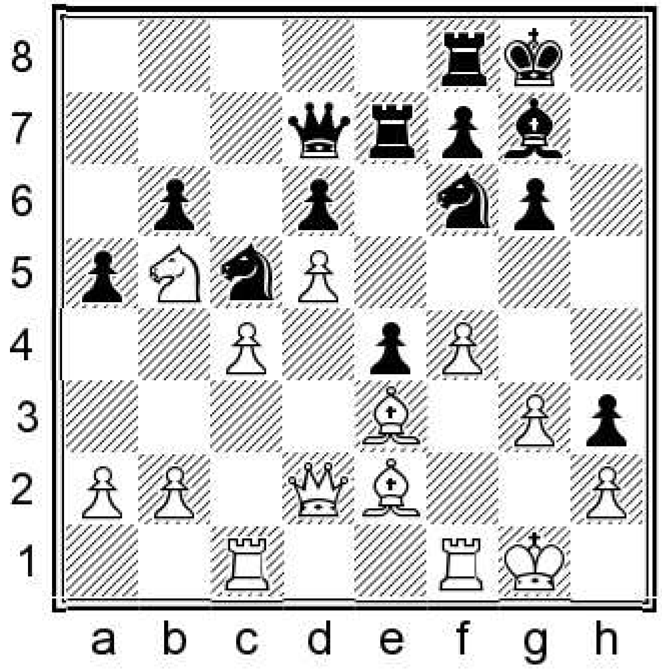
**20...♕d7N**

20...♘h5 - 147/(77) 21.♖fe1 f5 (21...h3 22.♗g5 ♕d7 23.g4 ♘f6 24.♘b5 ♖ae8=) 22.♖c2 ♖a7 23.♘b5 ♖e7 24.b3 ♔h7 25.♖b1 ♖ee8 26.a3 a4 27.bxa4 ♘xa4 28.♕b4 ♘c5 29.♕d2 ♘f4 30.♗f1 ♘h5 31.♗e2 ♕d7 32.a4 1/2 (30) Perrin, R-Kolodziejski,M corr 147/(77) 2020

**21.♘b5 ♖ae8 22.♖fe1 e4 23.f4 ♖e7 24.♖f1**

24.h3 ♘e8 (24...♘h5 25.♗xh5 gxh5 26.♕f2! ♘d3 27.♕xh4±) 25.b3 f5 26.♘d4±

**24...h3 25.g3**



**25...♘d3! 26.♗xd3 exd3 27.♕xd3 ♘g4**

27...♖fe8 28.♗xb6 (28.♗d4 ♘g4 - 27...Ng4) 28...♘g4 - 27...Ng4

**28.♗d4**

28.♗xb6 ♖fe8 29.♖c2 ♘e3 (29...♖e1 30.♖d2 ♕e7 31.♗f2 ♖e2⯹) 30.♗xe3 ♖xe3 31.♕d1 (31.♕d2 ♖8e4 32.♕f2 (32.♕xa5? ♖e2∓) 32...♕e7↑) 31...f5 32.♖cf2 ♖8e4 33.b3 a4⯹

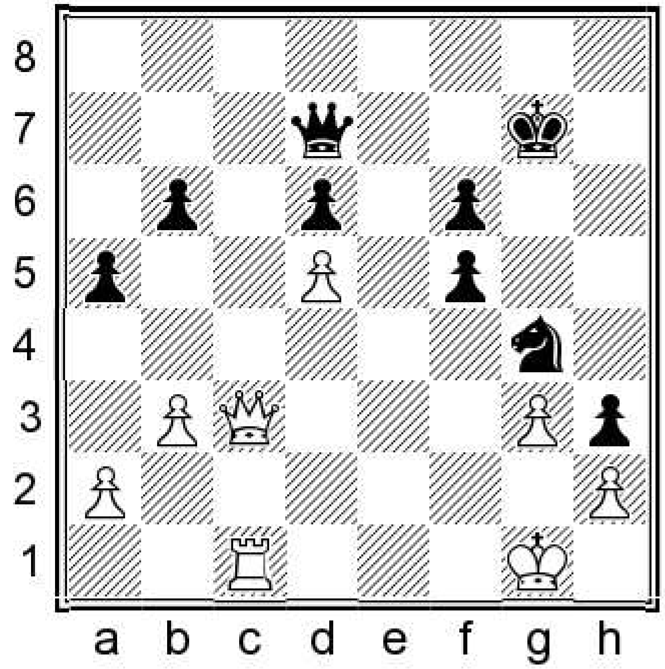
**28...♖fe8 29.♗xg7 ♖e3**

29...♔xg7 30.f5 ♖e2 31.♕d4+ ♘e5 32.fxg6 (32.f6+? ♔g8 33.♘c3 ♖g2+ 34.♔h1 ♘g4-+) 32...fxg6 33.♖ce1 ♕g4 34.♖xe2 ♕xe2 35.♖f2 (35.♕f2? ♘g4-+) 35...♕e1+ 36.♖f1 ♕e2=

**30.♕d1□ ♔xg7 31.f5 ♖8e4 32.♘c3 ♖xc4**

32...♕e7!? 33.fxg6 (33.♘xe4? ♕xe4 34.♖c2 gxf5∓) 33...fxg6 34.♘xe4 ♕xe4 35.♖c2 ♖d3 36.♕e1 ♖e3 37.♕d1=

**33.b3 ♖cxc3 34.♖xc3 ♖xc3 35.♕d4+ f6! 36.♕xc3 gxf5= 37.♖c1**

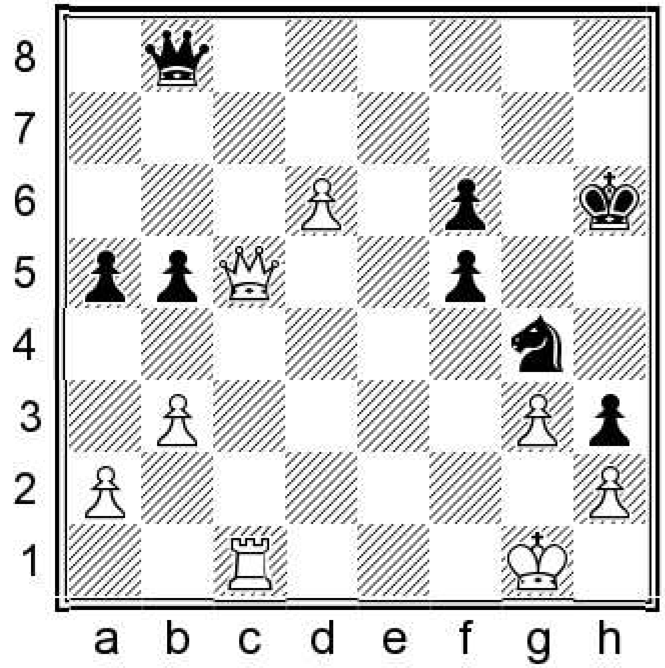


37.♖f4 ♕e7=

**37...♔g6?**

37...♕e8! 38.♕e1 ♘e5 39.♖c7+ ♔g6 40.♕e2 b5 41.♔f1 ♕b8 42.♖c1 (42.♖c6 ♕a7 43.♕f2 (43.♖xd6? ♕d4-+) 43...♘xc6 (43...♕b8=) 44.dxc6 ♕c7 45.♕c2 ♔f7=) 42...♕b6=

**38.♕c8 ♕e7 39.♕g8+ ♔h6 40.♕e6 ♕a7 41.♕xd6 b5+ 42.♕c5 ♕b8 43.d6?**



43.♖e1 ♘e5 44.♖e2 ♔g6 45.♔f1+-

**43...♕e8! 44.♖d1 ♔g6**

44...♕e2? 45.♕c1+ ♔g6 46.♕d2+-; 44...♕e4 45.♕c1+ ♔g6 46.♕d2 ♘e5 47.♖f1 ♘d3 48.d7 (48.♖f4 ♘xf4 49.gxf4 ♕b1+ 50.♔f2 ♕h1 51.d7 ♕xh2+ 52.♔e3 ♕g1+ 53.♔f3 ♕g4+ 54.♔e3 ♕g1+ 55.♔d3 h2 56.d8=Q h1=Q 57.♕g8+ ♔h6 58.♕h8+ ♔g6=) 48...♕d4+ 49.♔h1 ♕e4+=

**45.♕d4 ♕c6= 46.♕d5 ♕c2 47.♕g8+ ♔h5 48.♕e8+ ♔g5 49.♕g8+ ♔h5 50.♕e8+ ♔g5 51.♕g8+ ♔h5 1/2-1/2**

**78. * B90**
**Giri, Anish (2764) - Grandelius, Nils (2663)**
**Wijk aan Zee 147/78, 2021**

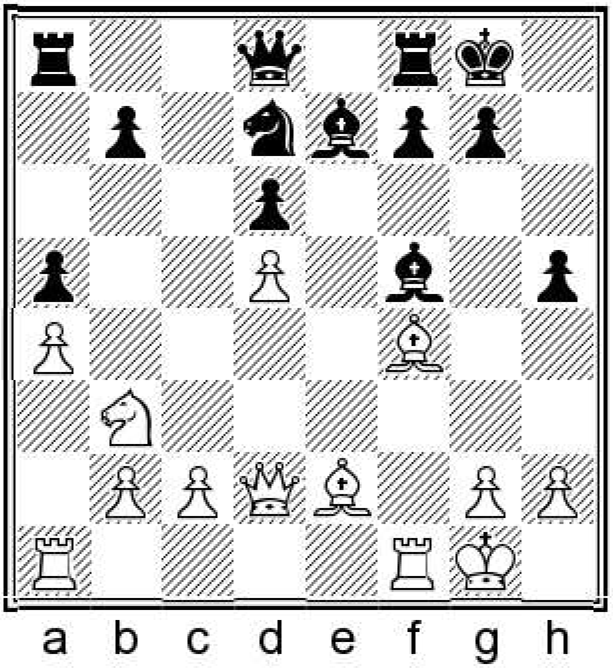
**1.e4 c5 2.♘f3 d6 3.d4 cxd4 4.♘xd4 ♘f6 5.♘c3 a6 6.f3 e5 7.♘b3 ♗e6 8.♗e3 ♗e7 9.♕d2 h5 10.♘d5 ♘xd5 11.exd5 ♗f5 12.♗e2 a5**

12...♗h4+ - 145/81

**13.a4 O-O**

13...♗h4+!?

**14.O-O ♘d7 15.f4 exf4 16.♗xf4**



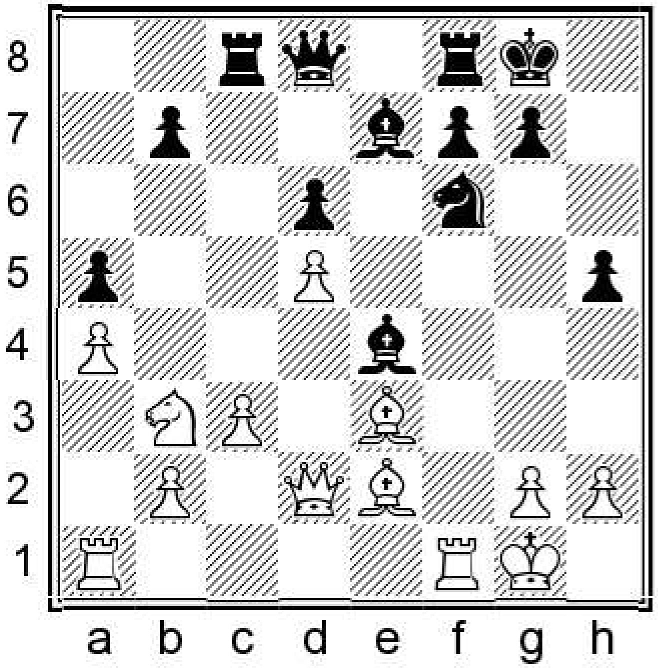
**16...♖c8**

16...♗g6!? 17.♗b5 ♗f6 18.c4 ♕c7 19.♖ae1 b6 20.♘d4±

**17.c3 ♘f6 18.♗e3N**

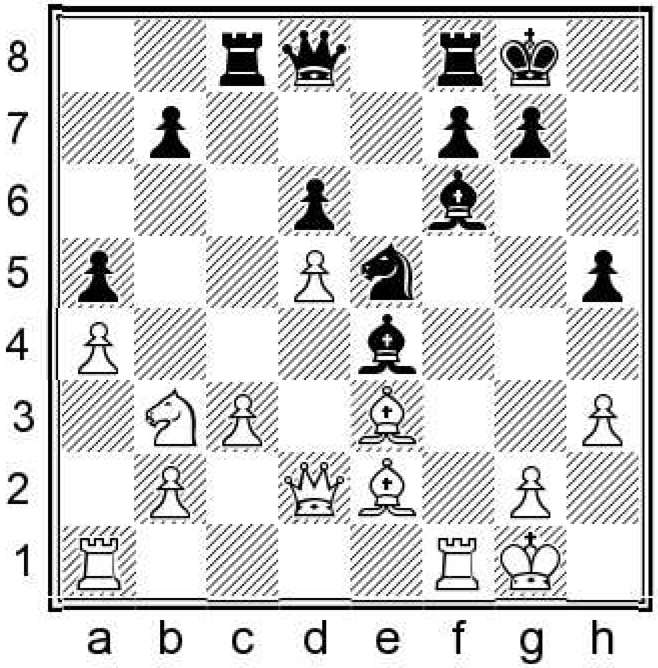
18.♗f3!? ♖e8 19.♖ae1 ♗g4 20.♗xg4 hxg4 (20...♘xg4 21.♘d4±) 21.♕d4±

**18...♗e4**



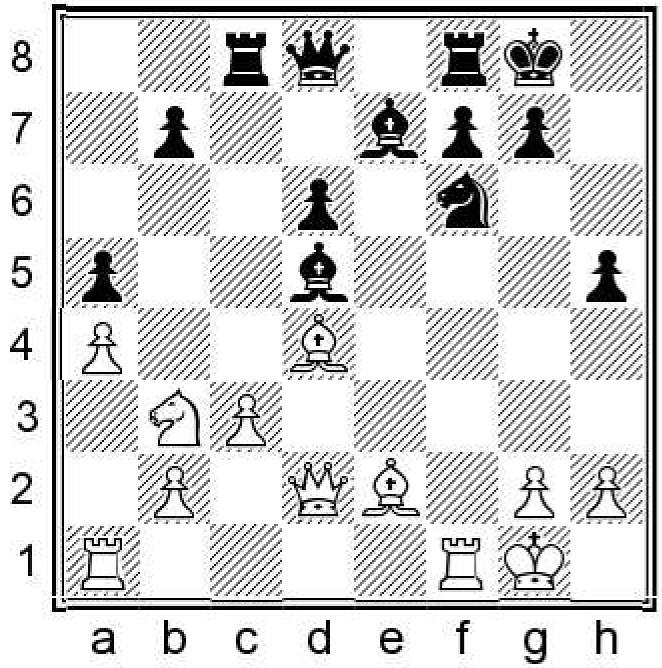
**19.♗d4! ♘xd5N**

19...♘d7 - 147/(78) 20.♗e3 (20.♕e3!?) 20...♘e5 21.h3 ♗f6



22.♖ad1 (22.♖ae1!?) 22...♘c4 23.♗xc4 ♖xc4 24.♕e2 ♖xa4 25.♗d4 ♖e8 26.♗xf6 gxf6 27.♕xh5 ♖e5 28.♕h4 ♖g5 29.g3 1/2 (29) Canizares Cuadra,P-Gutierrez Dopino,J corr 147/(78) 2020

19...♗xd5



20.♖xf6! ♗xb3 21.♖f5 ♖c5 (21...g6? 22.♕h6+-; 21...h4?! 22.♗xg7! ♔xg7 23.♕d4+ f6 24.♖g5+ ♔f7 25.♗h5+ ♔e6 26.♖b5 d5 27.♕e3+ ♔d7 28.♖xb7+ ♖c7 29.♕h3+ f5 30.♖xb3+-) 22.♗xc5 dxc5 23.♕xd8 ♖xd8 24.♖e5 ♗d6 25.♖xh5±

**20.♗f3**

20.♗xh5 ♘f6 (20...♗f6 21.♖ae1 ♖e8 22.♗f2±) 21.♗e2 (21.♕e2 d5 22.♗f3±) 21...d5 22.♗d3±

**20...♗g5**

20...♗xf3 21.♖xf3 ♗g5 22.♕d3 ♘e7 (22...♗f6 23.♗f2 ♘e7 24.♕b5±) 23.♕b5 ♘c6 24.♗b6 ♕e7 25.♘xa5 ♘e5 26.♖ff1±

**21.♕e2 ♗xf3 22.♕xf3 ♘f6 23.♕f5 ♘g4∞**

23...♘d7 24.♘xa5±

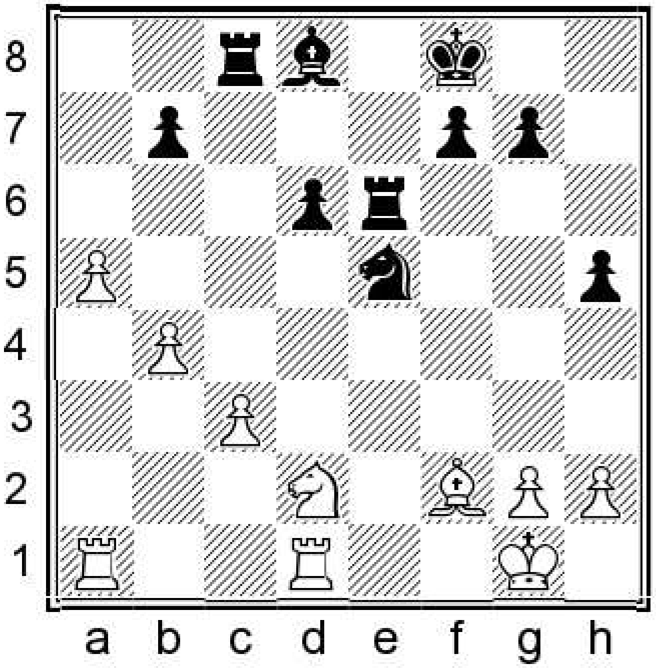
**24.♕xa5 ♖e8 25.♕xd8 ♗xd8**

25...♖cxd8 26.♘a5 ♖e7 27.b4 ♖c8∞

**26.♖fe1 ♘e5 27.♘d2 ♖e6 28.♖ed1 ♔f8 29.b4 ♘c6 30.♗f2 ♘e5**

30...♗f6 31.♖ac1 ♘e5 32.♘b3 ♘c4 33.♘d4 ♖e4∞

**31.a5**



**31...♖xc3?!**

31...♘g4 32.♗d4 ♘e3 33.♖e1 (33.♗xe3 ♖xe3 34.b5 ♗f6∓) 33...♘c2 34.♖xe6 fxe6 35.♖a4 b5 36.axb6 ♘xd4 37.b7 ♖b8 38.cxd4 ♖xb7 39.♔f2 ♗f6 40.♔e3 d5 41.♔d3 e5 42.dxe5 ♗xe5=

**32.b5 ♘g4 33.♗d4 ♖d3 34.♘c4 ♖xd4**

34...♖xd1+ 35.♖xd1 d5 36.♘b6 ♗xb6 37.♗xb6 ♔e7 38.♖c1±

**35.♖xd4 ♗f6 36.♖dd1!+- d5**

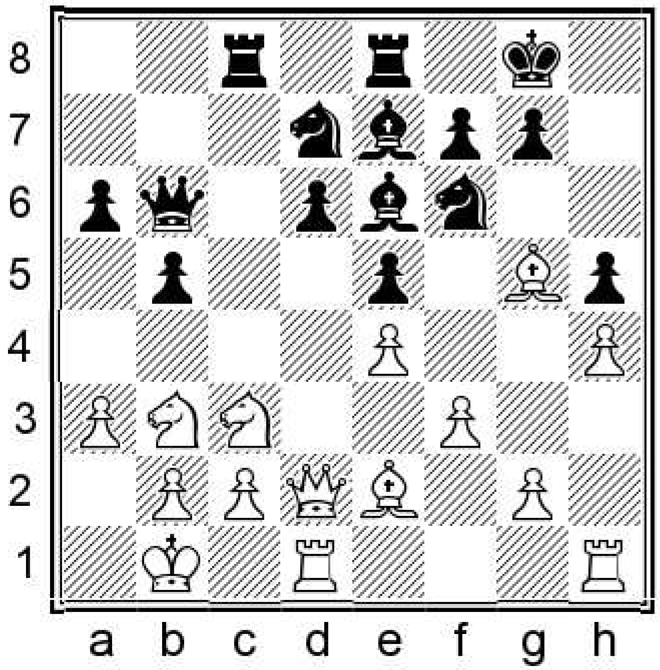
36...♘e3 37.♘xe3 ♗xa1 38.♘d5 ♗b2 39.♔f1 g5 40.a6+-; 36...♗xa1 37.♖xa1 d5 38.♘b6+-

**37.♘b6 ♘e3 38.♘d7+ ♔e7 39.♘xf6 1-0**

**79. * !N B90**
**Wei, Yi (2732) - Giri, Anish (2764)**
**chess.com (Int.-rapid) 147/79, 2020**

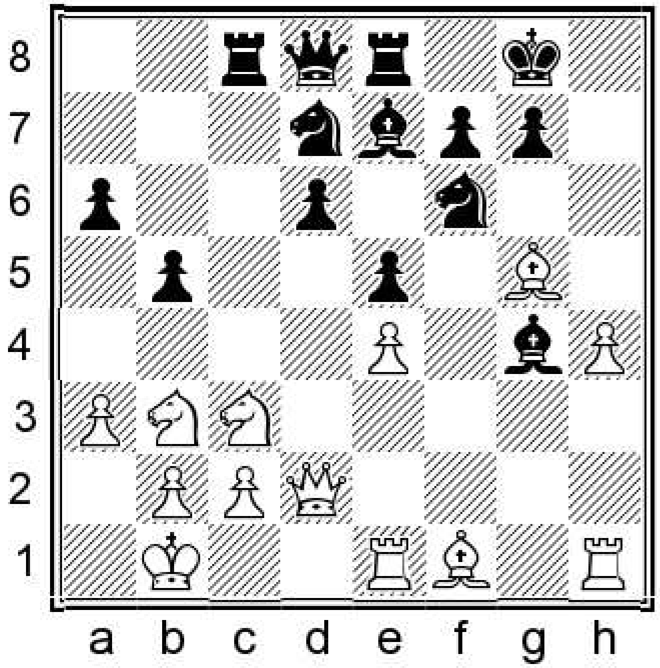
**1.e4 c5 2.♘f3 d6 3.d4 cxd4 4.♘xd4 ♘f6 5.♘c3 a6 6.♗e3 e5 7.♘b3 ♗e7 8.f3 ♗e6 9.♕d2 h5 10.O-O-O ♘bd7 11.♔b1 ♖c8 12.h4 b5 13.a3 O-O 14.♗g5 ♖e8 15.g4**

15.♗e2 ♕b6



16.♘d5N (16.♖hg1 - 141/172) 16...♗xd5 (16...♘xd5!? 17.exd5 ♗f5 18.♗d3 ♗xd3 19.♕xd3 ♘c5 20.♕d2 ♘xb3 21.cxb3 a5∞) 17.exd5 e4 18.♖he1 ♗f8 19.♗e3 ♕c7 20.f4 ♘b6 21.♗xb6 ♕xb6 22.♕d4 ♕d8∞ Kobalia,M (2609)-Mammadzada,G (2455) Gibraltar 147/(79) 2020

**15...hxg4 16.fxg4 ♗xg4 17.♖e1**



**17...d5!N**

17...♘b6 18.♖g1 ♗e6=

**18.♘xd5**

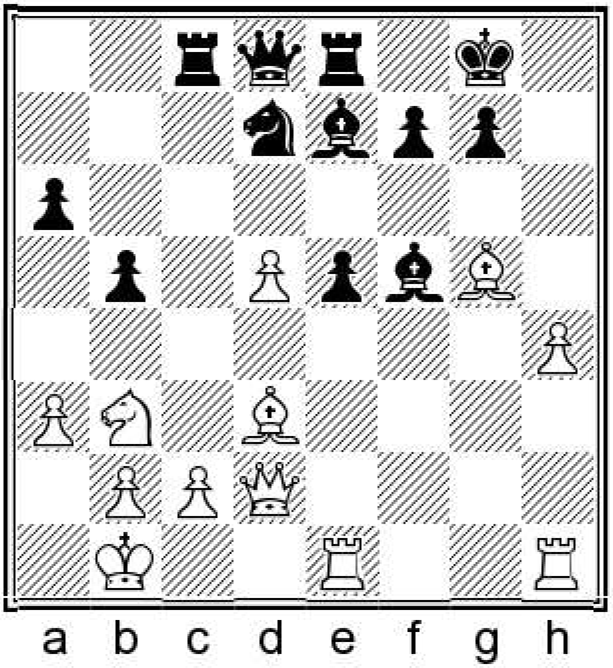
18.exd5 b4 19.axb4 ♗xb4 20.♗xa6 ♖b8 21.♖hg1 (21.♗e2 ♗f5 (21...♗xe2 22.♖xe2 ♕b6=∞) 22.♖hf1

♗h7∓) 21...♕b6 22.♗d3 ♖ec8 (22...e4 23.♗e3! ♗xc3 24.♕xc3 ♘xd5 25.♗xb6 ♘xc3+ 26.bxc3 exd3 27.♖xe8+ ♖xe8 28.♖xg4 dxc2+ 29.♔xc2 ♘xb6=) 23.♗xf6 (23.♗h6 g6∓) 23...♘xf6 24.♖g3 ♗xc3 25.bxc3 ♕d6∓

**18...♘xd5 19.exd5**

19.♕xd5 ♗xg5 (19...♗e6 20.♕d3 ♘f6 21.♕f3 ♘h7 22.♗xe7 ♕xe7∞) 20.hxg5 ♘f8 (20...♕xg5 21.♗h3∞) 21.♕d3 ♕xd3 22.♗xd3 ♘g6∞

**19...♗f5 20.♗d3**



20.♗xe7 ♖xe7 21.♖c1 ♘b6 22.♕g5 ♕d7 (22...♗h7 23.♗h3 f6 24.♕g3 f5∞) 23.♖g1 f6! 24.♕xf6 ♘xd5 25.♕xa6 ♖xc2! 26.♖xc2 ♗xc2+ 27.♔xc2 ♕f5+ 28.♗d3 ♖c7+ (28...e4 29.♗xb5 ♕f2+ 30.♘d2 ♘e3+ (30...♕xg1? 31.♕a8+ ♔h7 32.♕xd5+-) 31.♔b3 ♕xg1 32.♕d6 ♕d1+ 33.♔a2 ♖f7 34.♗c6 ♖f6 35.♕d7 ♖xc6 36.♕xc6 ♕xd2 37.♕e8+=) 29.♔b1 ♕xd3+ 30.♔a2 ♘c3+ 31.♔a1 ♘e2 32.♕a8+ ♔h7 33.♕e8 ♘xg1 34.♕h5+ ♔g8 35.♕e8+=

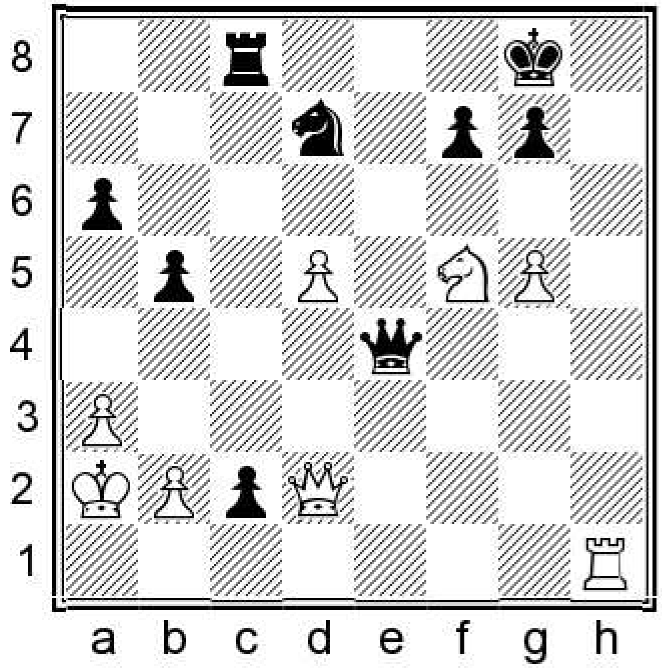
**20...e4! 21.♘d4**

21.♗xe4 ♗xg5 22.hxg5 ♖xe4 23.♖ef1 ♖xc2 24.♕xc2 ♖f4 25.♕xf5 ♖xf5 26.♖xf5 g6 27.♖f4 ♕xg5 28.♖d4 ♕e3∓; 21.♖xe4 ♗xe4 22.♗xe4 ♘b6 23.♕d3 ♕d6∓

**21...♗xg5 22.hxg5 exd3 23.♖xe8+**

23.♘xf5 ♖xe1+ 24.♖xe1 dxc2+ 25.♔a2 g6 26.♘d6 c1=Q 27.♖xc1 ♖xc1 28.♕xc1 ♘e5 29.♕c5 ♕xg5 30.♕c7 ♔g7∞

**23...♕xe8 24.♘xf5 dxc2+ 25.♔a2 ♕e4**



25...c1=Q 26.♖xc1 ♖xc1 27.♕xc1 ♕e5 28.♕c8+ ♘f8 29.d6 ♕d5+ 30.♔b1 ♕d1+=

**26.♘e7+! ♕xe7 27.♕h2 c1=N+!= 28.♔a1**

28.♔b1? ♕e4+ 29.♔a1 ♕xh1 30.♕xh1 ♘c5∓

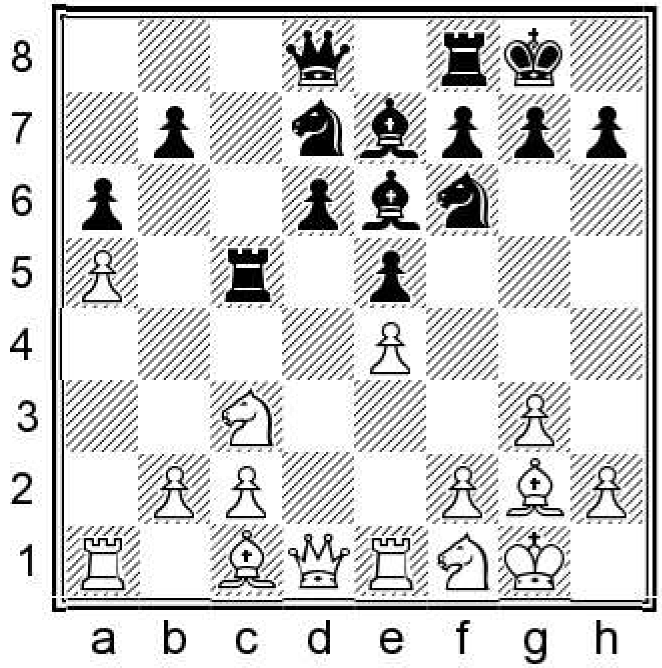
**28...♘b3+ 29.♔a2 ♘c1+ 30.♔a1 ♘b3+ 31.♔a2 ♘c1+ 1/2-1/2**

**80. B91**
**Shaposhnikov, Evgeny (2547) - Balashov, Yuri S (2462)**
**Chelyabinsk 147/80, 2020**

**1.♘f3 c5 2.e4 d6 3.d4 cxd4 4.♘xd4 ♘f6 5.♘c3 a6 6.g3 e5 7.♘b3 ♗e6 8.♗g2 ♘bd7 9.a4 ♗e7 10.O-O O-O 11.♖e1 ♖c8**

11...♕b8 - 134/77

**12.♘d2 ♘b6 13.a5 ♘bd7 14.♘f1 ♖c5**



**15.♘a4!?N**

15.♗d2

**15...♖c6 16.♕d2**

16.b4 ♖c4 17.c3 ♕c7 18.♗b2 g6 19.♕d3 ♖c6 20.♘e3 ♖c8 21.♗f3 h5 22.♕e2 ♕d8 23.♘d5 ♔g7 24.h4 ♗g4 25.♘e3 ♗e6 26.♔g2 ♗b3 27.♖a3 ♗e6 28.♖d1±

**16...b5?!**

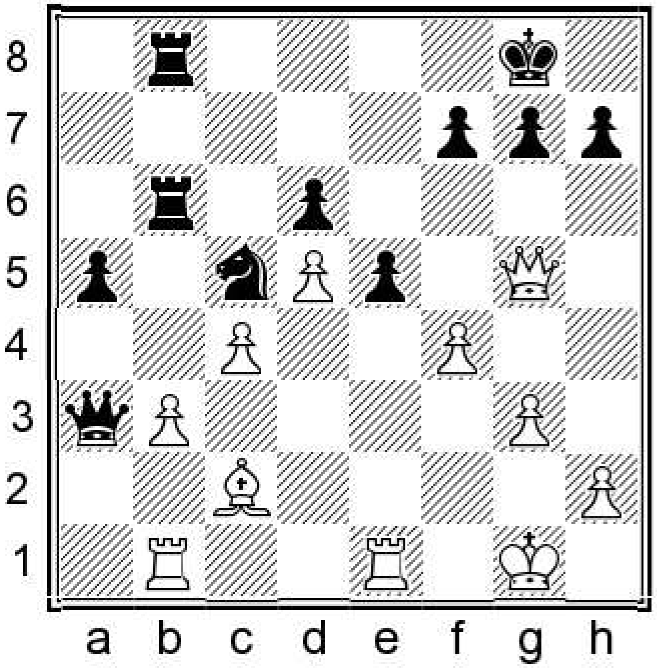
16...♖c4 17.b3 ♖d4 18.♕e2 ♕xa5 19.♗b2 ♕c7 20.♗xd4 exd4 21.f4 ♘c5 22.♘d2 ♖c8 23.♘b2 ♕b6 24.♘bc4 ♕a7 25.h3 (25.♕f2?! ♘g4 26.♕xd4 ♗f6 27.e5 dxe5 28.♖xe5 (28.♘xe5 ♖d8-+) 28...♖d8 29.♕xc5 ♕xc5+ 30.♖xc5 ♗xa1 31.♘f3 b5 32.f5 ♖d5! 33.♖xd5 ♗xd5 34.♘cd2 ♘e3 35.♔f2 ♘xc2 36.♘e1 ♘b4∓) 25...b5 26.♘a5 ♗d8 27.♔h2 ♗b6 28.b4 ♘a4 29.e5 dxe5 30.♘c6 ♖xc6! 31.♗xc6 exf4 32.gxf4 ♗c7 33.♕f3 ♕b6=∞

**17.axb6 ♘xb6 18.♘e3± ♘c4 19.♘xc4 ♗xc4 20.b3 ♗e6 21.♗a3**

21.♗b2 ♕c7 22.♘c3 ♖b8 23.♕d3 ♗c4 24.♕d1 ♗e6 25.♖e3 a5 26.♗f3±

**21...♕c7 22.c4 ♖b8= 23.♖ab1 ♘d7 24.♘c3 ♕a5 25.♗c1?!**

25.♕c1 ♗g5! 26.♕xg5 ♕xa3 27.♘d5 ♗xd5 28.exd5 ♖cb6 29.♗e4 ♘c5 30.♗c2 a5 31.h4 (31.f4



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**25...♖cb6**

25...♗d8! 26.♖d1 ♘c5 27.♕c2 ♖cb6 28.♗e3 ♖xb3 29.♖xb3 ♘xb3 30.♕d3 ♘d4 31.♗xd4 exd4 32.♕xd4 ♗g4 33.♖f1 ♕b6 34.♕d3 ♕c5 35.♘d5 a5 36.♖b1 ♖xb1+ 37.♕xb1 ♕a7!∓

**26.♘d5 ♕xd2 27.♗xd2**

27.♘xe7+ ♔f8 28.♗xd2 ♔xe7 29.b4 a5 30.b5 ♗xc4 31.♗xa5 ♖xb5 32.♖xb5 ♖xb5 33.♗d2 ♘c5∓

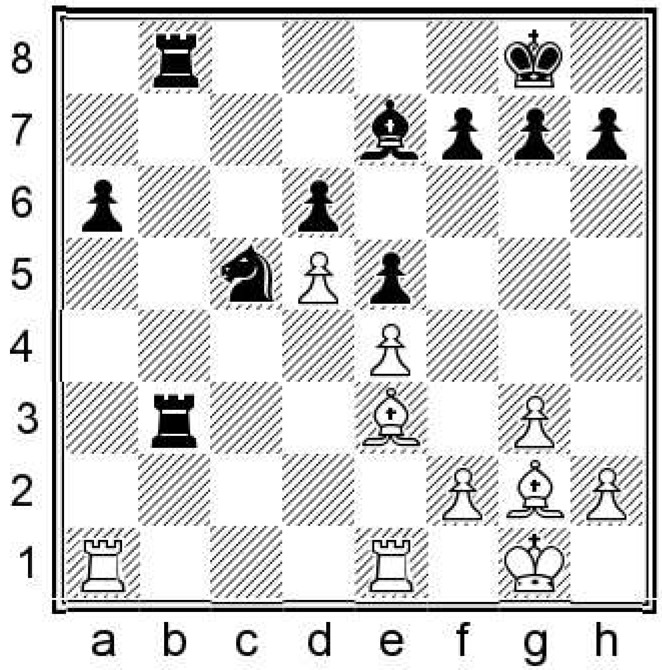
**27...♗xd5 28.cxd5 ♘c5**

28...♖xb3 29.♖xb3 ♖xb3 30.♖a1 ♘c5 31.♗e3 ♖b6 32.♗xc5 dxc5 33.♗f1 g6 34.♗xa6=

**29.♗e3?!**

29.b4 ♘d3 30.♖ed1 ♘xb4 31.♖xb4 (31.♗xb4 a5!) 31...♖xb4 32.♗xb4 ♖xb4 33.♖a1 ♖b6 34.♗f1 ♖b4 35.♗g2=

**29...♖xb3 30.♖a1**



30.♖xb3 ♘xb3 31.♖e2 a5 32.♗h3 ♖b4 33.♖c2 ♘c5! (33...g6 34.♖c7 (34.♖c8+ ♔g7 35.♖c7 ♗d8 36.♖d7 ♗b6∓) 34...♗f8 35.♗d7 ♖xe4 36.♗e8 f6 37.♗f7+ ♔h8 38.♗e6 a4 39.♖c8 ♔g7 40.♖c7+ ♔h8 41.♖c8=) 34.f3 g6 35.♗f1 ♔g7∓

**30...♘d3?!**

30...♖a8 31.♖ed1 ♖c3 32.♖dc1 ♖xc1+ 33.♖xc1 a5 34.♖a1 ♗d8∓

**31.♖ed1 ♘b4 32.♖dc1 ♗d8 33.♗f1 a5 34.♖c4 h6 35.h4 ♔h7 36.h5 g6 37.hxg6+ ♔xg6 38.♗h3 ♖b2 39.♖a4 ♔g7 40.♗f1 ♘c2 41.♗c1 ♖2b4 42.♖axb4 ♘xb4 43.♔g2 ♗b6∓ 44.♗b2 f6 45.♖c1 ♗c5 46.♗a3 ♖f8 47.♗c4**

47.f4 ♖b8 48.♖b1 ♖b6 49.♖a1 ♗d4 50.♖c1 f5! 51.♗xb4 ♖xb4 52.exf5 a4! 53.fxe5 ♗xe5 54.♖c4 ♖b2+ 55.♔f3 ♖b3+ 56.♔e4 ♖xg3 57.♗e2 ♖h3∓

**47...f5 48.exf5 ♖xf5∓ 49.f3 ♖f7 50.♖b1 ♘d3?!**

50...♖c7!?

**51.♗xd3 ♗xa3 52.♖a1**

52.♖b8! ♖a7 53.♗b5 a4 54.♖b6 ♗c5 55.♖a6 ♖xa6 56.♗xa6 a3 57.♗c4 ♔f6∓

**52...♗b4 53.♗b5 ♖b7 54.♗a6 ♖b6 55.♗f1 ♗c3 56.♖a4 ♖b7 0-1**

**81. * B91**
**Kryvoruchko, Yuriy (2682) - Cheparinov, Ivan (2686)**
**Espana 147/81, 2020**

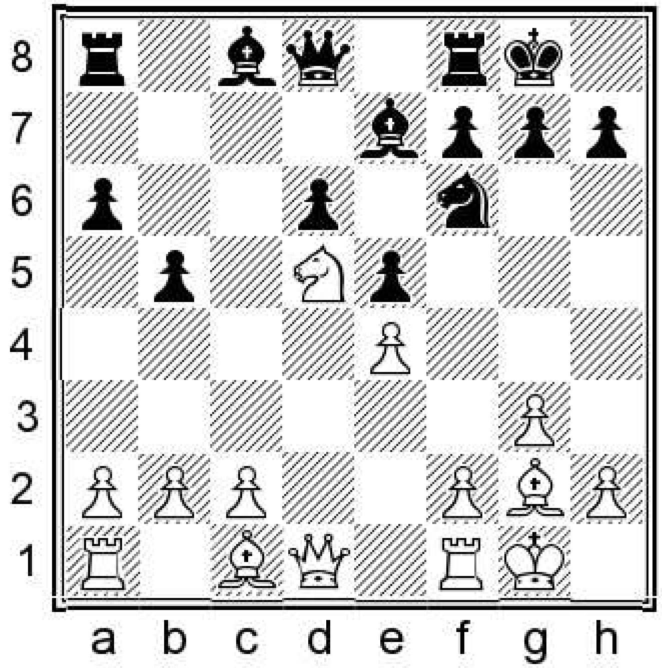
**1.e4 c5 2.♘f3 d6 3.d4 cxd4 4.♘xd4 ♘f6 5.♘c3 a6 6.g3 e5 7.♘de2 ♗e7 8.♗g2 O-O 9.O-O b5 10.♘d5 ♘bd7 11.♘ec3 ♘xd5**

11...♘b6 - 145/84

**12.♘xd5**

12.♕xd5 ♘b6 13.♕d3 b4 14.♘d1 (14.♘d5 ♘xd5 15.♕xd5 ♗e6 16.♕b7 (16.♕d3?! ♕c7 17.b3 ♖fc8∓) 16...a5 17.♗e3 ♖b8 18.♕a7 ♖a8 19.♕b7 ♖b8=) 14...a5 15.♖e1 ♘a4 16.♘e3 ♗g5∞

**12...♘f6**

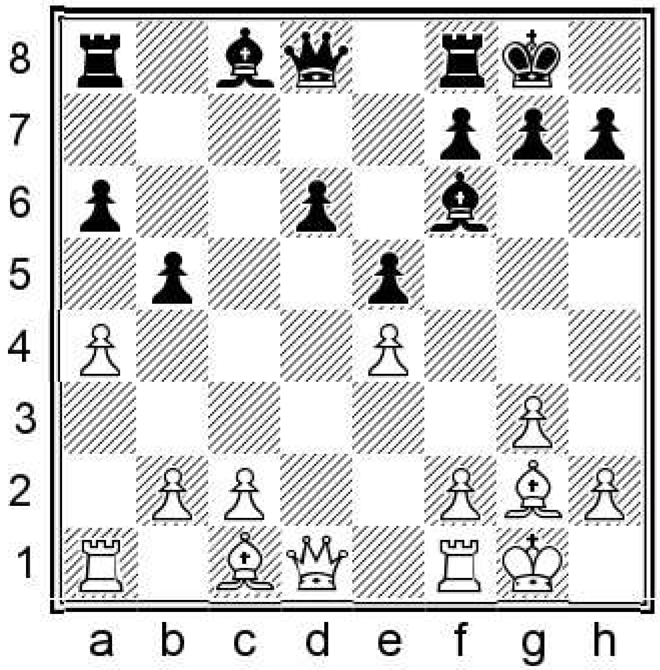


**13.♘xf6+N**

13.♘xe7+ ♕xe7 14.a4 b4 (14...♗e6 15.♗g5 ♖fc8 16.♗xf6 (16.♕d2 b4 17.a5 ♖ab8 18.♖a4 ♕b7 19.♗xf6 gxf6 20.♖aa1 ♔g7∞) 16...gxf6 17.c3 b4! 18.cxb4 ♖c4 19.♕d2 (19.b5 axb5 20.axb5 ♖xa1 21.♕xa1 ♖b4∞) 19...♖d4 20.♕h6 ♖xb4∞) 15.a5 h6 16.♖e1 ♗e6 17.♗d2 ♕b7 18.♖a4 b3 19.c4 ♖ac8 20.♖b4 ♕c7⇄; 13.♘e3 ♗e6 14.♕d3 (14.♗d2 ♕d7 15.♕e2 ♖fc8 16.♖fd1 a5 17.a3 ♕c6 18.♕d3 g6∞) 14...♕d7 15.b3 ♖fc8 16.♗b2 a5 17.♖fd1 a4 18.♗a3 h5⇄

**13...♗xf6 14.♕d3** - 147/ 81

14.a4N



14...♗e6!? (14...bxa4 15.♖xa4 a5 16.b3 (16.♕d3 ♕c7 17.♗d2 ♗d7 18.♖a2 a4=) 16...♗d7 17.♖a2 ♕c7=) 15.♗e3 (15.axb5 axb5 16.♖xa8 ♕xa8 17.♕xd6 ♖d8 18.♕b4 ♖d4 19.♕c5 (19.♕a3 ♕xa3 20.bxa3 ♗e7=∞) 19...♖c4 20.♕xb5 ♖xc2 21.♖d1 h6=∞) 15...♕c7 16.♕d2 h6 17.h4 ♗e7 18.b3 ♖fc8 19.♖fc1 ♕b7 20.a5 ♖ab8 21.♔h2 b4 22.♗b6 ♗d8= Wydornik,R-Dorer,M corr 147/ (81) 2020

**14...♗e6 15.♖d1**

15.b3 ♕c7 16.♗a3 ♖fd8 17.♖fd1 ♖ac8∓

**15...♕c7 16.♗e3 ♖fd8 17.a4 ♕c6 18.b3 h6 19.♖a2 ♗e7 20.h4**

20.f4 b4 21.f5 ♗d7 22.c4 (22.a5 ♕b7⇄) 22...bxc3 23.♖c1 ♖ac8 24.♖ac2 ♗g5 25.♗xg5 hxg5 26.♖xc3 ♕b6+ 27.♔h1 g4∞

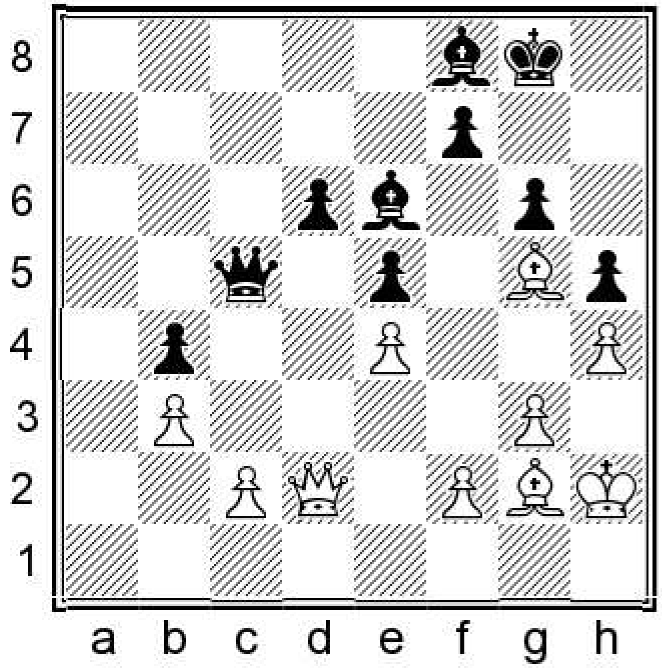
**20...♖dc8**

20...b4 21.a5 ♕b7 22.♗b6 ♖dc8⇄

**21.axb5 axb5 22.♖da1 ♖xa2 23.♖xa2 h5 24.♗f1 b4 25.♗g2 g6= 26.♕d2 ♖b8 27.♖a4 ♗f8 28.♕d3 ♕c8 29.♔h2 ♗d7 30.♖a7 ♗e6**

30...♖b7=

**31.♕d2 ♖b7 32.♖xb7 ♕xb7 33.♕d3 ♕c8 34.♗g5 ♕c5 35.♕d2**



**35...d5!?**

35...♕c8 36.♕d3 ♕c5=

**36.exd5 ♗f5 37.♕e2**

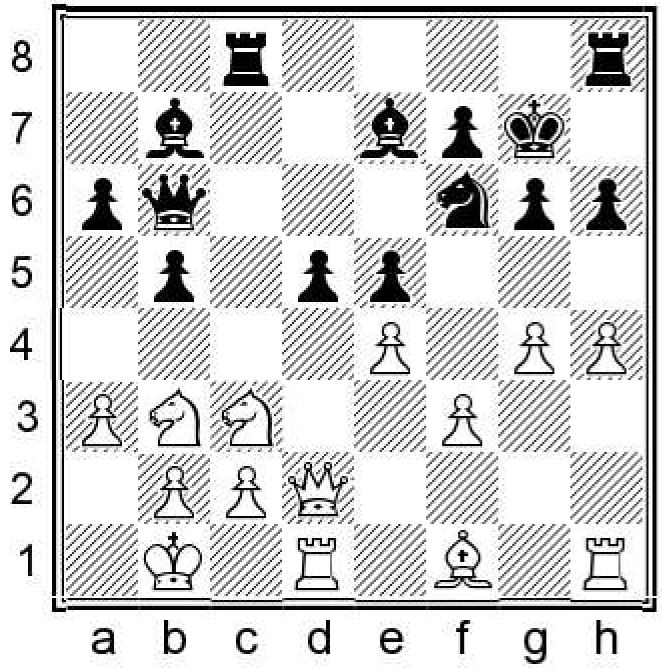
37.♗f6 ♕d6 38.♗g5 (38.♕g5 ♔h7 39.♔h1 ♕c7= (39...♗h6? 40.♗e7±)) 38...♕c5=

**37...♗xc2 38.♕xe5 ♗xb3 39.♗e3 ♕d6 40.♕e4 ♗a4 41.♗f4 ♕b6 42.♗e3 ♕b8 43.♗d4 ♗d7 1/2-1/2**

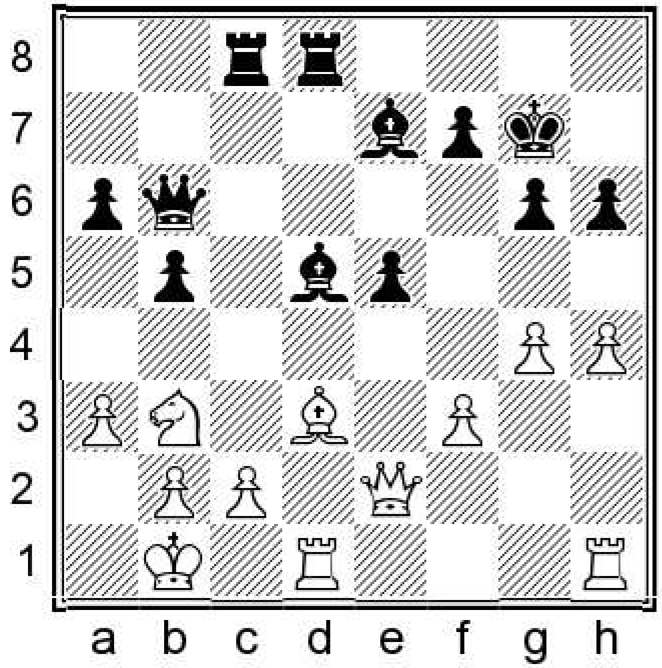
**82. * B94**
**Shahil, Dey (2376) - Injac, Teodora (2314)**
**Paracin 147/82, 2021**

**1.e4 c5 2.♘f3 d6 3.d4 cxd4 4.♘xd4 ♘f6 5.♘c3 a6 6.♗g5 ♘bd7 7.♕e2 h6 8.♗h4 g6 9.f4**

9.O-O-O e5 10.♘b3 ♗e7 11.♔b1 b5 12.f3 (12.a3 - 130/86) 12...♗b7 13.a3 ♖c8 14.♕d2 ♔f8 15.♗f2 ♔g7 16.g4 ♘b6 17.h4 d5 18.♗xb6 ♕xb6



19.♘xd5N (19.exd5 ♖hd8 20.♗d3 (20.g5 hxg5 21.hxg5 ♘xd5 22.♘xd5 ♗xd5∓) 20...♗xd5!? (20...♘xd5 21.♘xd5 ♗xd5 - 19.Nd5) 21.♘xd5 ♘xd5 22.♖de1 ♕e6↑) 19...♘xd5 20.exd5 ♖hd8 21.♗d3 ♗xd5 - 19.Nd5 22.♕e2

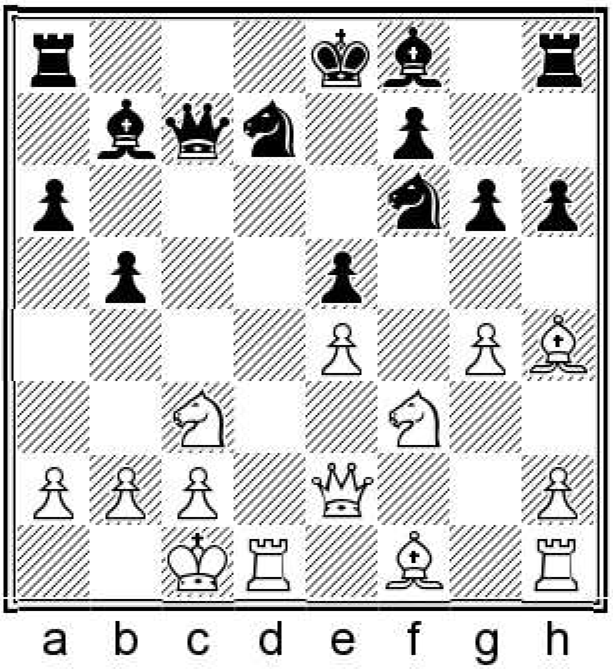


22...♕f6 (22...b4 23.axb4 ♕xb4 24.h5 (24.♕xe5+?! ♗f6 25.♕e2 ♗xb3 26.cxb3 ♕xb3∓) 24...g5⩱) 23.♘d2 ♕f4 24.h5 g5 25.♖he1± Nepomniachtchi,I (2789) -Grischuk,A (2777) chess24.com (Int.-rapid) 147/(82) 2021

**9...e5 10.fxe5 dxe5 11.♘f3**

11.O-O-O - 142/85

**11...♕c7 12.O-O-O b5 13.g4 ♗b7**



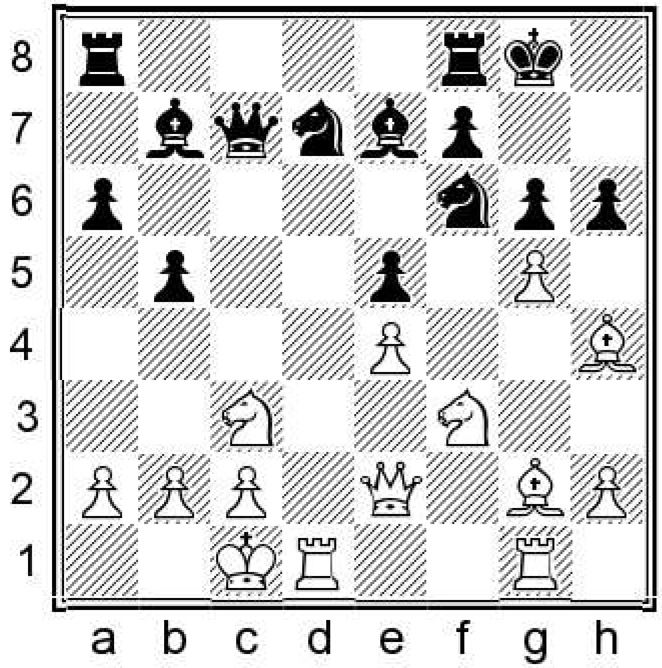
**14.♗g2N**

14.♘d5 ♘xd5 15.exd5 ♗g7 16.♗g2 ♖c8 17.♔b1 (17.♗g3 O-O∓) 17...O-O 18.d6 ♕c5 19.♘xe5 ♗xe5 20.♗xb7 ♗xb2! 21.♔xb2 (21.♗xc8? ♗c3-+) 21...♕c3+ 22.♔c1 ♕a1+ 23.♔d2 ♕c3+=; 14.g5 hxg5 15.♗xg5 b4 16.♘d5 ♘xd5 17.exd5 f6 18.♗e3 (18.♗xf6? ♘xf6 19.♘xe5 O-O-O∓) 18...O-O-O∞

**14...♗e7 15.♖hg1**

15.♘d5 ♗xd5 16.exd5 O-O 17.g5 ♘h5 18.gxh6 ♘f4 19.♕d2 ♗xh4 20.♘xh4 ♕d6∞

**15...O-O 16.g5**



**16...♘h5!**

16...hxg5 17.♘xg5 ♘c5 18.♘d5 ♗xd5 19.exd5 ♖ad8∞

**17.gxh6 ♘f4 18.♕e1 ♘b6**

18...♗xh4 19.♘xh4 ♖ac8∓; 18...♗c5! 19.♗f2 ♗b4∓

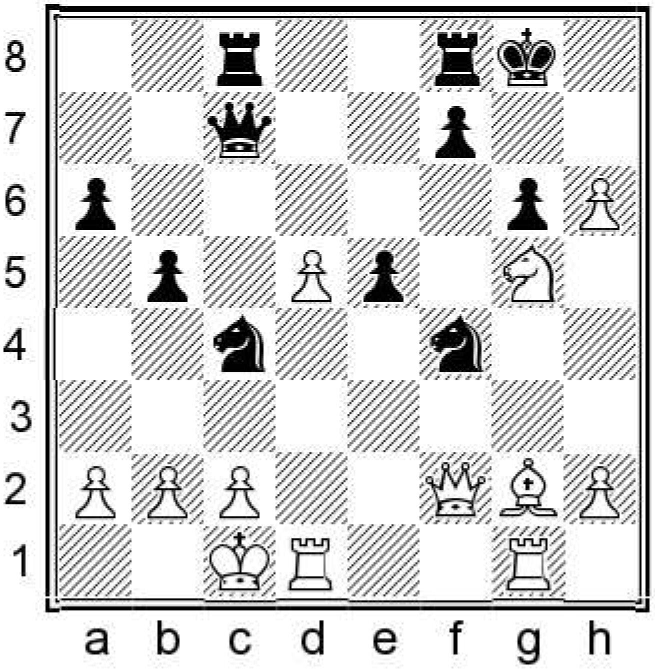
**19.♗g5?!**

19.♗xe7 ♕xe7 20.♗f1 ♖ac8 21.♔b1 b4 22.♘d5 ♘bxd5 23.exd5 ♕c7∞

**19...♗xg5 20.♘xg5 ♖ac8∓ 21.♕f2**

21.a3 ♘a4 22.♗h3 ♘xc3 23.bxc3 ♘xh3 24.♘xh3 ♕e7 25.♔b2 ♖c4∓

**21...♘c4-+ 22.♘d5 ♗xd5 23.exd5**



**23...♘xb2! 24.♔xb2 ♕c3+ 25.♔b1 ♖c4 26.♗e4 ♕b4+?**

26...♖b4+! 27.♔c1 ♕a3+ 28.♔d2 ♖d4+ 29.♗d3 (29.♔e1 ♕c3+ 30.♖d2 ♕a1+-+) 29...♘xd3 30.h7+ (30.cxd3 ♕xd3+ 31.♔c1 ♕c3+ 32.♕c2 ♕a1+ 33.♕b1 ♖c8#) 30...♔g7 31.h8=Q+ ♔xh8 32.♕f6+ ♔g8 33.♘f3 ♕b4+ 34.♔e2 ♘f4+ 35.♔f2 ♖e4 36.♖g5 ♖e2+ 37.♔g1 ♘h3+-+

**27.♔a1 ♕c3+ 28.♔b1 ♕b4+?**

28...♖b4+

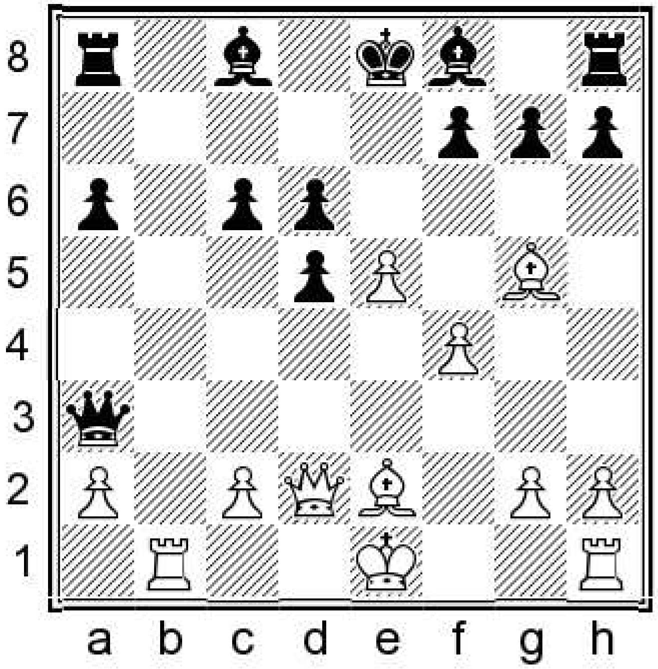
**29.♔a1 ♕c3+ 1/2-1/2**

**83. !N B97**
**Caruana, Fabiano (2823) - Vachier Lagrave, Maxime (2784)**
**Wijk aan Zee 147/83, 2021**

**1.e4 c5 2.♘f3 d6 3.d4 cxd4 4.♘xd4 ♘f6 5.♘c3 a6 6.♗g5 e6 7.f4 ♕b6 8.♕d2 ♕xb2 9.♖b1 ♕a3 10.♗e2 ♘c6 11.♘xc6 bxc6 12.e5**

12.O-O - 36/346

**12...♘d5 13.♘xd5 exd5?**



13...cxd5 14.O-O h6 15.♗h4 dxe5 16.fxe5 ♗e7 (16...♕a4? 17.c4 ♗c5+ 18.♔h1 O-O 19.♖b3 dxc4 20.♖g3 c3 21.♗f6+- (21.♕xh6+-)) 17.♖b3 ♕c5+ 18.♗f2 ♕c7 19.♖g3 ♗g5 20.♕d4 (20.♗e3 ♕xe5∓; 20.♖xg5 hxg5 21.♕xg5 f5 22.♗h5+ ♔f8∓) 20...O-O 21.h4 ♗d8 22.♗e3 f5 23.♗xh6 ♖f7 (23...♕b6? 24.♖xg7+ ♔h8 25.c3±) 24.c4±

**14.e6!N**

14.O-O

**14...f6**

14...fxe6 15.f5 e5 16.O-O h6 17.f6 hxg5 18.fxg7 ♗xg7 19.♕xg5 ♕c5+ 20.♔h1 ♕a7 21.♕g6+ ♔d8 22.♖f7+-; 14...♗xe6 15.O-O ♕c5+ 16.♔h1 ♗f5 17.♖b7 ♗e4 18.c4 f6 19.♕b2 fxg5 20.♗h5+ ♔d8 21.♖b8+ ♖xb8 22.♕xb8+ ♔d7 23.♕b7+ ♔d8 24.♗g4+-

**15.♗h5+ ♔d8 16.♗h4 d4 17.♗f2 ♕c3 18.f5 ♕xd2+ 19.♔xd2 c5 20.♗f3 ♖a7 21.g4 g6 22.♗h4 ♗e7 23.♖b6 h5 24.h3 ♔e8 25.♗g3 ♖c7 26.♔d3+- hxg4 27.hxg4 ♖xh1 28.♗xh1 gxf5 29.gxf5 ♗f8 30.♔c4 ♖h7 31.♗e4 ♗e7 32.♗xd6 ♗xd6 33.♖xd6 ♗b7 34.♗xb7 ♖xb7 35.♖xa6 ♖b2 36.♔xc5 ♖xc2+ 37.♔xd4 1-0**

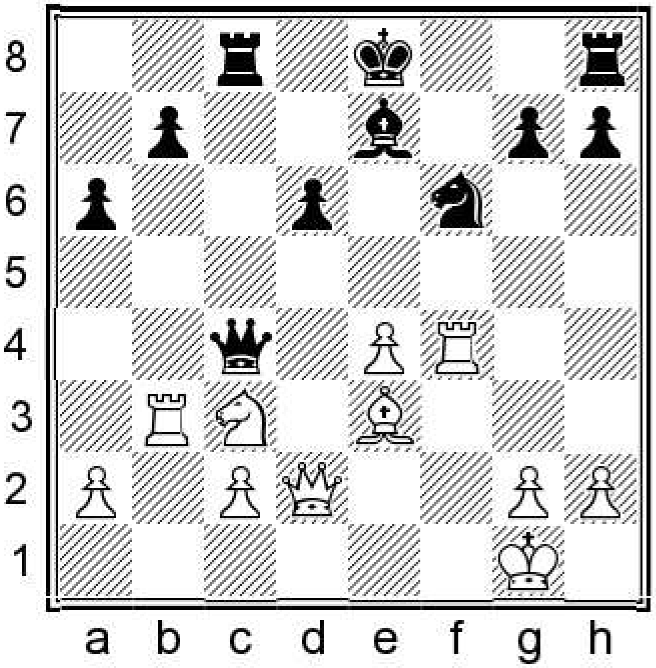
**84. B97**
**Grandelius, Nils (2663) - Vachier Lagrave, Maxime (2784)**
**Wijk aan Zee 147/84, 2021**

**1.e4 c5 2.♘f3 d6 3.d4 cxd4 4.♘xd4 ♘f6 5.♘c3 a6 6.♗g5 e6 7.f4 ♕b6 8.♕d2 ♕xb2 9.♖b1 ♕a3 10.f5 ♗e7 11.fxe6 ♗xe6 12.♘xe6 fxe6 13.♗c4 ♘bd7 14.♗xe6 ♘c5 15.♗b3**

15.♗c4 ♘cxe4 16.♘xe4 ♘xe4 17.♗f7+! ♔xf7 18.♕d5+ ♔e8 19.♕xe4 ♕a5+ 20.♔d1 (20.♗d2 ♕e5 21.♕xe5 dxe5 22.♖xb7 ♖f8=) 20...♕xg5 21.♖xb7 ♖f8 22.♖e1 (22.♖xe7+) 22...♖f7 23.♖xe7+ ♖xe7

24.♕xa8+ ♔f7 25.♖f1+ ♔g6 26.♕xa6↑ - 140/95

**15...♖c8 16.O-O ♘xb3 17.♖xb3 ♕c5+ 18.♗e3 ♕c4 19.♖f4**



**19...♕e6?N**

19...♘h5 20.♖f2 ♘f6 21.♗d4 (21.♖f4=) 21...b5 22.♗xf6 ♗xf6 23.♘d5 ♗d4 24.♘e3 ♕c5 25.♔h1=

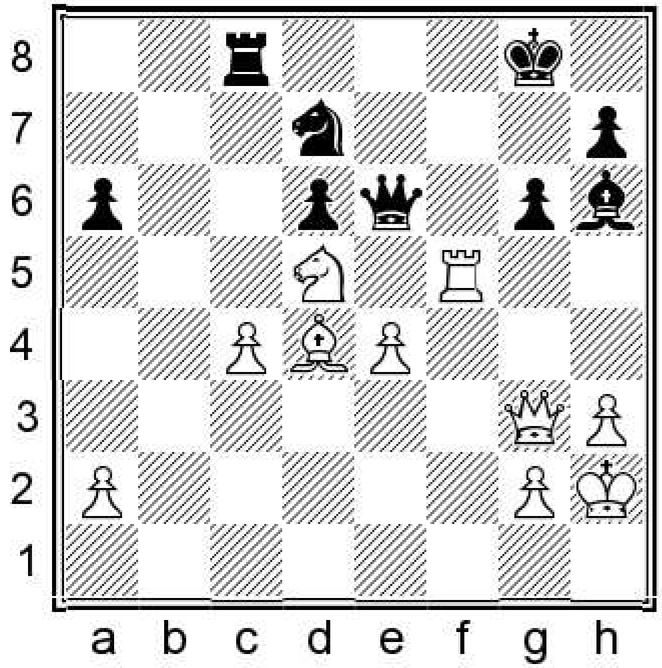
**20.♖xb7± O-O 21.h3 ♖b8 22.♖a7 ♖a8 23.♖xa8 ♖xa8 24.♘d5 ♖b8 25.c4**

25.♕d4±

**25...♗d8**

25...♘xd5 26.exd5 ♕g6±

**26.♕f2 ♘d7 27.♗d4 ♗g5 28.♖f5 ♗h6 29.♔h2+- ♖c8 30.♕g3 g6**



30...♖xc4?! 31.♕b3

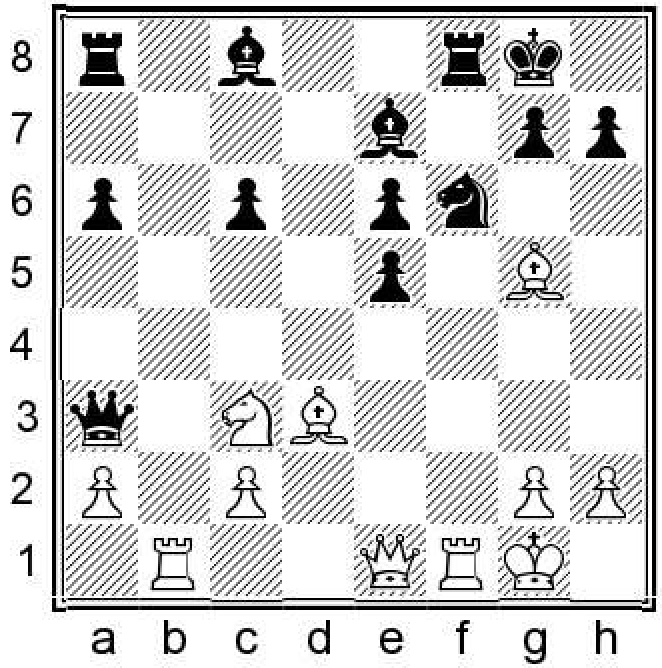
**31.♕h4! ♗f8 32.♖f6! ♕e8**

32...♘xf6 33.♘xf6+ ♔f7 34.♕xh7+ ♗g7 35.♘g4 ♖g8 36.♘h6+ ♔f8 37.♗xg7+ ♖xg7 38.♕h8+

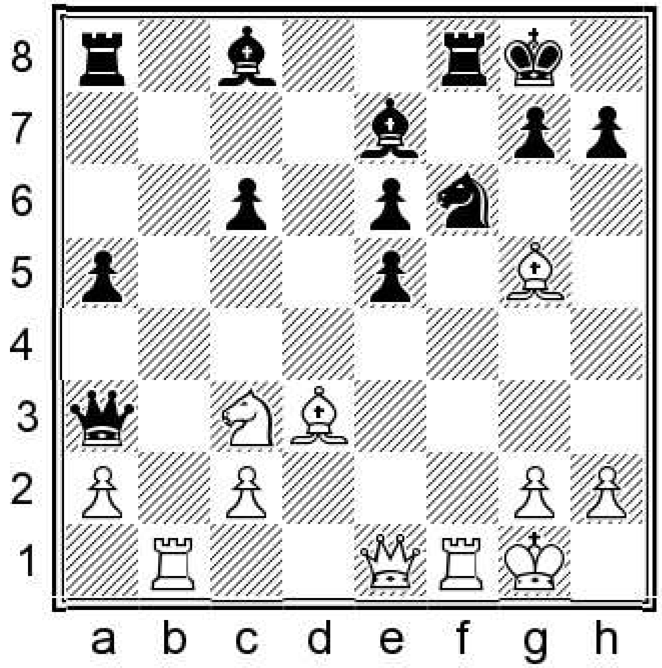
**33.♖xf8+! ♕xf8 34.♘e7+ ♔f7 35.♘xc8 1-0**

**85. ** !N B97**
**Zhao, Jun (2638) - Lu, Shanglei (2615)**
**China (ch) 147/85, 2020**

**1.e4 c5 2.♘f3 d6 3.d4 cxd4 4.♘xd4 ♘f6 5.♘c3 a6 6.♗g5 e6 7.f4 ♕b6 8.♕d2 ♕xb2 9.♖b1 ♕a3 10.f5 ♘c6 11.fxe6 fxe6 12.♘xc6 bxc6 13.♗d3 ♗e7 14.e5 dxe5 15.O-O O-O 16.♕e1**

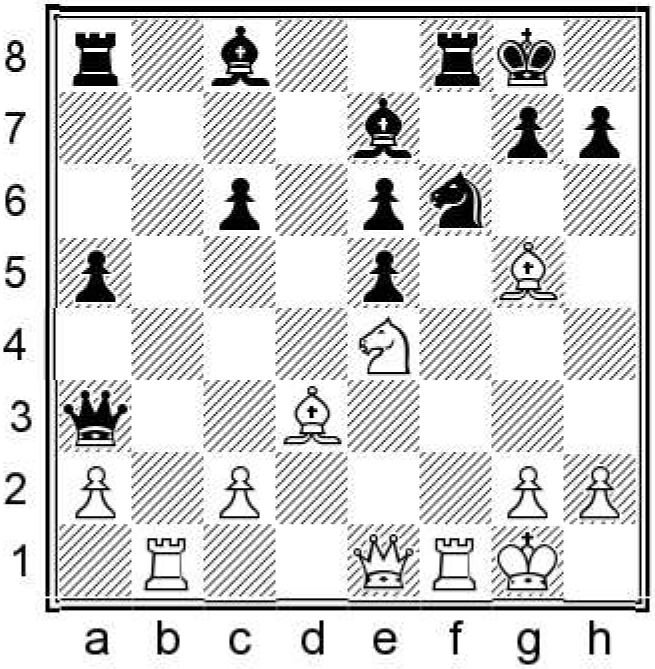


**16...a5!N**



16...♗d7 - 143/86

**17.♘e4N**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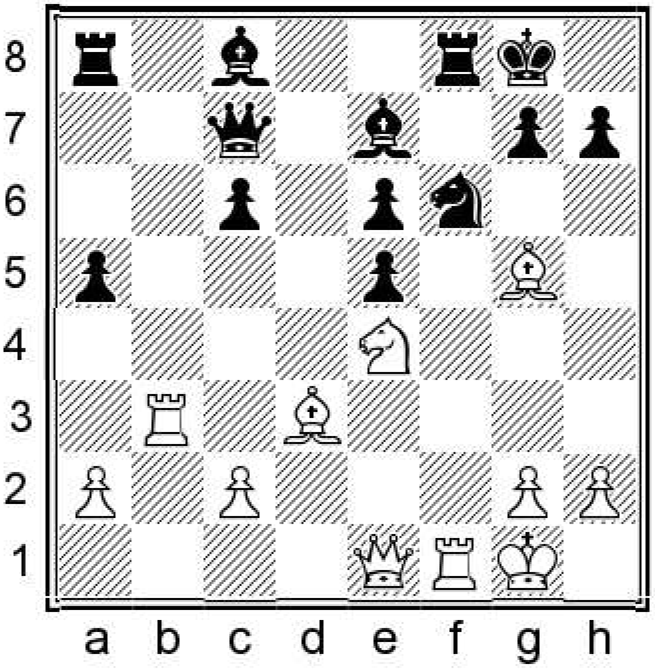
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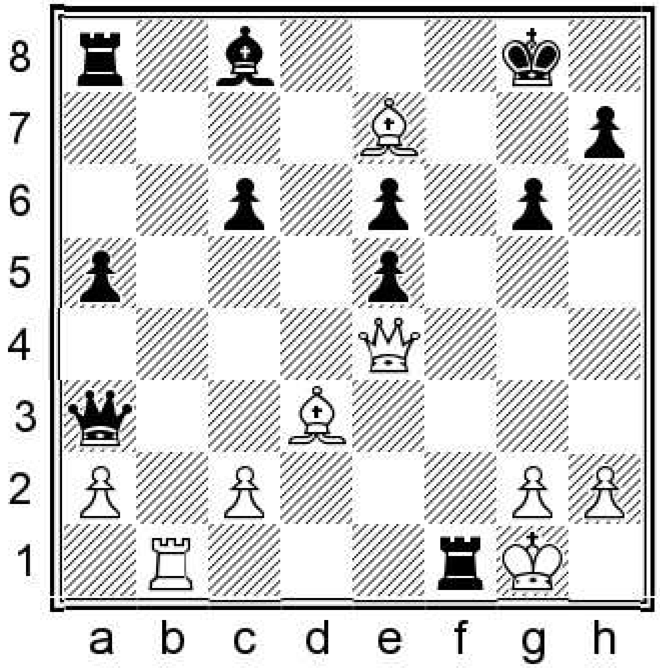
17.♔h1 ♗a6 18.♗xa6 ♖xa6 19.♕xe5 ♕d6 20.♗xf6 gxf6 21.♕e4 ♖a7 22.♖bd1 ♕e5∞

**17...♗a6N**

17...♘xe4 - 147/(85) 18.♕xe4 (18.♖xf8+ ♗xf8 19.♕xe4 g6 20.♖f1 (20.♕xc6?! ♕c5+ 21.♕xc5 ♗xc5+ 22.♔f1 ♗d7∓; 20.♗c4 ♕d6 21.♕e2 ♖a7 22.♖d1 ♕b4= 23.♖d8 ♕b1+ 24.♖d1 (24.♕f1 ♕b6+ 25.♔h1

♖f7 26.♕e1 ♕c7∞) 24...♕b4=) 20...♗a6 21.♕f3 ♖a7 22.♕f6 ♕e7! 23.♕f2 (23.♕xe5? ♕c5+ 24.♕xc5 ♗xc5+ 25.♔h1 ♗xd3 26.cxd3 ♖d7∓) 23...♕a3=) 18...g6 19.♗xe7 ♖xf1+

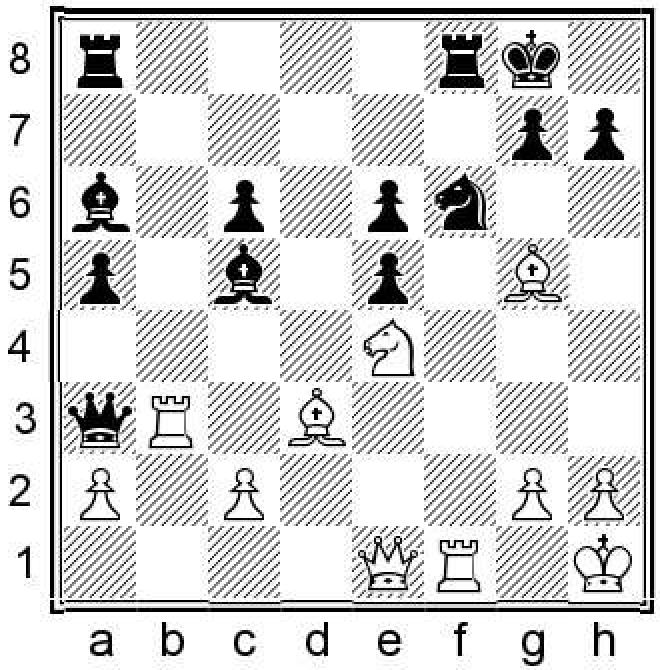


20.♔xf1 (20.♗xf1 ♕xe7 21.♕xe5 ♕g7 22.♕c5 ♗d7 23.♗c4 ♖f8 24.h3⯹) 20...♕xe7 21.♕xc6 ♕a7= 22.♗c4 ♗d7 23.♗xe6+ ♗xe6 24.♕xe6+ ♕f7+ 25.♕xf7+ ♔xf7 26.♔e2 ♔e6 27.♖b5 ♖c8 28.♔d2 ♖d8+ 29.♔e3 ♖c8 30.♔d2 ♖d8+ 31.♔e3 1/2 (31) Petkov, M (2409)-Mendonca,L (2516) Budapest 147/(85) 2020

**18.♖b3 ♗c5+**

18...♕a4 19.c4 (19.♘xf6+ ♗xf6 20.♗xa6 ♗xg5 21.♕xe5 ♗f6 22.♕xe6+ ♔h8 23.♗d3 g6=) 19...♘xe4 20.♕xe4 ♖xf1+ 21.♔xf1 ♗xg5 22.♕xh7+ ♔f7 23.♕h5+ ♔g8 24.♕h7+ ♔f7=

**19.♔h1**



**19...♘xe4!= 20.♖xa3 ♖xf1+**

20...♗xd3 21.cxd3 ♖xf1+ 22.♕xf1 ♘f2+ (22...♖f8 23.♕xf8+ ♗xf8 24.♖xa5 ♘xg5 25.♖xe5 ♘f7 26.♖xe6 ♘d6 27.♖e1±) 23.♔g1 ♘h3+ 24.♔h1 ♘f2+=

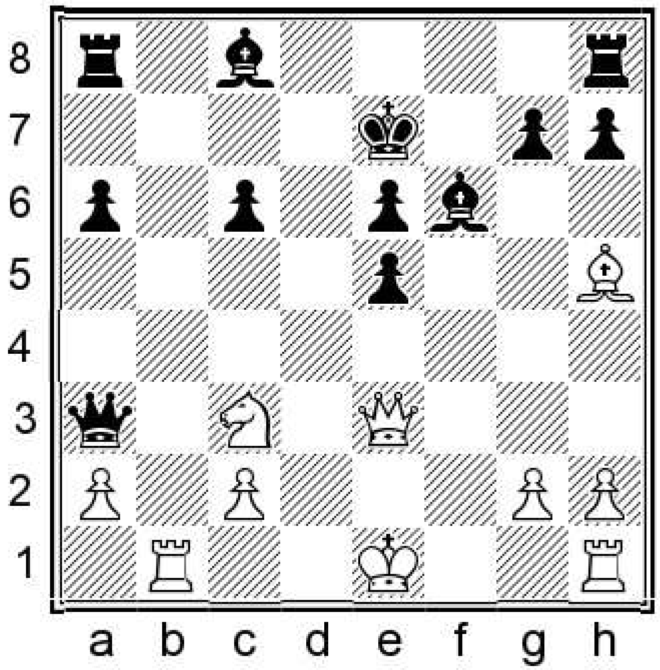
**21.♗xf1 ♘f2+ 22.♔g1 ♘h3+ 23.♔h1 ♘f2+ 24.♔g1 ♘h3+ 25.♔h1 ♘f2+ 1/2-1/2**

**86. ** !N B97**
**Horvath, Dominik (2446) - Mendonca, Leon Luke (2516)**
**Villorba 147/86, 2021**

**1.e4 c5 2.♘f3 d6 3.d4 cxd4 4.♘xd4 ♘f6 5.♘c3 a6 6.♗g5 e6 7.f4 ♕b6 8.♕d2 ♕xb2 9.♖b1 ♕a3 10.f5 ♘c6 11.fxe6 fxe6 12.♘xc6 bxc6 13.♗e2 ♗e7 14.e5 dxe5 15.♗xf6 ♗xf6 16.♗h5+ ♔e7**

16...g6 - 145/88

**17.♕e3?!**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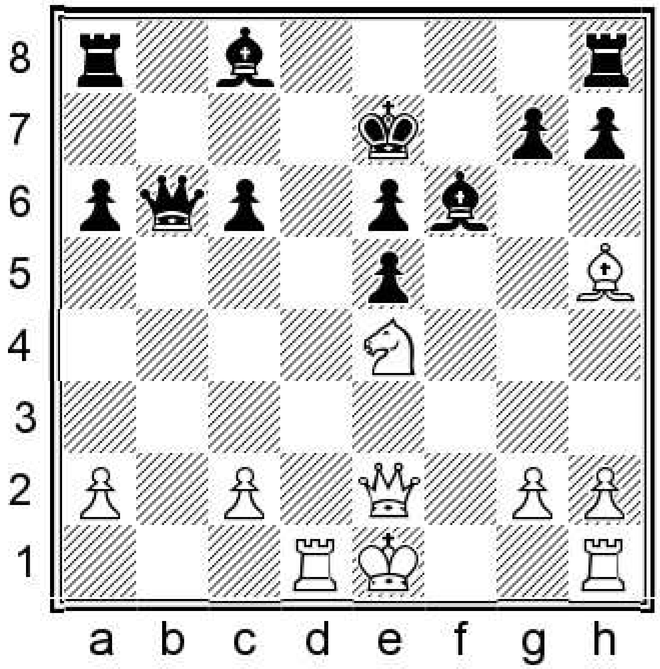
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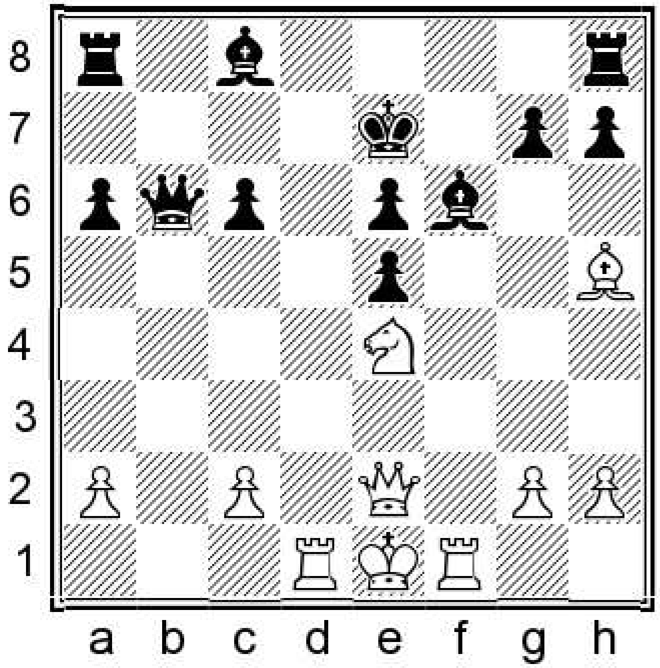
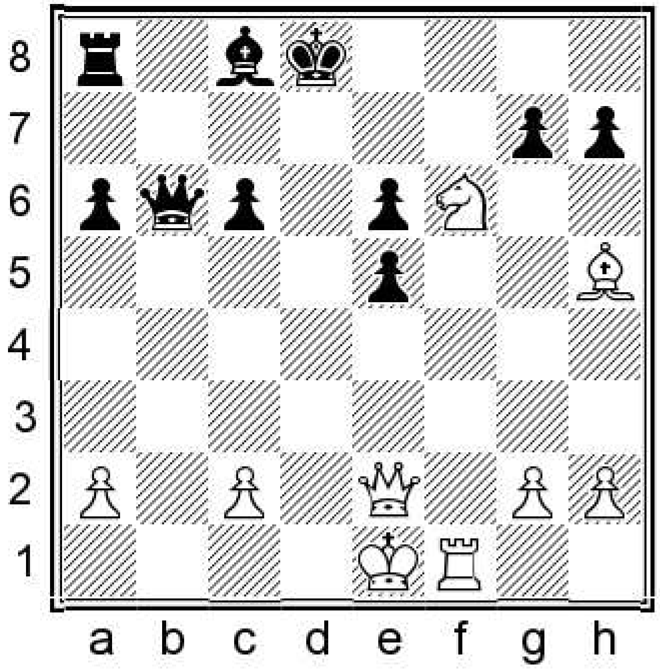


(20.♕f3 ♖b8 21.♖f1 (21.♘xf6 gxf6 22.♖f1 f5∞) 21...♖d8! 22.♖xd8 ♔xd8 23.♘xf6 ♕b4+ 24.♔e2 (24.♔f2 ♕d4+ 25.♔g3 ♕f4+ 26.♕xf4 exf4+ 27.♖xf4 e5 28.♖f3 gxf6 29.♖xf6 ♖b2 30.♖xc6 ♖xa2=) 24...♕c4+ 25.♕d3+ ♕xd3+ 26.♔xd3 gxf6 27.♖xf6 e4+ 28.♔xe4 ♖b4+ 29.♔e3 ♖h4 30.♗f3 ♔e7 31.♖f4 ♖xh2 32.♗xc6=) 20...♖d8 - 147/(86) (20...♖a7?N 21.♖xf6! gxf6 22.♕f3 f5 (22...♕a5+ 23.c3 ♖f8 24.♕g3+-) 23.♕a3+ c5 24.♕g3+- ♔f8 25.♕g5 (25.♕xe5 ♔g8 26.♘f6+ ♔f8 27.♘d7++-) 25...fxe4 26.♖d8+ ♕xd8 27.♕xd8+ ♔g7 28.♕g5+ ♔f8 29.♕xe5 ♔g8 30.♕g5+ ♔f8 31.♕xc5+ 1-0 (31) Van Foreest,L (2522) -Kasioumis,V (2257) Cattolica 147/ (86) 2020) 21.♖xd8 ♔xd8 22.♘xf6 1/2 (22) Mehlhorn,I-Emourlov,E corr 147/ (86) 2020 (22.♘xf6

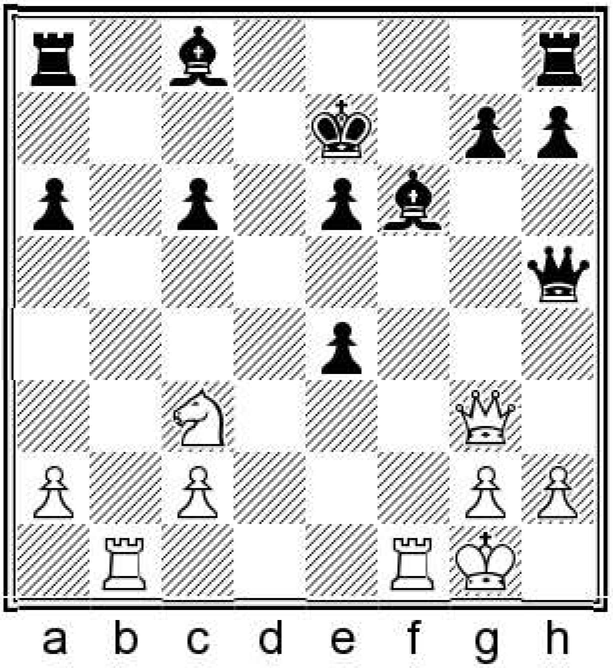


22...gxf6 23.♖xf6 ♕d4 24.♕d3 ♖b8 25.♖f8+ ♔c7 26.♕xh7+ ♔b6 27.♕e7 ♕g1+= 28.♔d2 ♕d4+ 29.♔e1 ♕g1+=)

**17...♕a5!N**

17...♕d6? 18.♖d1! (18.♘e4) 18...♕b4 19.O-O ♖d8 20.a3 ♕a5 21.♘e4+-

**18.O-O e4 19.♕g3 ♕xh5?!**



19...♕xc3! 20.♖b7+ (20.♖xf6 ♕xg3 21.♖f7+ ♔e8 22.hxg3 (22.♖xg7+ ♕g6-+) 22...g6-+) 20...♗d7 (20...♗xb7?? 21.♕c7+ ♔f8 22.♕f7#) 21.♖xf6 (21.♕xc3 ♗xc3 22.♖f7+ ♔d6 23.♖bxd7+ ♔c5∓) 21...♕d4+ 22.♖f2 ♖hf8 23.c3 ♕xf2+ 24.♕xf2 ♖xf2 25.♔xf2 ♖f8+ 26.♔e3 ♖f5∓

**20.♖xf6!= gxf6 21.♕g7+ ♕f7 22.♕xh8 e3**

22...♕g6 23.♘xe4 ♕xe4 24.♕g7+ ♔d6 (24...♔e8 25.♕g8+ (25.♕xf6 ♕xc2=) 25...♔e7=) 25.♖d1+ ♔c5 26.♕xf6 ♕e3+ 27.♔h1 a5 28.♕f8+ ♔b5 29.♖b1+ ♔c4 30.♕f1+ ♔c5 31.♕f8+=

**23.♘e4 e2**

23...♕g6 24.♘xf6! ♕xf6 (24...e2 25.♘xh7±) 25.♕xh7+ ♕f7 26.♕h4+ ♔e8 27.♕h8+ ♕f8 28.♕h5+=

**24.♔f2 ♕g6 25.♘g3 e1=Q+ 26.♔xe1 a5 27.♖b3 a4 28.♖b4 ♕h6 29.♘e2 e5 30.g3 ♕h5**

30...♕g6 31.♘c3 ♕xc2 32.♕g7+ ♔e8 33.♕g8+=

**31.♕g7+**

31.♖h4?? ♕xe2+! 32.♔xe2 ♗a6+-+

**31...♕f7 32.♕h8 ♕h5**

32...♕xa2 33.♕xh7+ ♕f7 34.♕e4 ♕d5 35.♖xa4 ♖xa4 36.♕xa4 ♔f7 37.♕b3=

**33.♘c3 ♕h6 34.♘e2 1/2-1/2**

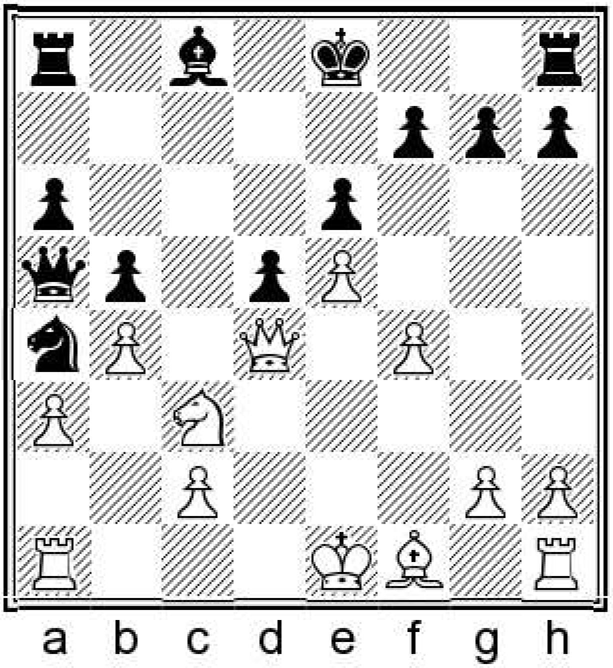
# C00-C24

**87. C11**
**Grischuk, Alexander (2777) - Bluebaum, Matthias (2670)**
**chess24.com (Int.-rapid) 147/87, 2021**

**1.e4 e6 2.d4 d5 3.♘c3 ♘f6 4.e5 ♘fd7 5.f4 c5 6.♘f3 ♘c6 7.♗e3 a6 8.♕d2 b5 9.a3 ♕a5 10.dxc5 ♗xc5 11.♗xc5 ♘xc5 12.♘d4 ♘xd4 13.♕xd4 ♘a4**

13...♘e4 - 96/(203)

**14.b4**



**14...♕c7N**

14...♕b6 15.♕xb6 ♘xb6 16.a4 d4 17.♘e4 (17.a5 ♘c4 (17...dxc3 18.axb6 ♖b8 19.♖a3 ♖xb6 20.♖xc3 ♗b7 21.♖c7±) 18.♗xc4 (18.♘e2 ♗b7 19.♘xd4 ♖d8 20.c3 ♘e3 21.♔f2 ♘d5∞) 18...dxc3 19.♗e2 ♗b7∞) 17...bxa4 18.O-O-O ♘d5 19.♖xd4 ♔e7 20.g3∞

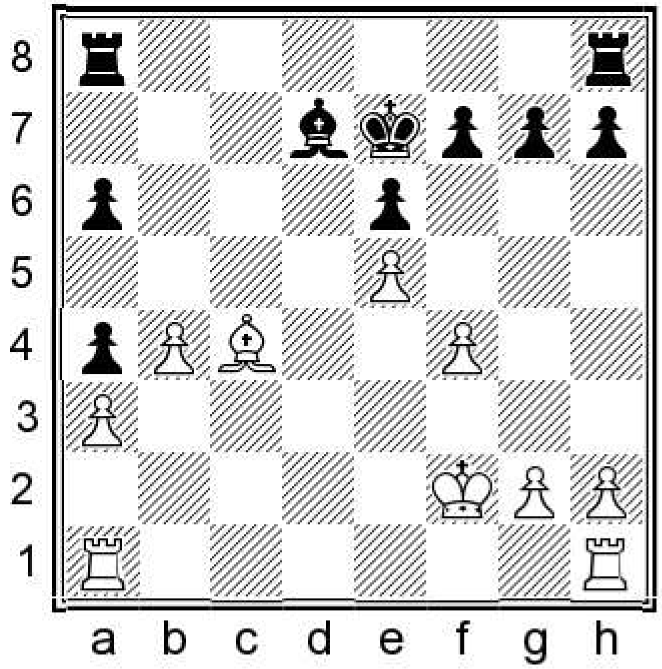
**15.♘xa4 bxa4 16.c4**

16.♖c1 O-O 17.c4 dxc4 18.♖xc4 ♕b8 19.♗d3 ♖a7 20.O-O ♖d7 21.♕e3 ♖fd8 (21...♗b7? 22.f5!±) 22.♖c3 ♗b7 23.f5∞

**16...dxc4 17.♕xc4 ♕xc4**

17...♕b6 18.♕c5 ♕xc5 19.bxc5 ♗d7=

**18.♗xc4 ♗d7 19.♔f2 ♔e7**



**20.♖hd1**

20.♖hc1 ♖hc8 (20...♖hb8 21.♖ab1 ♖a7 22.♔e3 ♗b5 23.♗xb5 (23.♖b2 ♖c7 24.♖bc2 ♖bc8 25.♗d3±) 23...axb5 24.♖c5 ♖d7 25.♖bc1 h5±) 21.♗d3 ♗b5 22.♗e4 ♖ab8 23.♔e3 h6 24.h4±

**20...♖hc8**

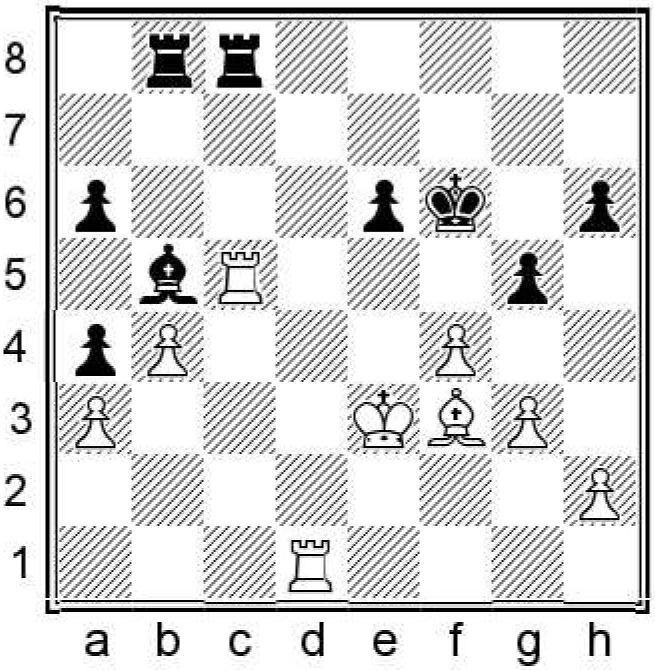
20...♗b5 21.♖ac1 ♖ac8 22.♗e2 ♖hd8=

**21.♖ac1 ♗b5 22.♗e2 h6 23.♔e3**

23.♗f3 ♖xc1 24.♖xc1 ♖d8 25.♖c7+ ♔e8=; 23.h4 ♗xe2 24.♔xe2 h5 25.♔e3 g6=

**23...g5 24.g3 f6 25.♗f3 ♖ab8 26.♗e4**

26.exf6+ ♔xf6 27.♖c5



27...a5! (27...gxf4+ 28.♔xf4±) 28.♖xc8 (28.♖dc1 ♖d8 29.bxa5 ♖d3+ 30.♔f2 ♖xa3∞) 28...♖xc8 29.bxa5 ♖c3+ 30.♔f2 ♖xa3 31.♗b7 ♖a2+ 32.♔e3 ♖e2+ 33.♔d4 gxf4 34.gxf4 a3 35.a6 ♗xa6 36.♗xa6 ♖xh2=

**26...gxf4+ 27.gxf4 fxe5 28.fxe5 ♖xc1 29.♖xc1 ♖g8 30.♔f4**

30.♖c7+ ♔d8 31.♖h7 ♖g1 32.♖xh6 ♖a1 33.♖xe6 ♖xa3+ 34.♔d4 ♖h3=

**30...♔d7**

30...♖f8+ 31.♔e3 ♖g8=

**31.h4 ♖f8+ 32.♔e3 ♖g8 33.♔f4 ♖f8+ 34.♔e3 ♖g8 35.♔f4 ♖f8+ 1/2-1/2**

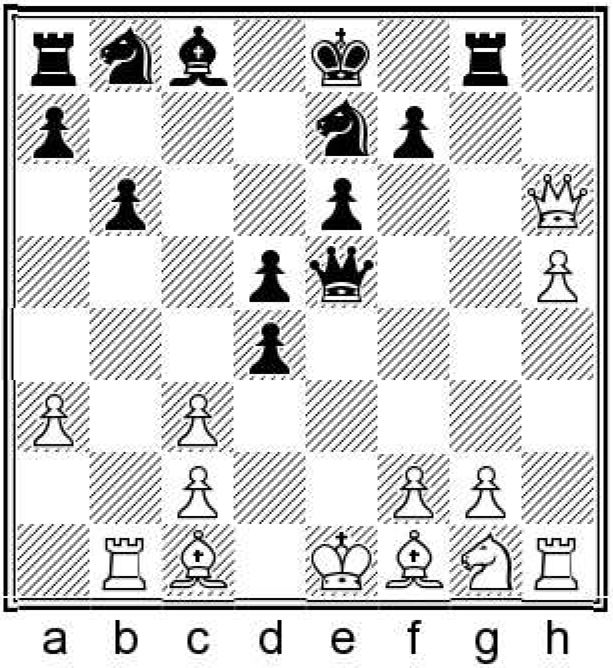
**88. *** C18**
**Brkic, Ante (2597) - Froewis, Georg (2456)**
**Oesterreich 147/88, 2021**

**1.e4 e6 2.d4 d5 3.♘c3 ♗b4 4.e5 ♘e7 5.a3 ♗xc3+ 6.bxc3 c5 7.h4 ♕c7 8.h5 h6 9.♖b1**

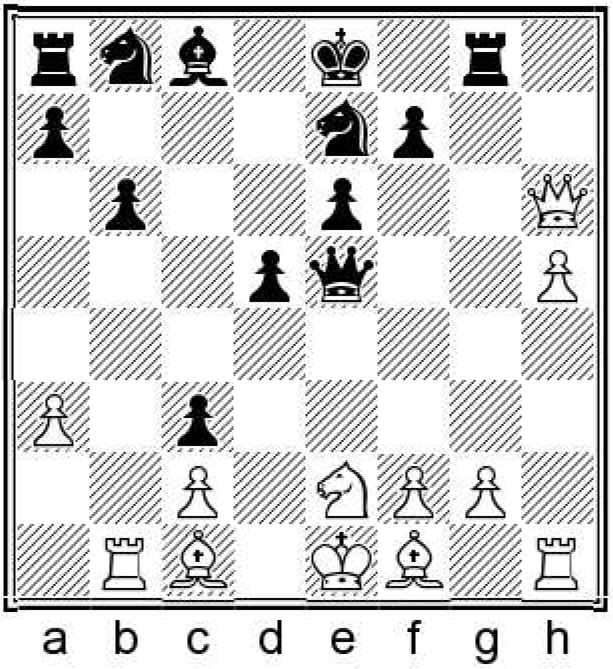
9.♘f3 - 77/(292)

**9...b6 10.♕g4 ♖g8**

10...cxd4 11.♕xg7 ♖g8 12.♕xh6 ♕xe5+



13.♘e2N (13.♔d1) 13...dxc3



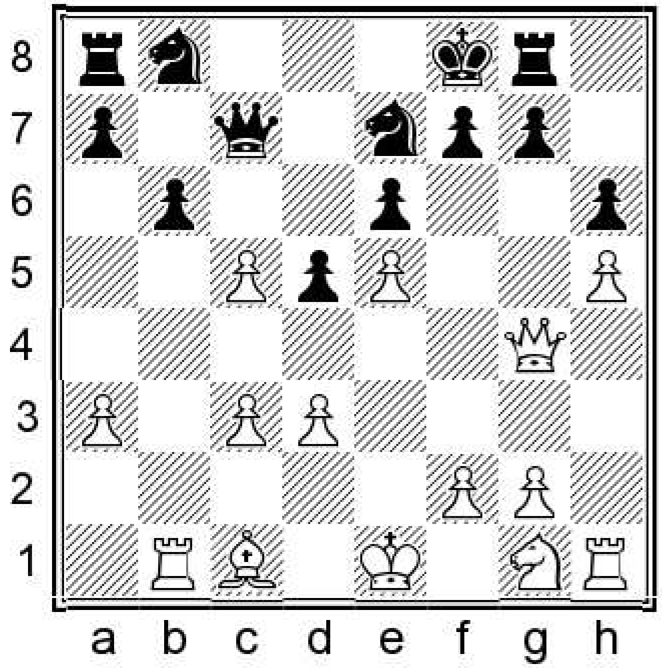
14.♕f4 - 147/(88) (14.♗f4N ♕f5 (14...♕e4!?) 15.♘d4 ♕e4+ 16.♗e3 ♗a6 17.f3 ♕e5 18.g4 ♗xf1 19.♔xf1 ♘bc6= Donchenko, A-Tauber,H corr 147/(88) 2020) 14...♕xf4 (14...♕h8 15.h6 ♘bc6 16.h7 ♖g6 17.♕f3±) 15.♗xf4 ♘bc6 16.♘xc3 e5 17.♗d2 ♗f5 18.f3!± Caruana, F (2835)-Nepomniachtchi,I (2784) chess24.com (Int. -rapid) 147/(88) 2020

10...♔f8 11.♖h3 ♗a6 12.♖f3 ♘f5 13.♘e2 ♘c6 14.♘g3 ♗xf1 15.♔xf1±

**11.♗b5+ ♔f8 12.♗d3 ♗a6 13.dxc5! ♗xd3**

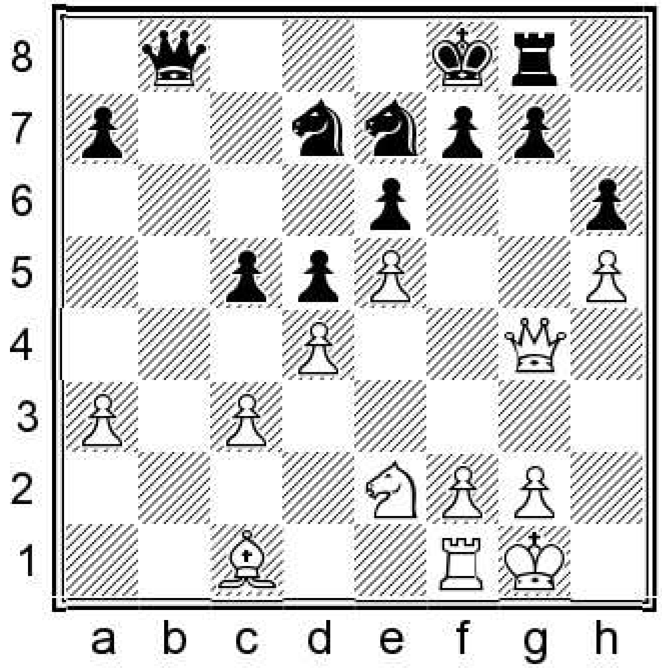
13...bxc5 14.♘f3 (14.♖xb8+? ♖xb8 15.♗xa6 c4∓) 14...♗xd3 15.cxd3 ♘bc6 16.O-O±

**14.cxd3**



**14...♕xe5+?!N**

14...♘d7 - 147/(88) 15.d4 bxc5 16.♘e2 ♖b8 17.♖xb8+ ♕xb8 18.O-O



18...♕b5N (18...c4) 19.♘g3 ♕c4 20.♗e3?! (20.♕d1∞) 20...♘xe5∓ Degardin,S (2267)-Ivanchuk,V (2678) France (ch-Int.-blitz) 147/ (88) 2020

**15.♘e2 ♘d7**

15...bxc5?? 16.♗f4+-

**16.cxb6 axb6 17.♖h3 ♕d6 18.♔f1 ♕c6?**

18...e5 19.♖g3 ♕e6 20.♕b4±

**19.♘d4! ♕xc3**

19...♕c8 20.♖f3 ♔e8 21.♘b5 ♕c6 22.♕f4+-

**20.♗b2 ♕c8**

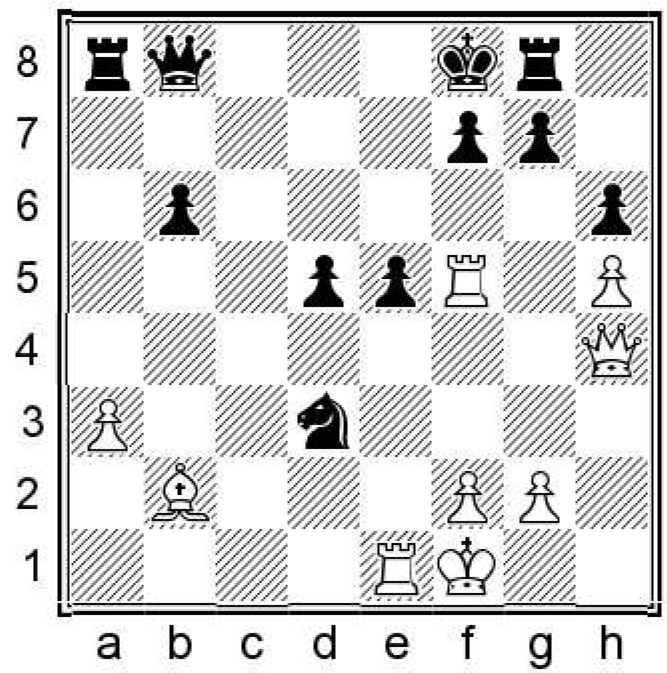
20...♕c7 21.♕xe6!+-

**21.♖f3 ♘c5**

21...♘f6 22.♕f4 ♕d7 (22...♕b8 23.♘xe6+! fxe6 24.♗e5 ♕b7 25.♗xf6 gxf6 26.♕xf6+ ♔e8 27.♖e1+-) 23.♖e1 ♔e8 24.♖fe3 ♖a4 25.♕g3+-

**22.♖e1 e5 23.♕h4! ♘c6**

23...♕b8 24.♘f5 ♘xf5 25.♖xf5 ♘xd3



26.♖exe5! ♕d8 (26...♘xe5 27.♕b4+ ♔e8 28.♖xe5++-) 27.♕xd8+ ♖xd8 28.♖xd5 ♔e7 29.♖xd8 ♖xd8 30.♗xg7 ♖d6 31.g4+-; 23...e4 24.dxe4 dxe4 25.♖xe4! ♘xe4 26.♕xe4 ♖a5 27.♗c3! ♖xa3 (27...♖d5 28.♖e3 ♕d7 29.♗b4+-; 27...♖xh5 28.g4+-) 28.♘f5+-; 23...♘xd3 24.♖xd3 ♕c4 25.♖e3 f6 26.♕g4 exd4 27.♗xd4+-

**24.♘xc6 ♕xc6 25.♖xe5 f6**

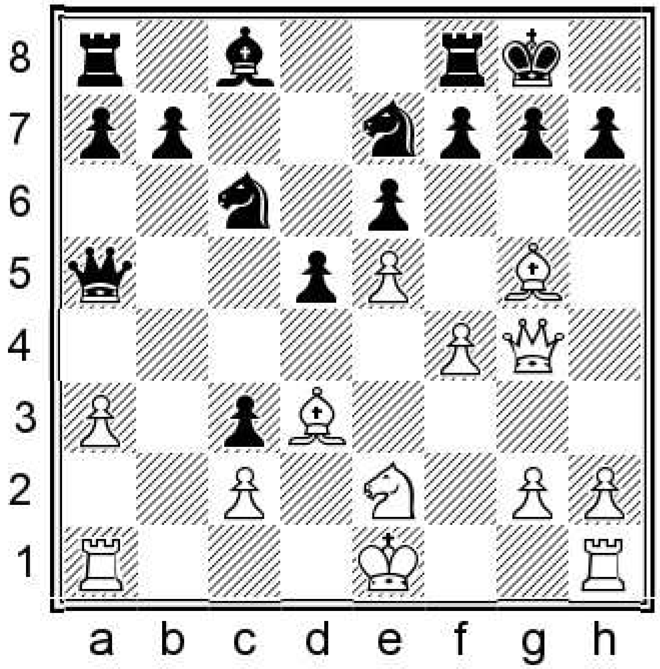
25...♖e8 26.♖ef5 ♖e7 27.♕f4 ♕b7 28.a4+-

**26.♖e2 ♘d7 27.♕b4+ ♕c5 28.♕g4 ♖e8 29.♖xe8+ ♔xe8 30.♕e6+ 1-0**

### 89. C19

**Santos Latasa, Jaime (2600) - Edouard, Romain (2640)**
**Los Cancajos 147/89, 2020**

**1.e4 e6 2.d4 d5 3.♘c3 ♗b4 4.e5 c5 5.a3 ♗xc3+ 6.bxc3 ♘e7 7.♕g4 O-O 8.♗d3 ♘bc6 9.♗g5 ♕a5 10.♘e2 cxd4 11.f4 dxc3**



**12.h4!?N**

12.O-O!?∞ - 136/103

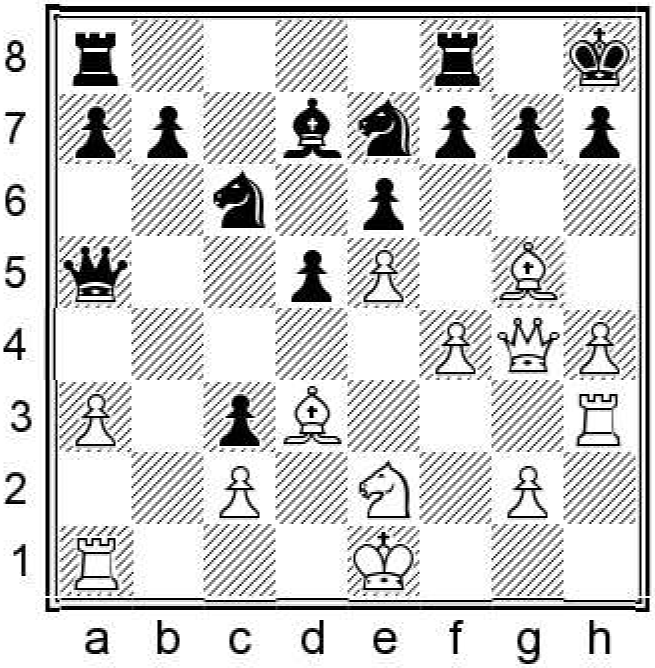
12.♕h5

**12...♔h8?**

12...♕a4! 13.♗h6 ♘g6 14.♕g5 gxh6 (14...♘b4? 15.♗xg7 ♔xg7 16.♕f6+ ♔g8 17.h5+-) 15.♕xh6 ♘b4 16.h5 ♘xd3+ (16...♘xc2+ 17.♔f2+-) 17.cxd3 ♕d7 18.♘xc3∞; 12...f5 13.exf6 ♘f5 14.O-O ♕c7 15.♗xf5 exf5 16.♕g3 h6 17.fxg7 ♖e8 18.♗f6 ♕f7 19.♗e5 ♘xe5 20.fxe5 ♕xg7 21.♕xc3 ♕xe5∞

**13.♗xh7?**

13.♖h3! ♘f5 (13...♗d7



14.♗f6!! gxf6 (14...♖g8 15.♗xh7 gxf6 16.♕h5 ♖g7 17.♗d3+ ♔g8 18.exf6+-) 15.♗xh7 ♔xh7 16.♕h5+ ♔g8 17.exf6+-; 13...d4 14.♖g3+-) 14.♕h5 ♗d7 15.g4 f6 16.gxf5 ♗e8 17.♕f3 fxg5 18.hxg5 exf5 19.♕h1±

**13...♔xh7 14.♕h5+ ♔g8 15.♗f6 ♘g6**

15...gxf6 16.♖h3 ♘g6 17.♕h6 ♘ce7 18.exf6 ♘f5 19.♕g5 ♔h7 20.g4 d4 (20...♘h6?? 21.h5+-) 21.♕h5+ ♔g8 22.♕g5 ♔h7=

**16.♕g5 d4 17.♘g3 ♘cxe5**

17...d3 18.O-O (18.♗xg7? d2+ 19.♔d1 ♘d4 20.♘h5 ♘f5-+) 18...♘cxe5! (18...gxf6 19.♕h6+-; 18...♘d4? 19.♘h5 ♘f5 20.♗xg7 ♕d8 21.♗f6 ♕d4+ 22.♔h2 ♔h7 (22...dxc2 23.♘g3 ♘xg3 24.♔xg3+-) 23.♗g7 ♕d8 24.♗xf8 ♕xg5 25.fxg5 ♘xf8 26.g4±) 19.fxe5 gxf6 20.♖xf6 (20.♕h6? ♕xe5 21.♘h5 f5-+) 20...♕c5+ 21.♔h2 ♕d4 22.♖xg6+ fxg6 23.♕xg6+ ♔h8 24.♕h6+=

**18.♗xg7 ♔xg7 19.♘h5+ ♔h7 20.♘f6+ ♔g7 21.♘h5+ ♔h7 22.♘f6+ ♔g7 23.♘h5+ 1/2-1/2**

**90. * C24**
**Van Foreest, Jorden (2671) - Giri, Anish (2764)**
**Wijk aan Zee 147/90, 2021**

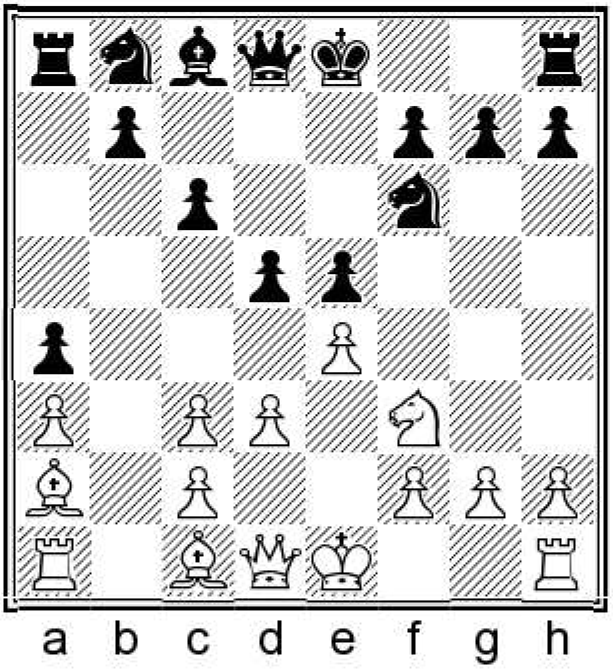
**1.e4 e5 2.♗c4 ♘f6 3.d3 c6 4.♘f3 d5 5.♗b3 a5 6.♘c3**

6.a4 - 139/112

**6...♗b4**

RR6...d4 7.♘xe5! dxc3 8.♘xf7+-; 6...a4 7.♘xa4 d4 8.♘g5 (8.c3 ♗g4 9.♗xf7+ ♔xf7 10.♘xe5+ ♔e8 11.♘xg4 ♘xg4 12.♕xg4 ♖xa4) 8...♗g4 9.♗xf7+ ♔d7 10.f3 h6 11.O-O hxg5 12.fxg4 ♖xa4 Speelman,Jon

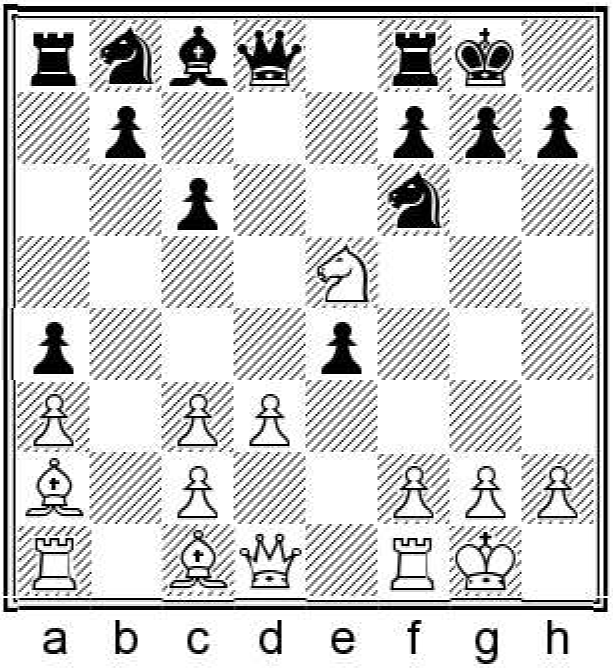
**7.a3 ♗xc3+ 8.bxc3 a4 9.♗a2**



**9...dxe4N**

9...♕d6 - 105/(85)

**10.♘xe5 O-O 11.O-O**



**11...♕e7N**

11...♘bd7 - 147/(90) 12.♘c4 (12.♘xd7 ♗xd7 13.dxe4 ♘xe4 14.♕f3 ♕e7∞ Speelman,Jon) RR12...♘d5 13.♗d2 ♘7f6 14.♖e1 ♖e8 15.h3 ♗f5 16.d4 ♗e6 17.♘e5 e3 18.fxe3 ♘e4 19.♗c4 f6 20.♘f3 ♗f7 21.♗d3 ♘dxc3 22.♗xc3 ♘xc3 23.♕c1 c5∞ Mondry,M-Legemaat,G corr 147/(90) 2020

**12.d4**

12.♗f4 ♘d5 13.♕d2 ♗e6

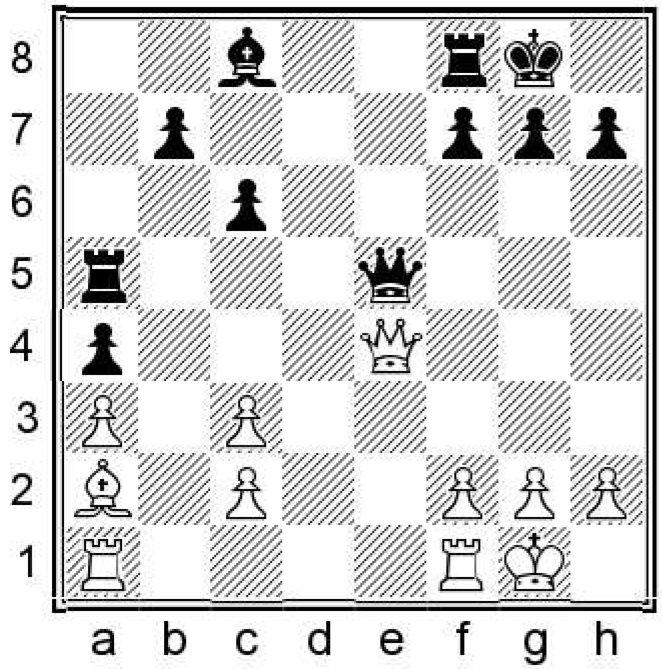
**12...♘bd7 13.♗f4**

13.f4!?

**13...♘d5 14.♕d2 ♘xf4 15.♕xf4 ♘xe5 16.dxe5 ♖a5**

16...♕c5 17.♕xe4 ♕xc3

**17.♕xe4 ♕xe5**



17...♖xe5!? 18.♕xa4 ♖e2∞

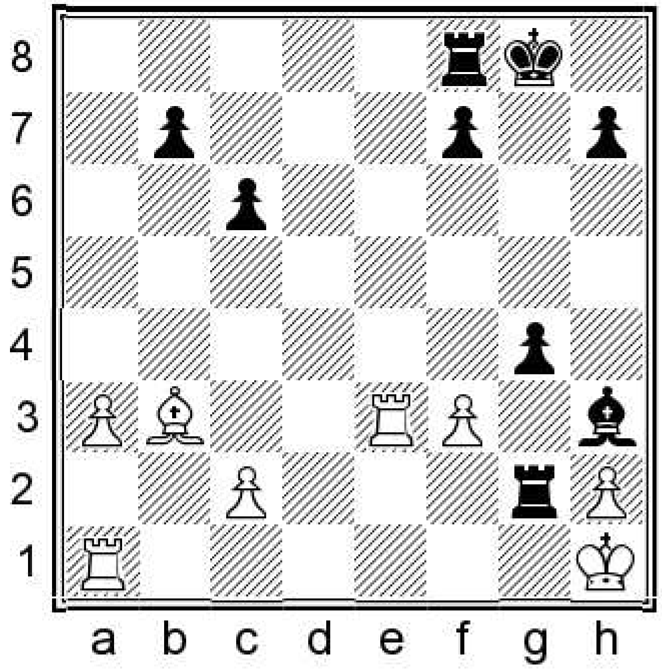
**18.♕b4!**

18.♕xe5 ♖xe5 19.♖fe1 ♖fe8 20.♖xe5 ♖xe5 21.f4 ♖e3 22.♖d1 ♔f8 23.♖d8+ (23.♔f2? ♖xc3) 23...♖e8∓

**18...♖b5 19.♕xa4 ♕xc3 20.♗b3 ♖g5 21.♖fe1 ♗h3 22.♕f4 ♖xg2+ 23.♔h1 g5!!**

23...♕c5? 24.♖e8!; 23...g6 24.♕e3 ♕xe3 25.♖xe3 ♖xf2 26.♖xh3+-

**24.♕e3 ♕xe3 25.♖xe3 g4 26.f3?!**



26.♖g1 ♖xg1+ 27.♔xg1∓

**26...h5**

26...g3! 27.hxg3 ♖d8 28.♖d3 (28.♖g1 ♖f2 29.g4 ♖dd2 30.♖g3 ♖f1+ 31.♖g1 ♗g2+ 32.♔h2 ♗xf3+ 33.♔h3 ♖xg1 34.♖xf3 ♖d7-+) 28...♖e8 29.♖g1 (29.♗c4 b5) 29...♖f2 30.g4 ♖ee2 31.♖g3 ♖f1+ 32.♖g1 ♗g2+ 33.♔h2 ♗xf3+ 34.♔h3 ♖xg1 35.♖xf3 ♖e7-+

**27.fxg4 hxg4 28.♖g1 ♖xg1+ 29.♔xg1 ♖d8 30.♖e7 ♖d1+ 31.♔f2 ♖f1+ 32.♔g3 b5 33.♖c7 ♖f6 34.a4 bxa4 35.♗xa4 ♖f3+ 36.♔h4 ♖f2 37.♗b3 ♔f8 38.♖xc6 ♖xh2 39.♖f6 ♔e8 40.♖xf7 ♖xc2 41.♗xc2 ♔xf7 42.♗f5 ♔f6 43.♗xg4 ♗xg4 44.♔xg4 1/2-1/2**

**91. * C24**
**Nakamura, Hikaru (2736) - Martinez Alcantara, Jose Eduardo (2620)**
**chess.com (Int.-blitz) 147/91, 2020**

**1.e4 e5 2.♗c4 ♘f6 3.d3 c6 4.♘f3 ♗e7 5.♗b3 O-O 6.♘bd2**

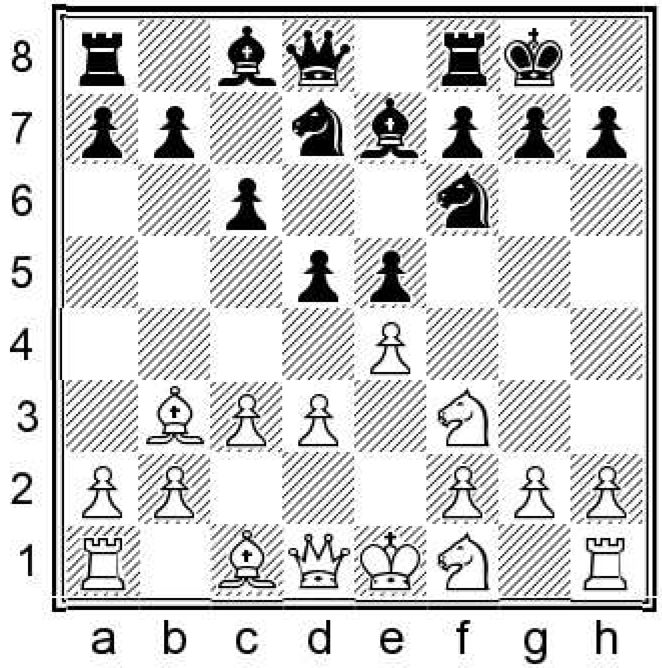
6.O-O - 60/292

**6...d6 7.♘f1?!**

7.O-O; 7.c3

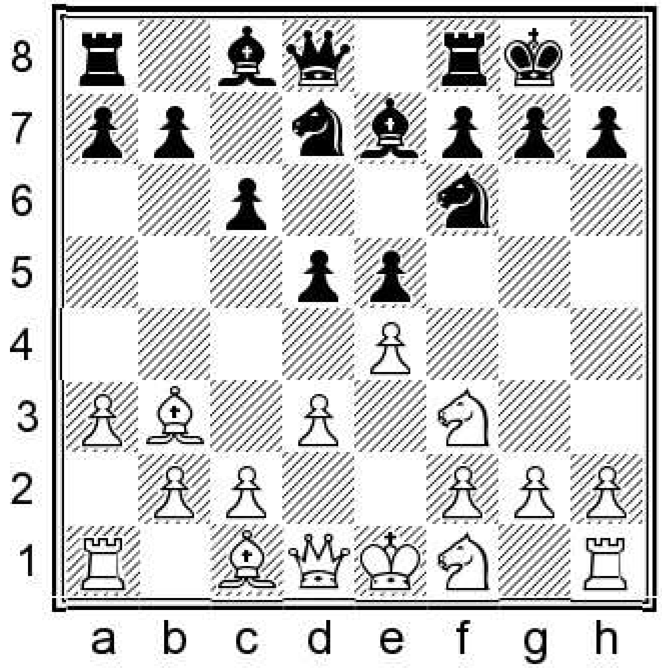
**7...♘bd7 8.a3**

8.c3 d5



9.♗c2N (9.♕e2) 9...dxe4 10.dxe4 ♘c5 11.♕xd8 ♖xd8 12.♘g3 ♖e8 13.O-O ♗f8 14.b4 ♘cd7∞ Nakamura,H (2736)-So,W (2770) chess.com (Int.-m/11-blitz) 147/ (91) 2020

**8...d5**



**9.♘1d2N**

9.♘g3?! ♘c5! 10.O-O ♘xb3 11.cxb3 ♗d6! (11...dxe4 12.dxe4 ♕xd1 13.♖xd1 ♗e6↑) 12.♖e1 ♖e8 13.♗g5 h6∓; 9.exd5! cxd5 10.♘g3

**9...♘c5! 10.♕e2**

10.♘xe5 ♘xb3 11.cxb3 dxe4 12.dxe4 ♘xe4!

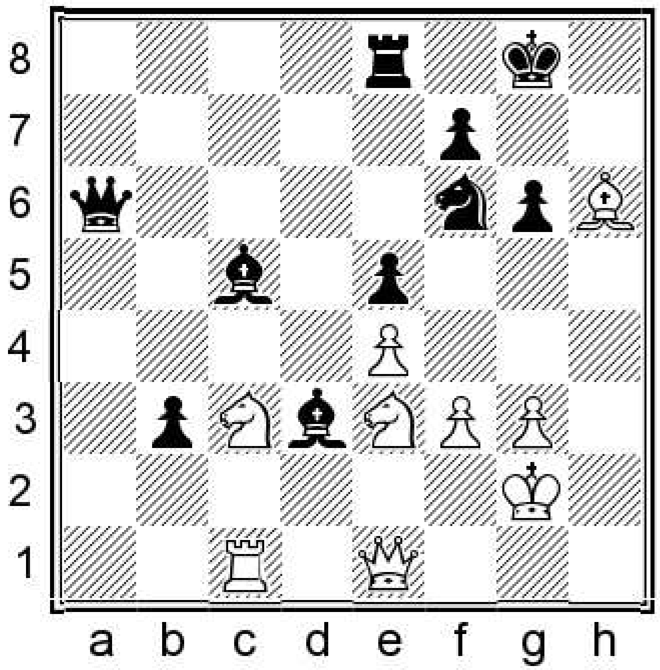
**10...♘xb3 11.♘xb3 dxe4 12.dxe4 ♕c7 13.O-O h6 14.h3 ♗e6 15.♗d2 a5 16.♗c3 ♘d7 17.♘c1 b5 18.♘d3 ♗d6 19.♘h4 ♖fe8 20.♖ad1 c5! 21.♗d2 c4 22.♘c1 b4 23.axb4 axb4 24.♗e3 ♗f8 25.♕f3 ♕c6 26.♖fe1 g6 27.♘e2 ♗e7 28.g3 ♘f6 29.♗xh6 ♗xh3 30.♕h1 ♗g4 31.f3 ♗e6**

31...♗c5+ 32.♔h2 (32.♔g2 ♘xe4 33.fxe4 ♕xe4+ 34.♔h2 ♕xh1+ 35.♔xh1 ♗f2-+) 32...♖a2 33.♖b1 ♗c8-+

**32.♘c1 ♖a1 33.♘g2 ♖b1 34.b3 ♖b2 35.♖e2 cxb3 36.cxb3 ♖xe2 37.♘xe2 ♗xb3 38.♖c1 ♕b5 39.♔f2 ♗c4 40.♕e1 b3**

40...♗xe2 41.♕xe2 ♕xe2+ 42.♔xe2 ♖b8∓; 40...♖a8! 41.♖c2 b3 42.♖b2 ♖a2-+

**41.♘c3! ♕a6 42.♘e3 ♗c5 43.♔g2 ♗d3**



**44.♖d1! ♗xe3?**

44...♗b4-+

**45.♕xe3 ♗c2 46.♖d2 ♕c4?**

46...♖c8 47.♗g5 b2 48.♖xc2 ♖xc3! (48...b1=Q 49.♘xb1 ♖xc2+-+) 49.♕xc3 b1=Q-+

**47.♕b6! ♘h5**

47...♕xc3 48.♕xf6+-

**48.♘d5 ♗xe4?**

48...♖e6 49.♕b8+ ♔h7 50.♗g5 ♗xe4 51.♘e3 ♗xf3+ 52.♔xf3 ♕c3∞

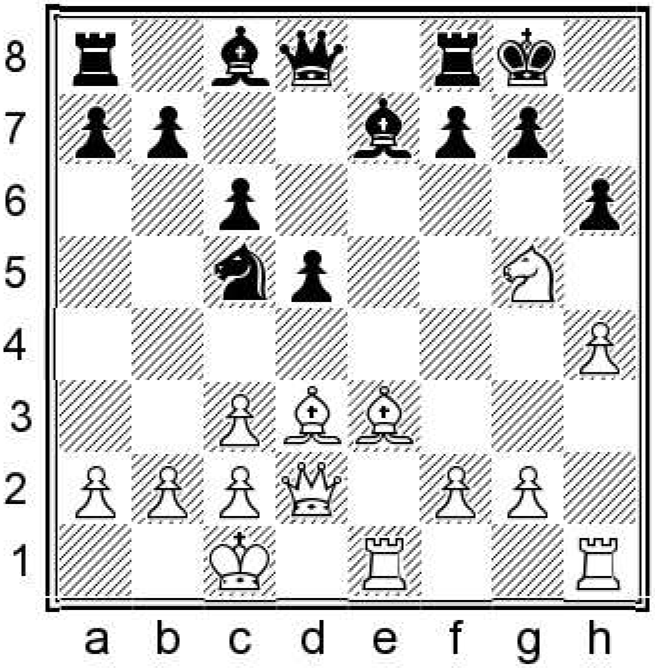
**49.♘f6++- ♔h8 50.♘xe4 ♔h7 51.♗e3 ♖e6 52.♘g5+ 1-0**

# C25-C49

**92. ** C42**
**Carlsen, Magnus (2863) - Caruana, Fabiano (2835)**
**lichess.org (Int.-m/5-rapid) 147/92, 2020**

**1.e4 e5 2.♘f3 ♘f6 3.♘xe5 d6 4.♘f3 ♘xe4 5.♘c3 ♘xc3 6.dxc3 ♗e7 7.♗e3 O-O 8.♕d2 ♘d7 9.O-O-O ♘f6**

9...c6 10.h4 (10.♗d3 - 139/115) 10...d5 11.♗d3 (11.♔b1 ♖e8 12.♗d3 ♗c5 13.♖de1 ♗xe3 14.♖xe3 ♖xe3 15.♕xe3 ♘f6 16.♖e1 ♕d6 17.♕e8+ ♕f8 18.♕xf8+ ♔xf8 19.♔c1 ♗d7 20.c4 dxc4 21.♗xc4 ♖e8 22.♖xe8+ ♗xe8 23.♔d2 ♔e7=) 11...♘c5 12.♘g5 h6 13.♖de1

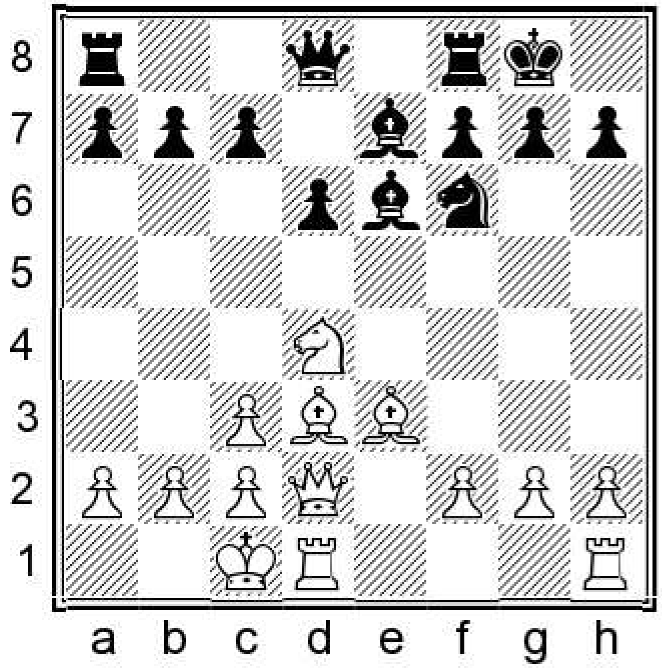


13...♘xd3+N (13...hxg5) 14.♕xd3 f5 15.f4 ♗d6 16.♘f3 ♖e8 17.g3 ♖e4 18.♘d2 ♗e6?! (18...♖e8 19.♗d4±) 19.♘xe4 fxe4 20.♕d2 ♕a5 21.♔b1 h5 Nakamura,H (2736)-Aronian,L (2773) chess24.com (Int.-m1/2-rapid) 147/(92) 2020 (21...h5 22.♗d4±)

**10.♗d3 ♖e8**

10...c5 - 147/94

10...♗e6 11.♘d4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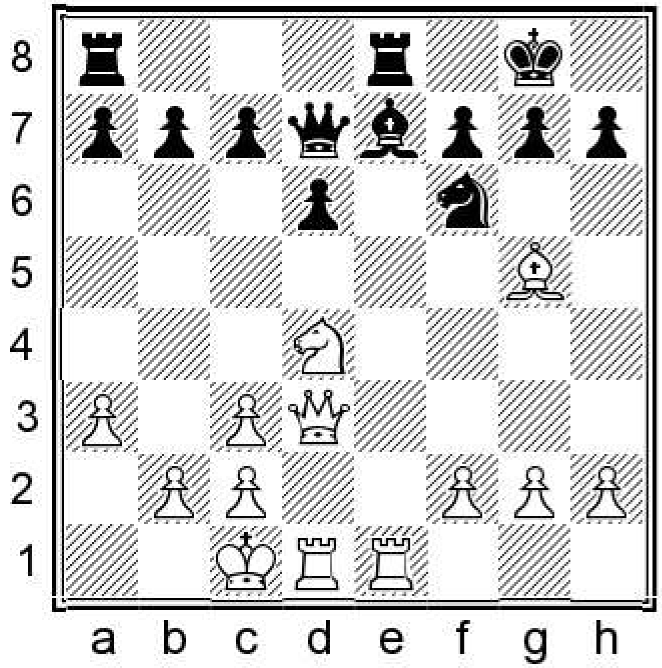
11...♗d7!?N (11...♗d5 12.♘f5 ♘e4 13.♕e2 ♗f6 14.♕h5 ♗c6 15.h4 g6 16.♘h6+ ♔h8 17.♕g4 ♕e7 18.h5 d5 19.♕h3 ♖ad8 20.♖de1±) 12.c4 ♖e8 13.f3 d5 14.♖he1 c5 15.♘f5 ♗xf5 16.♗xf5 d4 17.♗f4 ♘h5 18.♔b1 g6 19.♗d3 ♘xf4 20.♕xf4 ♕d6 21.♕e4 ♕d7= Caruana,F (2823)-Duda,J (2743) chess.com (Int.-m/ 27-blitz) 147/(92) 2020

**11.♖he1 ♗g4 12.♗g5 ♕d7 13.a3 ♗f5 14.♘d4 ♗xd3 15.♕xd3**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**15...♘d5N**

15...h6 16.♗d2 ♗f8 17.♕f3 c5 18.♘f5 ♖e6 19.♖xe6 ♕xe6=

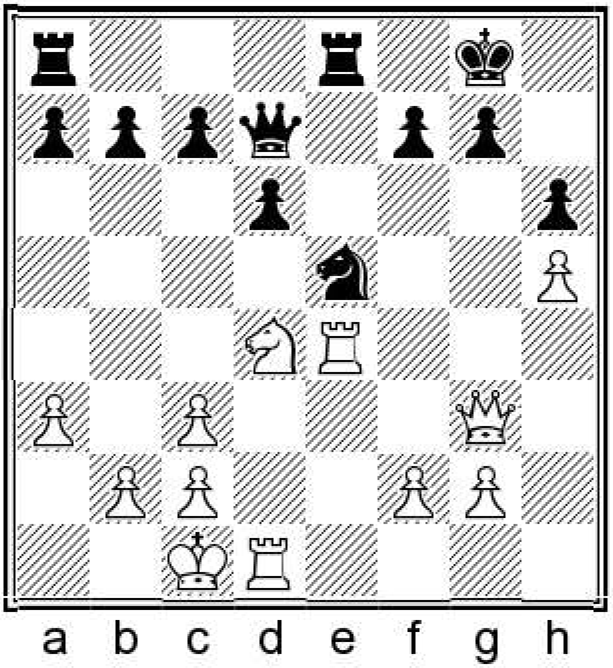
**16.♗xe7 ♘xe7 17.h4**

17.♕f3 ♘c6 (17...c6 18.h4 ♘g6 (18...♘d5 19.♖xe8+ ♖xe8 20.c4 ♘f6 21.♘f5 d5 22.cxd5 cxd5 (22...♘xd5?? 23.♕g4+-) 23.g4↑) 19.♖xe8+ ♖xe8 20.♘f5 d5 21.c4↑) 18.♘f5 (18.♘xc6 ♕xc6 19.♕xc6 bxc6=) 18...♖e6 (18...♖xe1? 19.♕g4!+-) 19.♕g4 g6 20.♘e3 ♖ae8 21.♘d5 ♕d8=

**17...♘g6 18.h5**

18.♕f3 ♖xe1 19.♖xe1 ♖e8 20.♖xe8+ ♕xe8 21.b3±

**18...♘e5 19.♕g3 h6 20.♖e4**



**20...♘c6**

20...c5! 21.♘e2 ♘c4! 22.♖xc4 ♖xe2 23.♖xc5 (23.♖g4 ♕f5 24.♖xg7+ ♔h8 25.♖d2 ♖e1+ (25...♖xd2 26.♔xd2 ♖e8 27.c4 b5=∞) 26.♖d1 ♖e2 27.♖d2=) 23...♕a4 24.♕d3 ♕f4+ 25.♔b1 ♕xf2∞

**21.♖g4 ♘xd4!**

21...f6 22.♘xc6 bxc6 23.♖c4±

**22.♖xg7+ ♔h8 23.cxd4 ♕f5 24.f3**

24.b3 ♖g8 (24...♕xh5 25.d5 ♖g8 26.♖xg8+ ♖xg8 27.♕c3+ ♕e5 28.♕xe5+ dxe5 29.g3±) 25.♖xg8+ ♖xg8 26.♕f3 ♕xf3 27.gxf3 ♖g5 28.♖h1 (28.♖e1 ♖xh5 29.♖e7 ♖f5 30.♖xc7 h5⇄) 28...♖f5 29.♖h3 ♔g7 30.♔d2 ♔f6 31.♔e3 c5 32.dxc5 ♖xc5 33.c4 ♖e5+ 34.♔d4 ♖f5=∞

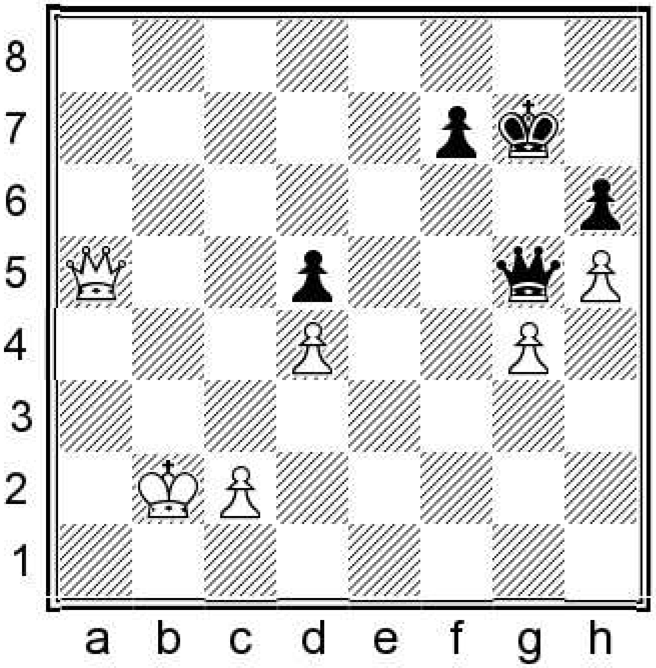
**24...♖e2 25.♖d2 ♖xd2 26.♔xd2 ♖e8 27.♖g4 ♕a5+ 28.♔d1 ♕b5 29.♖e4 ♖xe4 30.fxe4 ♕xb2 31.♕e3 ♔g7 32.e5 ♕b5 33.♕g3+ ♔h7 34.♕f3 ♕c4 35.♕e4+ ♔g7 36.exd6 cxd6 37.♔d2 ♕b5 38.♕f3**

38.♕g4+ ♕g5+ 39.♕xg5+ hxg5=

**38...♕g5+ 39.♔c3 d5 40.g4 b6 41.♔b2 ♔f8 42.a4 ♔e7 43.♕e2+ ♔d6 44.a5!? bxa5?**

44...♕f6 45.♕d2 bxa5=; 44...♕f4 45.♔c3 ♕g3+ 46.♔b4 ♕f4 47.c3 ♕e4=

**45.♕a6+ ♔e7 46.♕xa7+ ♔f6 47.♕xa5 ♔g7**



**48.c4?**

48.♕a8 ♔h7 49.♔b3 ♕e3+ 50.c3 ♕e4 51.♔b4 ♔g7 52.♔c5+-

**48...♕xg4?**

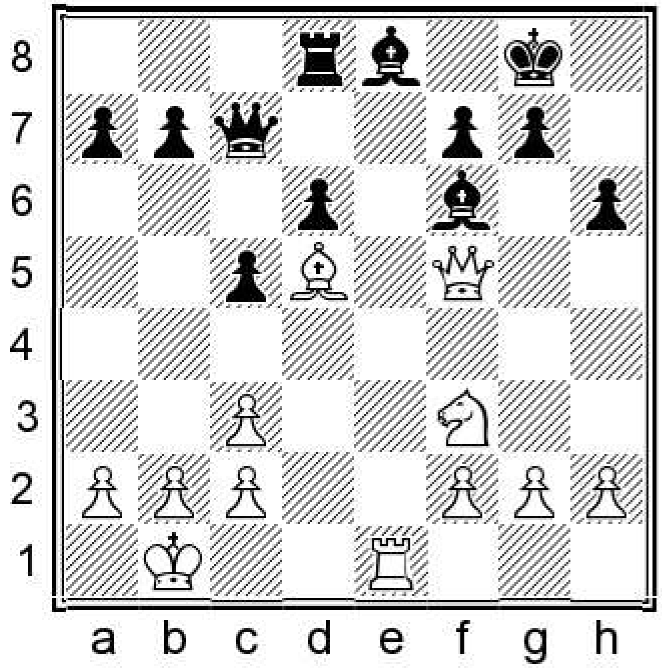
48...♕e7! 49.cxd5 ♕e2+ 50.♔b3 ♕d3+ 51.♕c3 ♕b5+ 52.♔a3 ♕xd5±

**49.♕xd5+- f5 50.♕e5+ ♔f7 51.c5 f4 52.♕d5+ ♔f6 53.♕d6+ ♔g5 54.♕g6+ ♔h4 55.♕xg4+ ♔xg4 56.c6 f3 57.c7 1-0**

**93. * C42**
**So, Wesley (2770) - Caruana, Fabiano (2835)**
**lichess.org (Int.-m/2-rapid) 147/93, 2020**

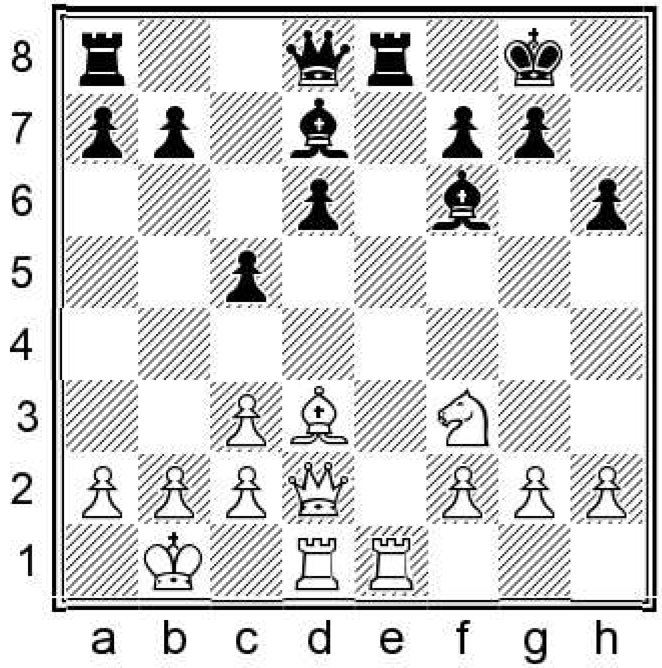
**1.e4 e5 2.♘f3 ♘f6 3.♘xe5 d6 4.♘f3 ♘xe4 5.♘c3 ♘xc3 6.dxc3 ♗e7 7.♗e3 O-O 8.♕d2 ♘d7 9.O-O-O ♘f6 10.♗d3 ♖e8 11.♔b1 ♗d7 12.♖he1 c5 13.♗g5 h6** - 147/ 93

13...♗c6N 14.♕f4 h6 15.♗xf6 ♗xf6 16.♖xe8+ ♗xe8 17.♗e4 ♕e7 18.♗d5 ♖d8 19.♖e1 ♕c7 20.♕f5



20...♗c6 (20...♗d7!?) 21.♘d2 ♖e8 Wei, Y (2732) -Banusz,T (2620) ProChessLeague (Int.-rapid) 147/(93) 2020 (21...♖e8 22.♖xe8+ ♗xe8 23.♘e4 ♗e7 24.g4↑; 21...b5 22.a3 ♕b7 23.♗e4 ♗xe4 24.♘xe4 ♗e7=)

**14.♗xf6 ♗xf6**



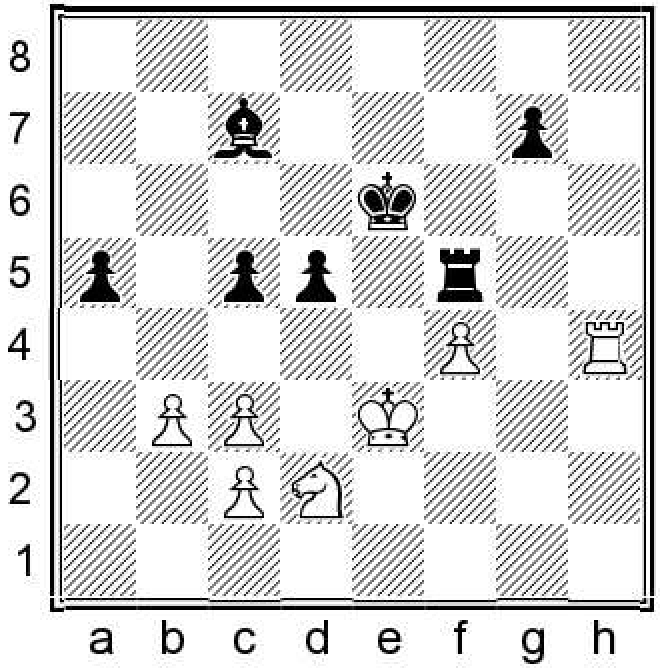
**15.♗e4N**

15.♖xe8+ ♕xe8 (15...♗xe8 16.♗e4 ♕b6 17.♗d5 ♗c6 18.♔c1 ♖e8 19.a3 ♗xd5 20.♕xd5 ♖e2 21.♖d2 ♖e6 22.♖d3 ♔f8 23.h4 ♕c6 24.♕xc6 bxc6 25.♔d2=) 16.♕f4 ♖d8 17.♖e1 ♗e6 18.♗f5 ♕b5 19.♗xe6 fxe6 20.♕d2 ♖e8 21.♕e3 ♖e7 22.g3 e5 23.♕d3 ♕xd3 24.cxd3 ♔f7 25.♔c2 ♖c7 26.♘d2=

**15...♕b6 16.♔a1 ♗c6 17.♗d5 ♖ad8 18.h4 ♖xe1 19.♖xe1 ♗xd5 20.♕xd5 ♕c6 21.♕xc6 bxc6 22.g4 ♔f8 23.♔b1 d5 24.♔c1 c4 25.g5 hxg5 26.hxg5 ♗e7 27.♖g1 c5 28.b3 cxb3 29.axb3 ♖d6 30.♔d2 ♗d8 31.♔d3 ♖e6**

31...c4+ 32.bxc4 dxc4+ 33.♔xc4 ♖c6+=

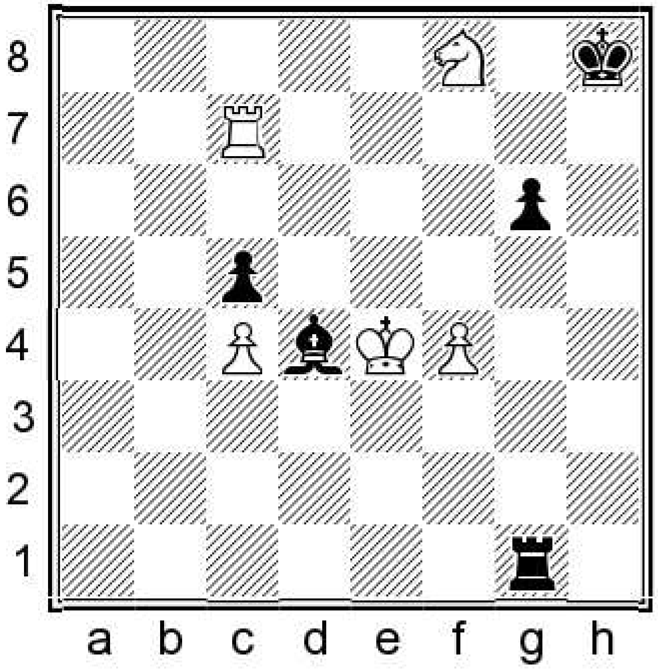
**32.♘d2 ♖e5 33.f4 ♖f5 34.♖g4 ♗c7 35.♔e3 f6 36.♘f3 fxg5 37.♘xg5 ♔e7 38.♘f3 ♔f6 39.♖h4 ♔f7 40.♘g5+ ♔e7 41.♘f3 a5 42.♘d2 ♔e6**



**43.c4**

43.♖g4!?

**43...♗d8 44.♖g4 ♗f6 45.cxd5+ ♖xd5 46.♘c4 ♔f5 47.♔f3 ♖d4 48.♘e3+ ♔e6 49.♖g2 a4 50.bxa4 ♖xa4 51.♖e2 ♔d6 52.♖d2+ ♔c6 53.♖g2 ♖a7 54.c4 ♔d6 55.♘d5 ♔e6 56.♔e4 ♗d4 57.♖g6+ ♔f7 58.♖c6 g6 59.♘c7 ♖a1 60.♘e6 ♖e1+ 61.♔d5 ♗e3 62.♘g5+ ♔g7 63.♖c7+ ♔g8 64.♘e6 ♔h8 65.♘f8 ♖g1 66.♔e4 ♗d4**



**67.♖c8**

67.♖d7!?

**67...♖e1+ 68.♔d5 ♖d1**

68...♔g7=

**69.♘e6+ ♔h7 70.♘xc5 ♗a1+?!**

70...♗g7+!?

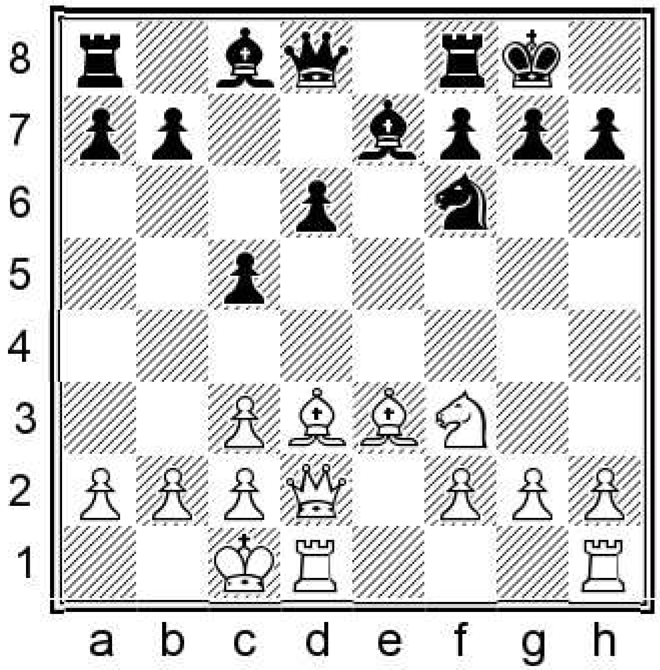
**71.♔e6 ♖f1?**

71...♔h6! Δ g5

**72.♘d3+- ♖f3 73.♖d8 ♖e3+ 74.♔f7 ♖e4 75.c5 ♖c4 76.♔e6 ♖c2 77.♖d5 ♔g7 78.♔d7 1-0**

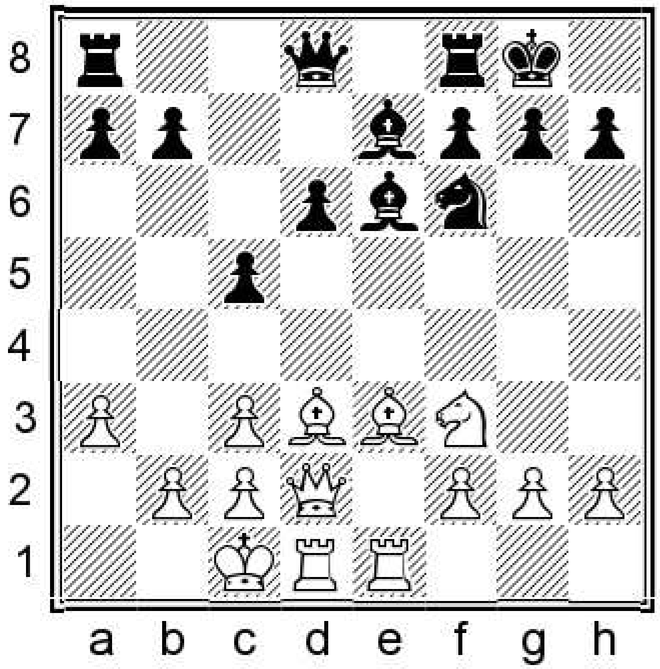
**94. * C42**
**Caruana, Fabiano (2823) - Duda, Jan Krzysztof (2743)**
**Wijk aan Zee 147/94, 2021**

**1.e4 e5 2.♘f3 ♘f6 3.♘xe5 d6 4.♘f3 ♘xe4 5.♘c3!? ♘xc3 6.dxc3 ♗e7 7.♗e3 ♘d7 8.♕d2 O-O 9.O-O-O ♘f6 10.♗d3 c5!**



**11.♖hg1?!N**

11.♖he1 - 147/(94) 11...♗e6 12.a3



(12.♗f4 - 144/85) 12...c4N (12...d5) 13.♗f1 ♘e4 14.♕e2 d5 15.♗d4 b5 16.♘d2 ♘d6∞ Caruana,F (2823) -Duda,J (2743) chess.com (Int.-m/25-blitz) 147/(94) 2020

11.g4? ♗xg4 12.♗e2 ♖e8 13.♖hg1 ♕d7 14.♘g5 ♗xe2 15.♕xe2 ♗f8!∓; 11.♗g5 - 141/100

11.♔b1 - 140/116

**11...b5!**

11...♖e8!? 12.g4!? (12.♗c4!? ♕a5∞; 12.♗g5 ♗e6!? 13.g4 d5∞) 12...♗xg4! 13.♗h6! g6!∓

**12.g4 ♗b7**

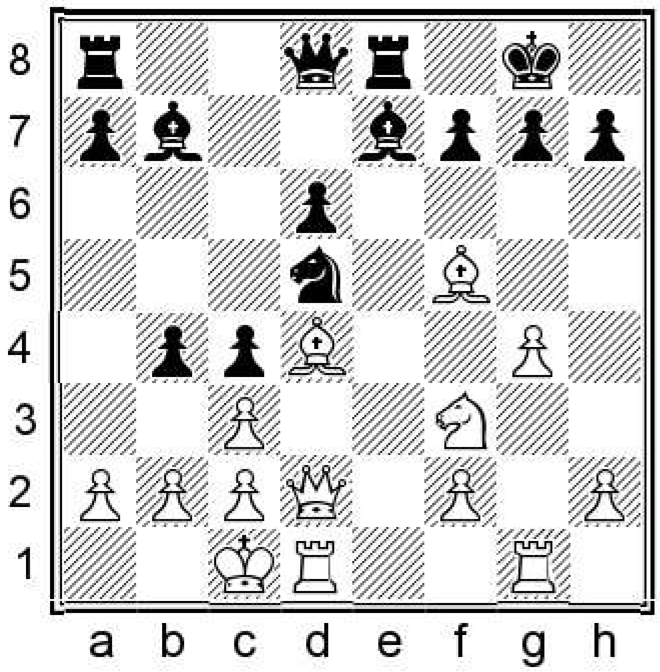
12...♗xg4?! 13.♗h6 g6□ 14.♕f4 (14.♗xf8?! ♗xf8∞) 14...♗d7 15.h4±

**13.♕e2**

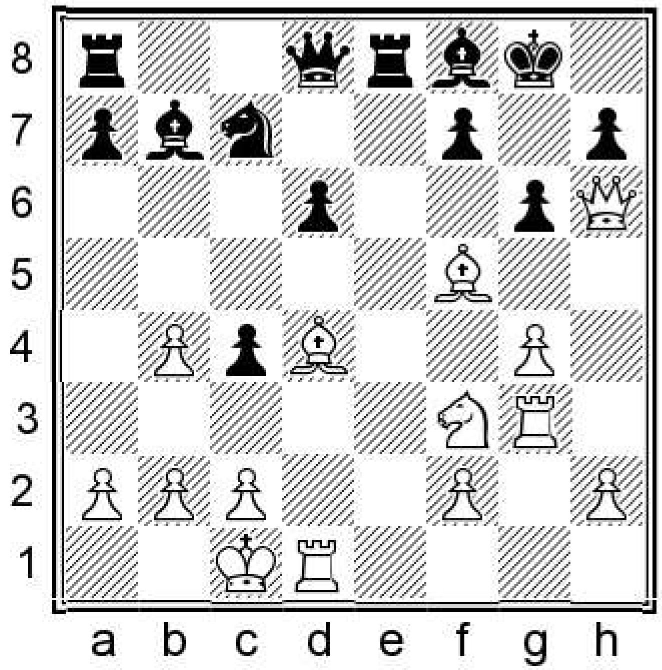
13.♖g3 ♖e8∓; 13.g5 ♗xf3 14.gxf6 ♗xf6 15.♗h6 ♗h5!∓

**13...c4 14.♗f5 ♖e8**

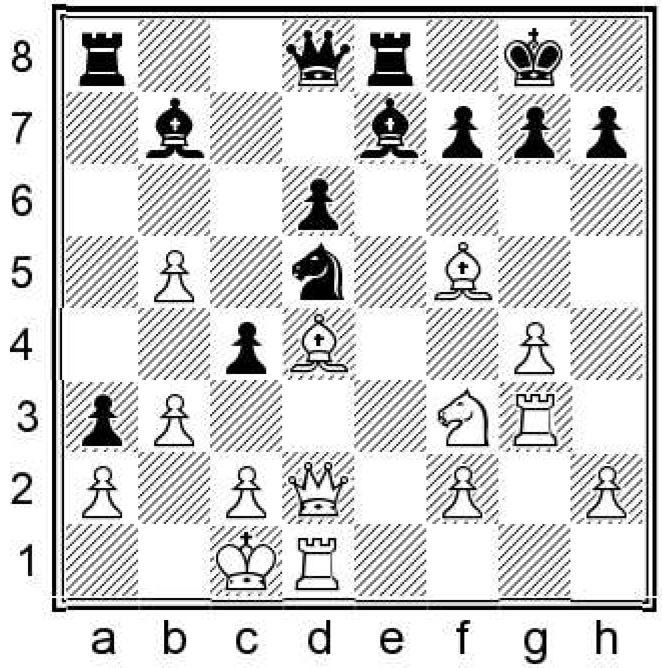
14...♘d5 15.♗d4! ♖e8 16.♕d2 b4



17.cxb4! a5! (17...♘xb4 18.♕xb4 ♗xf3 19.♖de1 ♗g5+ 20.♔b1 g6 21.♖xe8+ ♕xe8 22.♕xc4±; 17...♘c7!? 18.♖g3□ g6 19.♕h6□ ♗f8

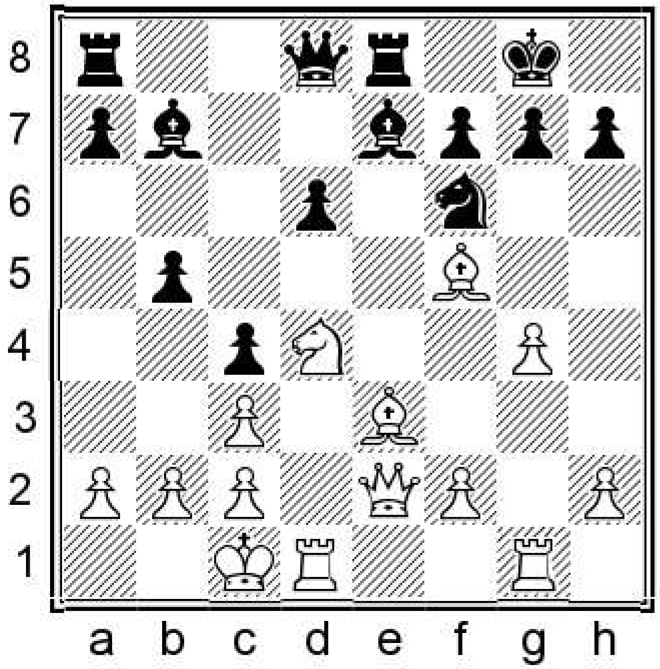


20.♕xh7+!! ♔xh7 21.♖h3+ ♗h6+ 22.g5 f6 (22...♖e5 23.♗xe5 dxe5 24.♖xh6+ ♔g7 25.♖xd8 ♖xd8 26.♗g4±) 23.♖xh6+ ♔g7 24.♘h4! (24.♖xg6+ ♔f7 25.♘h4 ♘d5 26.gxf6 ♖g8∞) 24...gxf5 (24...♔f7 25.♗xg6+ ♔e7 26.♗xf6+ ♔d7 27.♗xd8+-; 24...♘d5 25.♗xg6! ♗c8□ 26.♖g1! ♖h8 27.♗e4! ♖xh6 28.gxh6+ ♔xh6 (28...♔f8 29.♗xd5+-) 29.♗xd5 ♖b8 (29...♗d7 30.♖g6+ ♔h7 31.♖xf6 ♗e8 32.♖f8 ♕g5+ 33.f4+-) 30.♖g8! ♕e7 31.♗e3+ ♔h7 32.♘g6+-) 25.♘xf5+ ♔g8 26.♗xf6 ♗d5 (26...♘d5 27.♗xd8 ♖exd8 28.♖xd6+-) 27.♖h8+ (27.h4!?+-) 27...♔f7 28.♗xd8 ♖xh8 (28...♖axd8 29.♖h7+ ♔f8 30.♖xc7+-) 29.♗xc7+-) 18.b5 a4! 19.♖g3! (19.a3 ♘c7; 19.♗xg7? ♔xg7 20.♗e4 c3! (20...a3?! 21.♗xd5 axb2+ 22.♔b1 ♗xd5 23.♕xd5 ♖xa2! 24.♔xa2 ♕a5+ 25.♔xb2 ♗f6+ 26.♖d4□ ♕b4+ 27.♔c1 ♕a3+ 28.♔d1 ♕a1+ 29.♔d2 ♕a5+=) 21.bxc3 ♘xc3 22.♗xb7 ♘e2+! 23.♔b1 ♗f6 24.c4 ♖b8∓) 19...a3 20.b3!



(20.♗xh7+?! ♔xh7 21.♖h3+ ♔g6! 22.♗xg7! ♗g5!=) 20...c3!? (20...g6 21.bxc4! ♘b6 22.♗d3±) 21.♗xh7+!! (21.♗xc3? ♘xc3 22.♕xc3 ♗f6∓) 21...♔f8 (21...♔xh7 22.♖h3+ ♔g8 (22...♔g6 23.♕d3+ f5 24.♕xf5#) 23.♖h8+! ♔xh8 24.♕h6+ ♔g8 25.♕xg7#) 22.♕d3±

**15.♘d4**



**15...♘d5**

15...g6! 16.♕d2! (16.♘xb5?! ♕a5! (16...gxf5? 17.gxf5+ ♔h8 18.♗d4 ♖g8 19.♕h5 ♖b8 20.♕h6+-) 17.♕xc4 d5! 18.♕b3 ♗c6 19.g5 (19.♘d4 ♗a4 20.♕b7 ♖ab8 21.♘c6 ♗xc6 22.♕xc6 ♕xa2 23.♔d2 ♘e4+ 24.♗xe4 dxe4∓) 19...♘h5! (19...♖ab8 20.gxf6 ♖xb5 21.♕xb5 ♗xb5 22.fxe7 ♕xa2 23.♗c5 ♕a1+ 24.♔d2 ♕a5∞ (24...♕xb2?? 25.♖b1+-)) 20.♗d3 ♖ab8 21.c4!? a6 22.♗d2 ♕d8 23.a4 ♗d7! 24.♔b1 ♘g7∓) 16...gxf5! (16...♕a5 17.♔b1 ♖ab8 18.a3±) 17.gxf5+ ♔h8 18.♘xb5! ♘e4! 19.♗d4+ ♗f6 20.♕e3 ♗xd4 21.♕xd4+ f6 (21...♕f6? 22.♘xd6!+- ♕xd4 23.♘xf7#) 22.f3 ♖e5∞

**16.♘e6! ♕a5**

16...fxe6 17.♗xe6+ ♔h8 18.♗xd5+-

**17.♕f3?!**

17.♘xg7? ♘xc3! (17...♔xg7? 18.g5!+- (18.♗d4+?! ♗f6∞ (18...♔g8 19.g5 ♘f4 20.♕g4 ♘g6 21.♔b1 Δ h4-h5±))) 18.♕d2 (18.bxc3 ♗f6 19.♗xh7+ (19.♖d4 ♗xg7-+) 19...♔xg7 20.g5 ♕a3+ 21.♔b1 ♗xc3-+) 18...b4! 19.a3! ♗f6!-+; 17.♖xd5! ♗xd5 (17...♕xa2 18.♗xh7+! ♔xh7 19.♖h5+ ♔g8 (19...♔g6 20.♘f4+ ♔f6 21.♗d4#) 20.♘xg7! ♗f6! 21.♘xe8 ♖xe8 22.♖xb5! ♗c6 23.♖f5! ♖b8 24.♔d2! ♖xb2 25.♖c1! ♗e4 26.♕d1! ♗xf5 27.gxf5 ♕a5 28.♕g4+ ♔f8 29.♕xc4 ♕xf5 30.♕c6!±) 18.♘xg7! ♕xa2! 19.♖d1! (19.♘xe8?! ♕a1+ 20.♔d2 ♕xg1 21.♘c7 ♕h1! 22.♘xa8 ♗xa8 23.♕e1 ♕xh2 (23...♕xe1+ 24.♔xe1 a6 25.♗c8±) 24.♗xa7) 19...♕a1+ (19...♔xg7 20.g5 ♗xg5 21.♕g4 h6 22.♗xg5 ♕a1+ 23.♔d2 ♕xd1+ 24.♔xd1 hxg5 25.♕xg5+ ♔f8±) 20.♔d2 ♕xb2 21.♘xe8 ♖xe8 22.g5! ♗f8! 23.♕h5 ♗g7

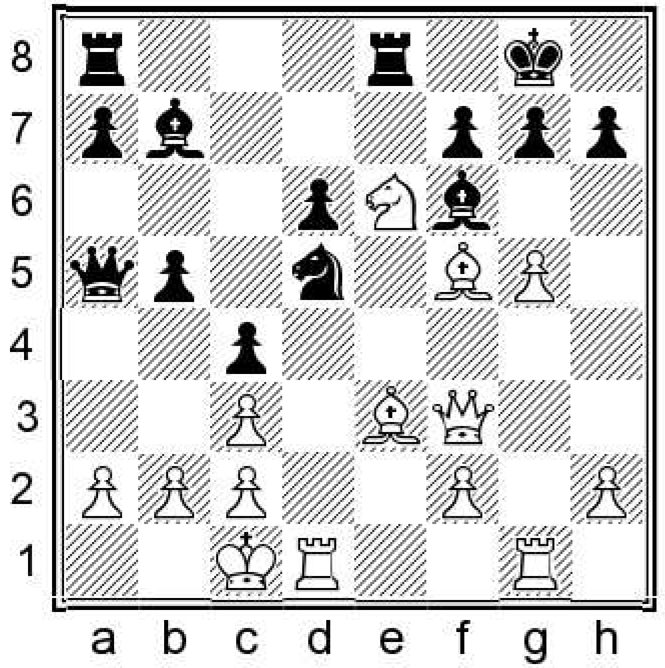
24.♔e2!+-

**17...♗f6?**

17...♕xa2? 18.♗xh7+!+- Δ 19.Qf7, 20.Qg7#, 20.Rg3-h3#

17...♘xc3!? 18.♕xb7 ♘xa2+ (18...♘xd1 19.♖xd1 fxe6 20.♗xe6+ ♔h8 21.♗f7 ♗f6 22.♗xe8 ♖xe8 (22...♗xb2+?) 23.g5! ♗xb2+ 24.♔xb2 ♕b4+ (24...c3+ 25.♔a1+-) 25.♔c1 ♕a3+ 26.♔d2 ♕b4+ 27.♔e2+-) 19.♔b1 c3 20.♘d4! cxb2 21.♔xb2! d5 22.♖d3 ♖ab8 (22...b4 23.♘c6+-) 23.♕d7 ♖bd8 24.♗xh7+ ♔xh7 25.♕f5+ ♔g8 26.♖a1±; 17...g6! 18.♖xd5 ♕xa2! 19.♔d2 (19.♖gd1 b4 20.♘c7 ♗f6) 19...♕xb2 20.♘c7 b4 (20...♗f6 21.♗e4 ♗xc3+ 22.♔e2 ♗xd5 23.♗xd5 ♖xe3+ 24.♕xe3 ♖f8 25.♕c1±) 21.cxb4 ♗f8 22.♔e2 c3 23.♗d3 ♖e7 24.♘xa8 ♕a2 25.♕h1! (25.♖a5!? ♗xf3+ 26.♔xf3 ♕e6 27.♗xa7! ±) 25...♗xd5 26.♖a1! ♕b2 27.♕xd5 ♕xa1±

**18.g5**



18.♗xh7+!? ♔xh7 19.g5±

**18...♗xc3! 19.♗xh7+! ♔xh7**

19...♔h8 20.♕h5 ♗xb2+ 21.♔xb2 ♕b4+ 22.♔c1 ♕a3+ 23.♔d2 ♕b4+ 24.♔e2 ♘c3+ 25.♔f1 ♗f3 26.♕xf3 (26.♕h4!? ♖xe6 27.♗d4 ♘xd1 28.♗g6+ ♔g8 29.♕h7+ ♔f8 30.♕xg7+ ♔e7 31.♕xf7+ ♔d8 32.♕xe6+-) 26...♖xe6 27.♗f5+-

**20.g6+! fxg6 21.♘g5+!**

21.♖xg6? ♗xb2+ 22.♔xb2 ♕c3+ 23.♔b1 ♕b4+ 24.♔c1 ♕a3+ 25.♔d2 ♕b4+ 26.♔c1 (26.♔e2? ♘c3+ 27.♔f1 ♗xf3 28.♖xg7+ ♔h8 29.♗d4 (29.♖d4 ♕b1+-+) 29...♖xe6-+) 26...♕a3+=; 21.♗d4? ♗xd4 22.♘g5+ ♔g8 23.♕f7+ (23.♖xd4? ♖e7-+) 23...♔h8 24.♖xd4 ♖e1+ 25.♖d1 (25.♖xe1 ♕xe1+ 26.♖d1 ♕e5∞) 25...♖xg1! (25...♖xd1+ 26.♔xd1! ♘f6 27.♖g3+-) 26.♖xg1 c3 27.♖g4 (27.♕xg6=) 27...cxb2+

28.♔xb2 ♕c3+=

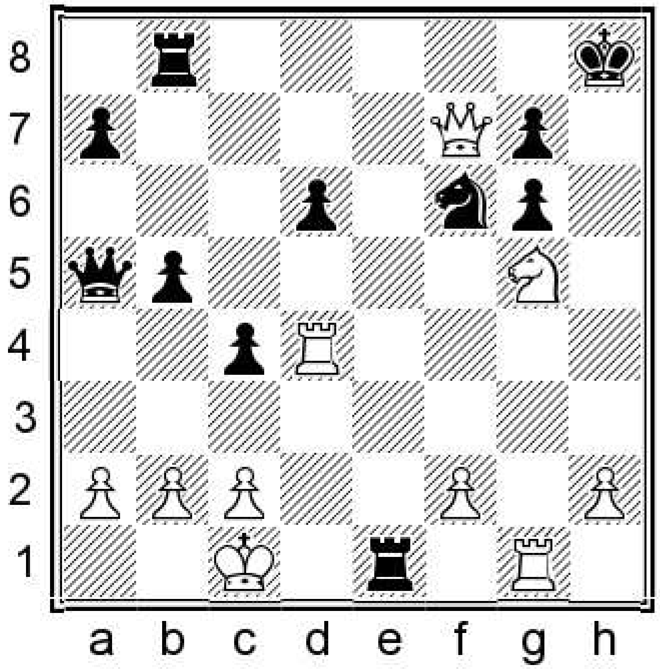
**21...♔h8 22.♗d4! ♗xd4 23.♖xd4 ♘f6□**

23...♖e1+? 24.♖xe1! (24.♖d1 ♖xg1=) 24...♕xe1+ 25.♖d1+- Δ♕a5 (25...♕e7 26.♕h3+ ♔g8 27.♕h7+ ♔f8 28.♕h8#) 26.♕h3+ ♔g8 27.♕h7+ ♔f8 28.♕h8+ ♔e7 29.♕xg7+ ♔d8 30.♕xb7

**24.♕xb7 ♖ab8**

24...♖e1+ 25.♖xe1 ♕xe1+ 26.♖d1 ♕e8 27.♖xd6+-

**25.♕f7! ♖e1+**



**26.♖d1!**

26.♖xe1? ♕xe1+ 27.♖d1 ♕xf2=

**26...♖xg1 27.♖xg1 ♖e8! 28.♘e6 ♖xe6 29.♕xe6 ♕xa2 30.♕h3+ ♔g8 31.♕e6+ ♔h7 32.♕h3+ ♔g8**

32...♘h5? 33.♕g4!+-

**33.♕a3! ♕xa3 34.bxa3 ♔f7 35.♔d2 a6 36.♔e3**

36.a4!?; 36.♔c3! ♘d5+ (36...♘e4+? 37.♔d4 ♘f6 (37...♘xf2? 38.♖f1+-) 38.a4+-) 37.♔d4 ♘e7 38.a4 ♔e6 39.♖g5 ♘f5+ 40.♔c3 ♔f6 41.♖g1 g5 42.♖d1+- Δ Kb4

**36...♘d5+ 37.♔d4 ♘e7 38.♖e1?**

38.a4!+-

**38...♔e8! 39.a4 ♔d7! 40.axb5 axb5 41.♖g1?**

41.♔c3 ♘d5+ 42.♔b2 ♘e7 43.♔a3 ♘d5!? 44.♖g1 b4+!? 45.♔a4! b3! 46.cxb3 cxb3 47.♔xb3 ♘e7

48.♖e1±

**41...♔c6!= 42.h4 ♘f5+ 43.♔c3 ♘xh4 44.♔b4 ♘f3 45.♖xg6 ♘d4! 46.c3 ♘e2 47.♖xg7 ♘f4 48.♔a5 ♘e2 49.♔b4 ♘f4 50.♔a5 ♘e2 51.♔b4 1/2-1/2**

**95. C42**
**Nepomniachtchi, Ian (2784) - Esipenko, Andrey (2686)**
**Russia (ch) 147/95, 2020**

**1.e4 e5 2.♘f3 ♘f6 3.♘xe5 d6 4.♘f3 ♘xe4 5.d4 d5 6.♗d3 ♗d6**

6...♗e7 - 128/108

6...♘c6 - 134/100

**7.O-O O-O 8.c4 c6 9.♘c3 ♘xc3 10.bxc3 dxc4 11.♗xc4 ♗f5**

11...♗g4 - 79/(282)

**12.♗g5**

12.♖e1

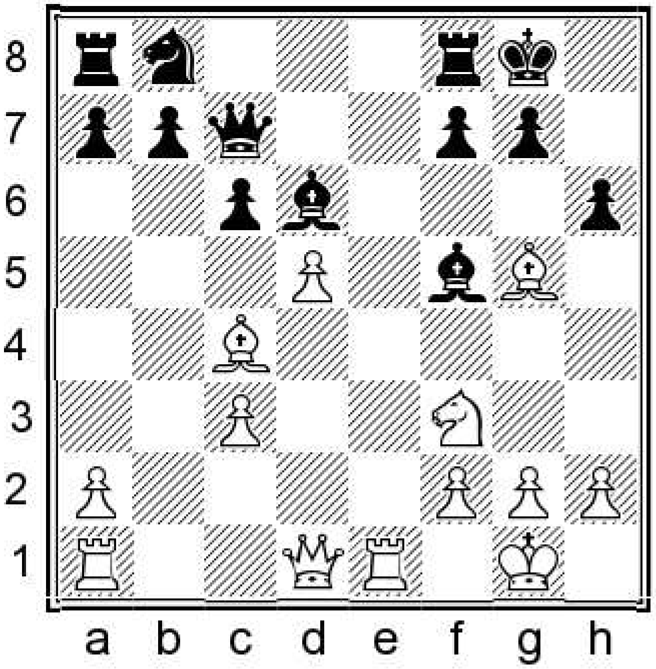
**12...♕a5 13.d5!?**

13.♘h4 ♗e6 14.♗xe6 ♕xg5 15.♘f3 ♕a5 16.♗b3 ♘d7 17.♕d3 ♘f6∞; 13.♗d3 ♗xd3 14.♕xd3 ♘d7 15.c4 ♖fe8 16.♖ab1 ♕c7∞

**13...♕c7**

13...♗e4 14.dxc6 ♗xf3 15.♕xf3 (15.cxb7?? ♗xb7 16.♕xd6 ♕xg5-+) 15...♘xc6 16.♗d5 ♘e5 17.♕e4±

**14.♖e1 h6**



14...cxd5? 15.♕xd5 ♗g4 (15...♗e6 16.♖xe6! fxe6 17.♕xe6+ ♔h8 18.♖d1 ♗c5 19.♘e5+-)

14...♗g4?! 15.h3

**15.♘h4!?N**

15.♗h4 - 142/102

**15...♗h7**

15...hxg5? 16.♘xf5 g6 17.♘xd6 ♕xd6 18.dxc6 ♕xd1 (18...♕xc6 19.♗d5 ♕d7 20.♕d2 ♘c6 (20...g4 21.h3 gxh3 22.♖e3 ♘c6 23.♖xh3) 21.♕xg5+-) 19.cxb7! ♕xa1 20.♖xa1 ♘d7 21.bxa8=Q ♖xa8 22.♖d1 ♘b6 23.♗b3±

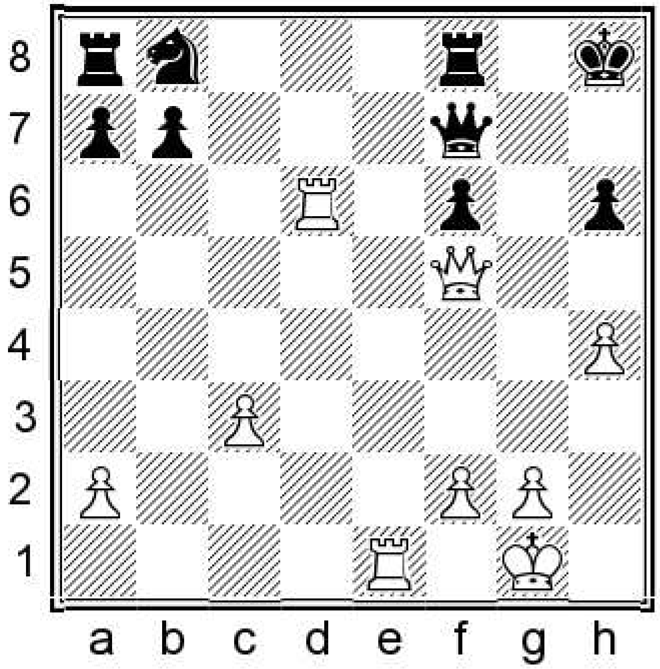
**16.♗xh6!? gxh6 17.♕g4+ ♔h8 18.♘f5□ ♗xf5□**

18...♗e5?? 19.d6 ♕d8 (19...♗xf5 20.♕xf5 ♗xh2+ (20...♗xd6 21.♕f6+ ♔g8 22.♕g6+ ♔h8 23.♕xh6+ ♔g8 24.♗d3+-) 21.♔xh2 ♕xd6+ 22.♔g1+- ×Kh8) 20.♖xe5+-

**19.♕xf5 f6∞**

19...♗xh2+ 20.♔h1 ♕f4 21.♕h3 ♘d7 (21...♕xc4?? 22.♕xh6+ ♔g8 23.♕g5+ ♔h7 24.♖e3+-) 22.dxc6 ♘f6!? 23.cxb7 (23.♕xh2 ♕xc4 24.♕xh6+ ♘h7 25.cxb7 ♖ab8 26.♖ab1∞) 23...♖ab8 24.♗e2 ♘e4 25.♕xh2 ♘xf2+ 26.♔g1 ♕e3 27.♗f3 ♘h3+ 28.♔h1 ♘f2+ 29.♔g1 ♘h3+ 30.♔h1=

**20.♖ad1 cxd5 21.♖xd5 ♕xc4 22.♖xd6 ♕f7 23.h4**



**23...♕h7**

23...a5!? 24.♕f4 (24.♖e3 ♖a6 25.♕f4 ♔h7 (25...♖xd6?? 26.♕xh6++-) 26.♕f5+ (26.c4?? ♖xd6 27.♕xd6 ♘c6-+; 26.♖xa6? ♘xa6 27.♕d6 ♖e8 28.♖xe8 ♕xe8 29.♕xf6 ♕d7∓) 26...♔h8 27.♕f4=) 24...♘c6 25.♕xh6+ ♕h7 26.♖xf6 (26.♕xh7+? ♔xh7 27.♖d7+ ♔g6 28.♖xb7 ♘e5∓; 26.♕f4 ♕g6 27.♖ee6 (27.h5) 27...♖ae8 28.♖xf6 ♖xf6 29.♖xf6 ♖e1+ 30.♔h2) 26...♕xh6 27.♖xh6+ ♔g8 (27...♔g7 28.♖ee6∞) 28.♖e3 ♖f7∞

**24.♕xh7+ ♔xh7 25.♖e7+ ♔g6?!**

25...♔g8

**26.h5+! ♔g5□**

26...♔xh5?? 27.♖g7 ♘c6 28.♖d3+-; 26...♔f5?? 27.♖d5+ ♔f4 28.g3+ ♔g4 29.♖e4+ ♔f3 (29...♔h3 30.♖h4#) 30.♖dd4+-

**27.♖xb7± a5□ 28.g3!? ♖a6**

28...a4 29.♖b5+ f5 30.♖bb6 f4 (30...♖h8 31.♔g2 ♖a7 (31...♖a5 32.♖g6+ ♔xh5 33.♖g7 ♖a6 34.♖b5 ♖g6 (34...♖f8 35.g4+ ♔h4 36.♖b1+-) 35.♖xf5+ ♔g4 36.♖a5+-) 32.f4+ ♔g4 (32...♔xh5 33.♖b1+-) 33.♖g6+ ♔xh5 34.♖gf6 ♔g4 35.♖xh6+-) 31.♖g6+ ♔f5 32.g4+ ♔e4 33.♔g2+-

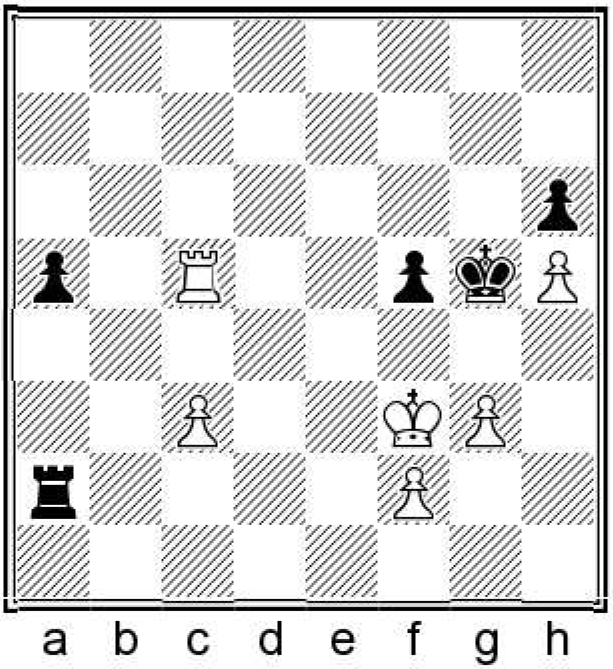
**29.♖xb8 ♖xd6 30.♖xf8 ♖d2 31.a4 ♖a2 32.♔g2 f5**

32...♖xa4 33.♔h3 ♖a1 34.♖g8+ ♔f5 35.f3 a4 (35...♖h1+ 36.♔g2 ♖c1 37.g4+ ♔e6!? (37...♔f4?? 38.♖g6 ♖c2+ 39.♔h3 ♔xf3 (39...f5 40.♖f6+-) 40.♖xf6+ ♔e3 41.♖xh6+-) 38.♖a8 ♖xc3 39.♖xa5 ♔f7 40.♔g3 ♖c4=) 36.♖a8 a3 37.♖a5+ ♔e6 38.♔g4±

**33.♖c8**

33.c4 ♖xa4 34.♔h3 ♖xc4 35.f4+ ♔xh5 36.♖xf5+ ♔g6 37.♖xa5 ♖c1 38.g4 (38.♔g4 ♖b1 39.♖a6+ ♔g7 40.♖e6 ♖b3=) 38...♖c6 39.♖a1 ♖b6 40.♔h4 ♖b2 41.f5+ ♔g7 42.♖a7+ ♔f6 43.♖h7 ♖h2+ 44.♔g3 ♖h1 45.♔g2 ♖h4 46.♔f3 ♖h1=

**33...♖xa4 34.♖c5 ♖a2 35.♔f3**



**35...♔f6?**

35...♖c2! 36.g4 (36.♔e3 a4 37.f3 a3 38.g4 a2 39.♖xf5+ ♔h4! 40.♖a5 ♖xc3+ 41.♔e4 (41.♔f2 ♖c2+ 42.♔e3 ♖c3+=) 41...♔g3 42.g5 (42.♖xa2 ♖xf3 43.g5 hxg5 44.h6 ♖f7=) 42...hxg5 43.♖xg5+ ♔f2 44.♖a5 ♔g3=) 36...♔h4! 37.gxf5 (37.♖xf5 ♖xc3+ 38.♔f4 ♖c4+ 39.♔f3 ♖c3+=) 37...♔xh5 38.♔e4 ♔g5 39.f4+ ♔f6=

**36.♔e3 ♔g5**

36...a4 37.f3 ♖c2 38.♔f4+-

**37.f3 ♔xh5**

37...a4 38.g4+-

**38.♔f4+- ♔g6 39.♖c6+ ♔g7 40.♔xf5 ♖f2 41.♖c7+**

41.f4

**41...♔f8 42.f4 ♖f3**

42...a4 43.♔f6 ♔e8 44.♖e7+!? ♔d8 45.♖a7 ♖g2 (45...♖a2 46.f5) 46.♖xa4 ♖xg3 47.f5 ♖xc3 48.♔f7

**43.g4 a4 44.c4 a3 45.♖a7 ♖c3 46.♔f6! ♔e8 47.c5 ♖c4**

47...♖xc5 48.♖a8+ ♔d7 49.♖xa3

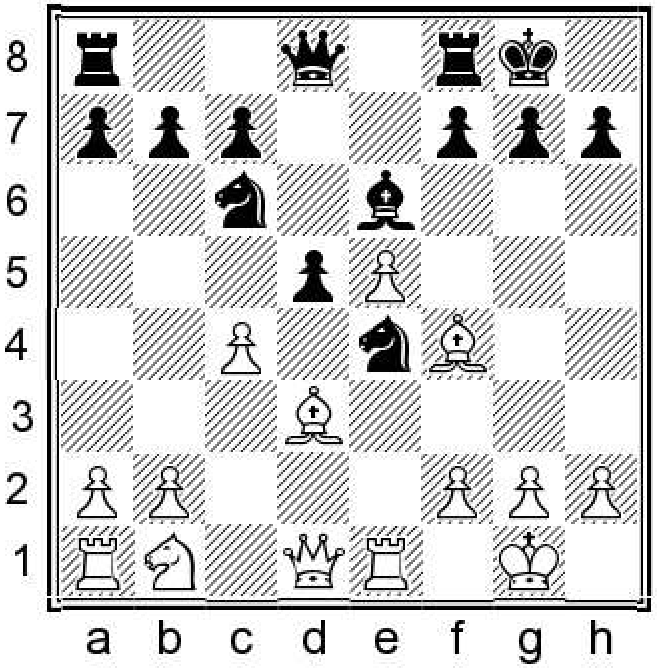
**48.f5 ♖xg4 49.c6 ♔d8 50.♖xa3 ♔c7 51.♖h3 1-0**

**96. !N C43**
**Sjugirov, Sanan (2675) - Paravyan, David (2653)**
**Russia 147/96, 2020**

**1.e4 e5 2.♘f3 ♘f6 3.d4 ♘xe4 4.♗d3 d5 5.♘xe5 ♗d6 6.O-O O-O 7.c4 ♗xe5 8.dxe5 ♘c6 9.♗f4 ♗e6**

9...♘b4 - 40/389

**10.♖e1?!**



10.♘a3; 10.♕h5

**10...♘xf2!N** ∓

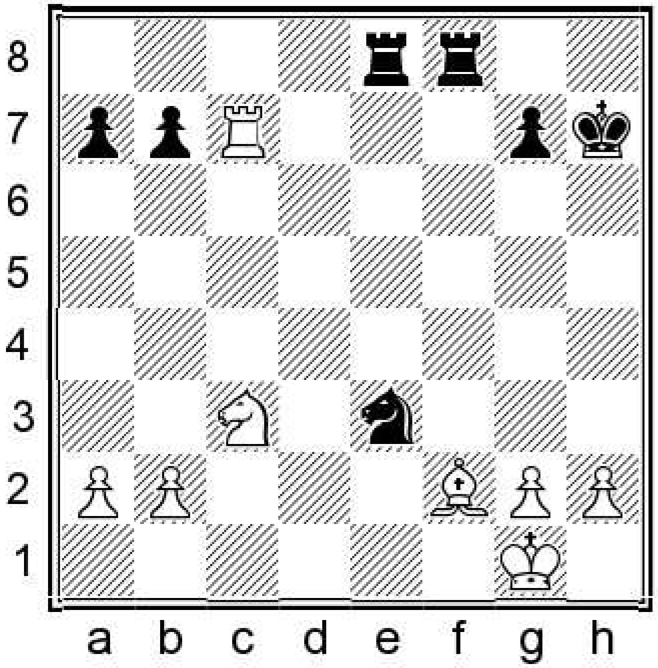
10...♘c5 11.cxd5 ♘xd3 12.♕xd3 ♕xd5 13.♕xd5 ♗xd5 14.♘c3 ♗e6 15.♘e4 ♘e7=

**11.♔xf2 ♕h4+ 12.♗g3**

12.g3? ♕xh2+ 13.♔f3 dxc4-+

**12...♕d4+ 13.♖e3?**

13.♔f1 f6 14.♗xh7+ ♔xh7 15.♕xd4 ♘xd4 16.cxd5 ♗xd5 17.♘c3 ♗c4+ 18.♔g1 ♘c2 19.♖e4 ♘xa1 20.♖xc4 fxe5 21.♖xc7 ♘c2 22.h3 (22.♗xe5 ♖ae8 23.♗g3 ♘e3 24.♗f2



24...b5!∓) 22...♖ae8 23.♖xb7 a6 24.♖a7 ♘b4 25.♘e4 ♘xa2 26.♖xa6 ♘b4 27.♖d6 ♔g8 28.♘c3 ♖f5 29.♘e4 ♖c8∓

**13...f5-+ 14.cxd5**

14.♗e2 ♕xb2 15.♘d2 f4 16.♗xf4 ♖xf4+ 17.♘f3 ♘xe5 18.♖b3 ♘g4+ 19.♔g1 ♕f6 20.cxd5 ♖d8 21.♖d3 ♗f5 22.♖d4 ♗e4 23.♕d2 ♖f8-+

**14...f4 15.♗xh7+ ♔xh7 16.♕xd4 ♘xd4 0-1**

**97. C45**
**Nepomniachtchi, Ian (2784) - Vitiugov, Nikita (2720)**
**Russia (ch) 147/97, 2020**

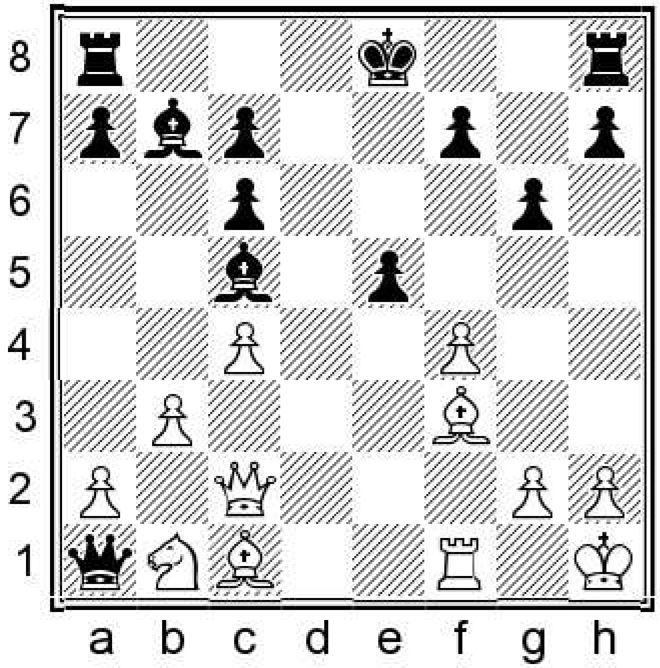
**1.e4 e5 2.♘f3 ♘c6 3.d4 exd4 4.♘xd4 ♘f6 5.♘xc6 bxc6 6.e5 ♕e7 7.♕e2 ♘d5 8.c4 ♗a6 9.b3 g6 10.f4 d6 11.♕f2 ♘f6 12.♗e2 dxe5 13.O-O ♘e4 14.♕e1**

14.♕f3 - 121/98

**14...♕c5+ 15.♔h1 ♕d4 16.♗f3 ♕xa1 17.♕xe4**

17.♕a5 ♗b4! 18.♕xb4 (18.♕xa6 ♘f2+! 19.♖xf2 O-O∓) 18...♕xb1 19.fxe5 ♗b7! 20.♕xb7 O-O 21.♕xc6 ♘d2 22.♖g1 ♘xf3 23.♕xf3∓

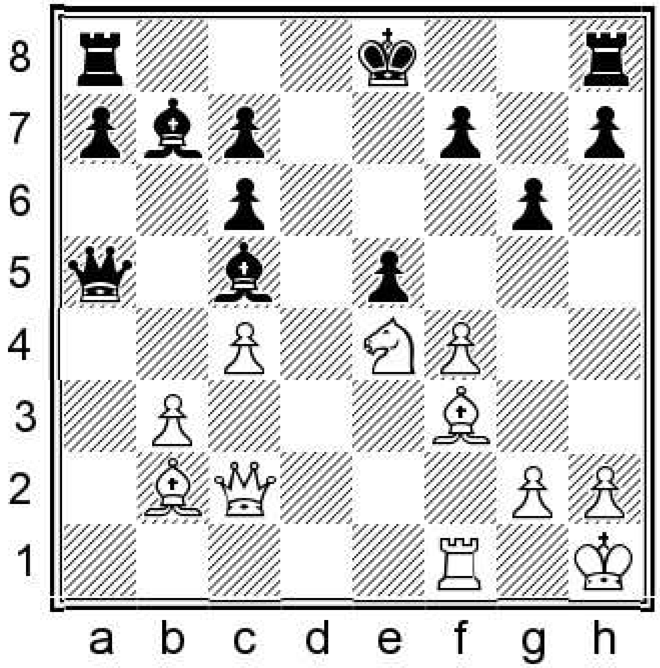
**17...♗b7 18.♕c2 ♗c5**



18...♕d4? 19.♗b2 ♕d8 20.♗xe5 f6 21.♖d1 ♕e7 22.♗c3 ♔f7 23.♖e1 ♕d8 24.♘d2±; 18...♖d8? 19.♗b2 ♕xa2 20.♘c3 ♕a5 21.♘e4 ♗g7 22.♖a1 ♕b4 23.♗a3 ♕a5 24.b4 ♕a6 25.♘c5 ♕b6 26.♘xb7 ♕xb7 27.b5+-

**19.♘c3N**

19.♗b2 ♕xa2 20.♘c3 ♕a5 21.♖a1 (21.♘e4



21...O-O-O! (21...♗d4? 22.♘f6+ ♔e7 (22...♔f8 23.♖a1 ♕xa1+ 24.♗xa1 ♗xa1 25.♕c1+-) 23.♗xd4 exd4 24.♕e4+ ♔xf6 25.b4! ♕f5 26.♕xd4+ ♔e7 27.♖e1++-) 22.b4 ♕xb4 (22...♗xb4 23.♖a1 ♕b6 24.c5 ♕b5 25.♗xe5 ♖he8 26.♗e2 ♖d2! 27.♗g4+ f5 28.♗xf5+ gxf5 29.♘xd2∞) 23.♗xe5 ♖he8 24.♖b1

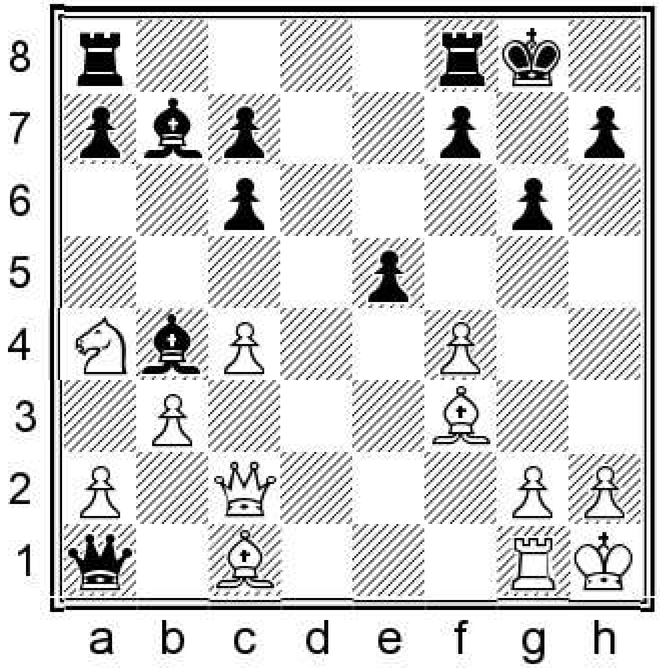
♕a3 25.♘xc5 ♕xc5 26.♕b2 ♕b6 27.♕a1 ♕c5 28.♕b2 ♕b6=) 21...♕b6 22.♘a4 ♕a5 23.♘c3 (23.fxe5 O-O-O! 24.e6 ♖he8 (24...♗d4 25.♗xd4 ♖xd4 26.exf7∞) 25.♘xc5 ♕xc5 26.exf7 ♖f8 27.♗f6 ♖d7 28.♗g4 ♖xf7 29.♗xd7+ ♖xd7=) 23...♕b6=

**19...♗b4**

19...O-O-O?? 20.♗d1+-

**20.♘a4 O-O-O**

20...O-O 21.♖g1



(21.♗e2? ♕d4 22.♗b2 (22.♖d1 ♕f2 23.♖f1 ♕h4∓) 22...♕d2 23.♕xd2 ♗xd2 24.♘c5 ♗c8 25.♗xe5 f6 26.♗xc7 ♗b4∓) 21...e4! 22.♗b2 ♕xg1+ 23.♔xg1 exf3 24.a3 ♖ae8! 25.gxf3 ♗e7∞

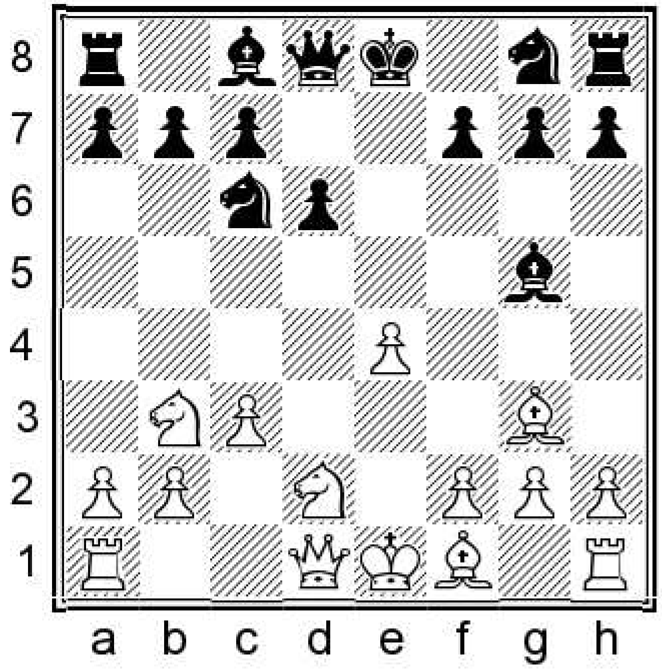
**21.♗e2 ♕d4 22.♖d1 ♕a1 23.♖f1 ♕d4 24.♖d1 ♕a1 25.♖f1 1/2-1/2**

**98. C45**
**Matlakov, Maxim (2698) - Fedoseev, Vladimir (2674)**
**Russia (ch) 147/98, 2020**

**1.e4 e5 2.♘f3 ♘c6 3.d4 exd4 4.♘xd4 ♗c5 5.♘b3 ♗b4+ 6.c3 ♗e7 7.♗f4**

7.f4 - 39/(393)

**7...d6 8.♘1d2 ♗g5 9.♗g3**



**9...♘ge7N**

9...♕f6

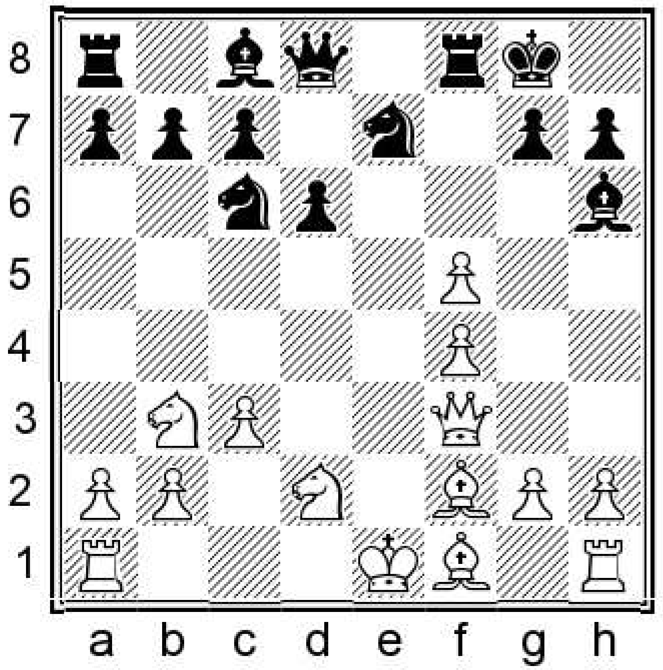
**10.f4 ♗h6 11.♕f3**

11.♗c4 O-O 12.O-O ♗e6 (12...♔h8 13.f5± (13.♘f3!? f5 14.e5 ♘g6 15.exd6 ♗xf4 16.♗xf4 ♘xf4 17.d7! ♗xd7 18.♘c5↑)) 13.f5 ♗xc4 14.♘xc4±

**11...O-O 12.♗f2?!**

12.♗d3 f5 13.O-O fxe4 14.♗xe4 (14.♘xe4 ♘e5! 15.♕d1 ♘xd3 16.♕xd3 ♗f5∞) 14...d5 15.♗c2 ♗f5 16.♗xf5 ♖xf5∞ (16...♘xf5 17.♘c5±)

**12...f5! 13.exf5**



**13...♘xf5**

13...♗xf5! 14.♗e2 (14.O-O-O? ♕d7 15.h3 ♗g6∓) 14...♗e6 15.g3 ♗d5 16.♗c4 ♗xc4 17.♘xc4 g5!∓

**14.O-O-O ♔h8 15.h4 ♘fe7**

15...♘e5!? 16.fxe5 ♘e3 17.♕xe3 (17.♕g3 ♘xd1 18.♔xd1 ♗f4 19.♕d3 ♗f5 20.♕f3 ♕d7↑) 17...♗xe3 18.♗xe3∞; 15...a5! 16.g4 (16.a4 ♗e6 17.g4 ♗xb3 18.♘xb3 ♘e5∓) 16...♘e5 17.fxe5 ♘e3 18.♕xe3 (18.♗xe3 ♖xf3 19.♗xh6 ♖xf1 20.♗xg7+ ♔xg7 21.♘xf1 a4∓) 18...♗xe3 19.♗xe3 ♗xg4 20.♖e1 a4 21.♘d4 dxe5∓

**16.g3 ♘e5 17.♕g2 ♗d7 18.♖g1**

18.fxe5? ♗c6 19.♕g1 ♗xh1 20.g4 ♗xd2+ 21.♖xd2 ♗e4∓; 18.♘e4!? ♗g4 (18...♗c6?! 19.♘a5±) 19.♘g5 ♗xd1 20.♔xd1∞

**18...♗c6 19.♕h3 ♕e8**

19...a5!?∞

**20.♗e2 ♘d5 21.♖ge1**

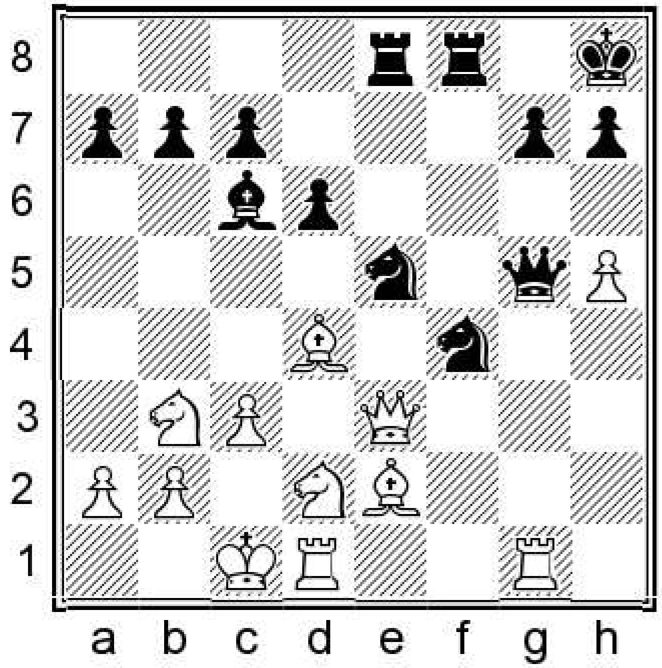
21.♔b1∞

**21...♕g6 22.♗d4 ♗xf4! 23.gxf4 ♘xf4 24.h5□ ♕g5! 25.♕e3?**

25.♕h2 ♘ed3+ 26.♗xd3 (26.♔b1 ♘xe1 27.♖xe1 ♘xe2 28.♖xe2 (28.♕xe2 ♖ae8∓) 28...h6!∓) 26...♘xd3+ 27.♔b1 ♘xe1 28.♖xe1 ♕f5+ 29.♔a1 h6 30.♖g1 ♖f7∞

**25...♖ae8 26.♗f1**

26.♔b1? ♘g4-+; 26.♖g1



26...♗g2! 27.h6! c5! (27...♕xh6 28.♖xg2 ♘xg2 29.♕xh6 gxh6 30.♗h5 ♖e7 31.♘c4∞) 28.♗f1 (28.hxg7+ ♕xg7 29.♘xc5 dxc5 30.♗xc5 ♘c6 31.♗xf8 ♕xf8 32.♕xf4 ♕xf4 33.♖xg2 ♘e5∓) 28...cxd4 29.♕xd4 gxh6 30.♔b1 ♕f5+ 31.♔a1 ♗c6 32.♕xd6 h5∓

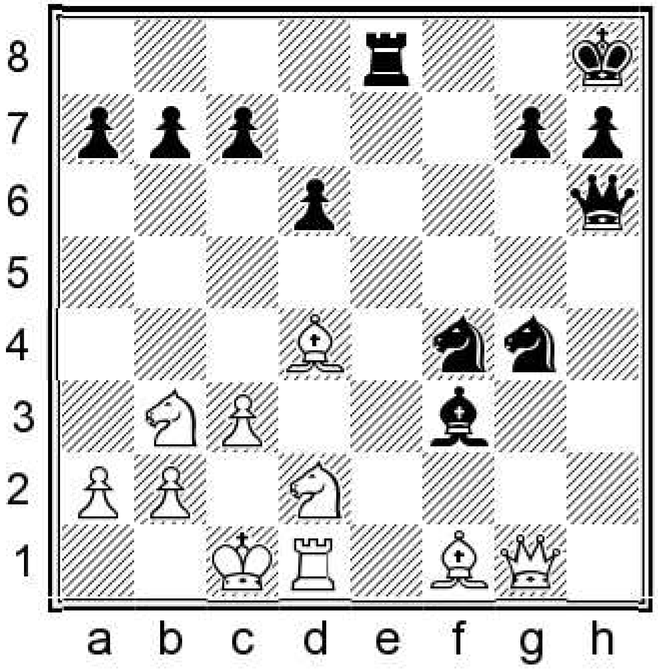
**26...♘g4?**

26...♘ed3+ 27.♗xd3 (27.♕xd3 ♘xd3+ 28.♗xd3 ♖xe1 29.♖xe1 ♕xh5 30.♖g1 ♖f7-+) 27...♖xe3 28.♖xe3 ♗e8! 29.♗c2 (29.h6 ♘xd3+ 30.♖xd3 ♕xh6-+) 29...♗xh5 30.♖de1 c5-+

**27.♕g1 ♗f3 28.h6!**

28.♘xf3?? ♘e2+ 29.♔b1 ♕f5+ 30.♔a1 ♘xg1-+

**28...♕xh6 29.♖xe8 ♖xe8**



**30.♗b5**

30.♗xg7+! ♔xg7 (30...♕xg7? 31.♘xf3+-) 31.♘d4! ♗xd1 (31...♕h1? 32.♗b5! (32.♘2xf3 ♕xg1 33.♘xg1 ♘f2∞) 32...c6 33.♘2xf3 ♕xg1 34.♖xg1+-) 32.♘f5+ ♔g6 33.♘xh6 ♖e1! 34.♕g3 ♖xf1 35.♔b1□ ♖h1 36.♕xf4 ♗e2+ 37.♔c2 ♗d1+ 38.♔b1 (38.♔d3 ♖h3+ 39.♔d4 ♘xh6=) 38...♗e2+=

**30...♗xd1 31.♕xd1?**

31.♔xd1 ♕h5 (31...c6 32.♕xg4 cxb5 33.♗xg7+ ♕xg7 34.♕xf4∞) 32.♗xg7+! (32.♗xe8?? ♘e3+ 33.♔c1 ♘e2+ 34.♔b1 ♕f5+-+) 32...♔g8! 33.♗h6! ♖e5 34.♗xf4 (34.♗c4+ ♘d5∞) 34...♖xb5 35.♔c1∞

**31...c6 32.♗f1**

32.♕xg4 cxb5 33.♗xg7+ ♕xg7 34.♕xf4 ♖e1+ 35.♔c2 ♕g6+-+

**32...♘h2 33.♗c4 b5 34.♗f7 ♖e1! 0-1**

**99. * C47**
**Nisipeanu, Liviu Dieter (2655) - Kollars, Dmitrij (2586)**
**Magdeburg 147/99, 2020**

**1.e4 e5 2.♘f3 ♘c6 3.♘c3 ♘f6 4.d4 exd4 5.♘xd4 ♗b4 6.♘xc6 bxc6 7.♗d3 O-O 8.O-O d5 9.exd5 cxd5**

9...♗g4 - 143/98

**10.h3**

10.♗g5 c6 11.♕f3 ♗d6 12.h3 (12.♘a4 - 68/295; 12.♖ae1 ♖b8 13.♘d1 - 89/292) 12...h6 13.♗f4 ♖b8 14.b3 ♖b4 - 138/138

**10...c6**

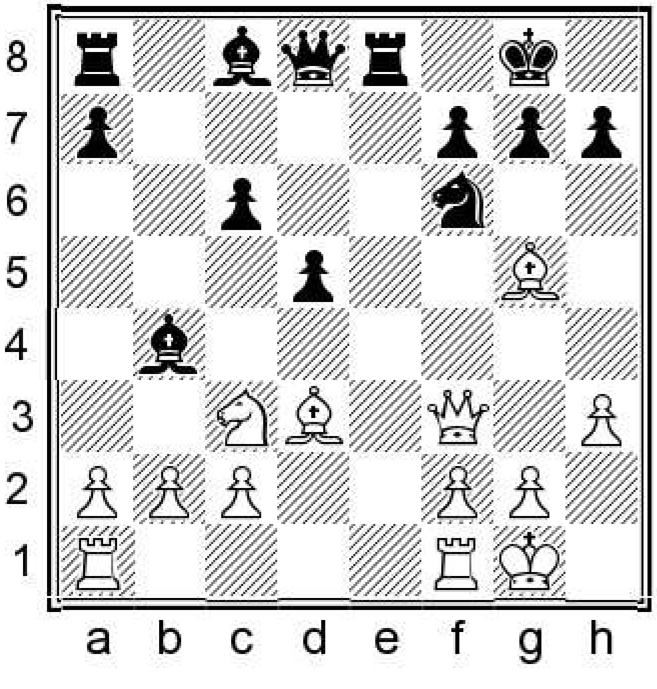
10...♖b8; 10...♗e6 11.♘e2 ♗d6 12.♘d4 ♗d7!? (12...c5 13.♘xe6 fxe6 14.c4±) 13.c4 (13.♘f5 ♗xf5 14.♗xf5 ♖e8=) 13...c5 14.♘f3 d4 15.b4 cxb4 16.♗b2 ♖e8 17.♘xd4 ♗e5 18.♕d2 a5 19.a3 bxa3 (19...b3 20.♘xb3 ♗xb2 21.♕xb2 ♗xh3 22.♖fd1 ♕b8 23.gxh3 a4 24.♗f1 axb3 25.♖d3±) 20.♖xa3 a4 21.c5 ♖b8⇄; 10...♖e8 - 118/91

**11.♕f3 ♖e8**

11...♗d6 12.♗f4 - 134/106

11...♖b8 12.♗g5 ♗d6 (12...h6 13.♗xh6! ♗d6 14.♗c1±) 13.b3 ♗e5 14.♗f4 ♗xf4 15.♕xf4 ♗e6 16.♘a4 ♕a5 17.♕d4!? (17.♕d6 ♖bc8 18.♕c5 ♕c7 19.b4 ♕f4 20.♖fe1 ♖ce8 21.♗f1 a5⇄) 17...♘d7 18.♕h4 ♘f6 (18...h6 19.f4 f5 20.♕e7 ♖fe8 21.♕d6±) 19.c4 ♖bd8 20.♖ac1 ♕b4 21.♕g3 ♖fe8 22.cxd5 ♗xd5 (22...cxd5 23.♘c5±) 23.♖fd1±; 11...h6!? 12.♗f4 ♗d6 13.♖ad1 ♖b8 14.b3 ♖b4 (14...♗xf4 15.♕xf4 ♗e6 16.♖fe1 ♖b7 17.♘a4 ♖e7 18.♖e2±) 15.♘e2 c5!? (15...a5 16.c4±) 16.♖fe1 (16.♗xd6 ♕xd6 17.♘c3 ♗b7 18.a3 ♖f4 19.♕e3 d4 20.♕g3 ♘h5 21.♕h2 ♕c6⇄) 16...♗b7 17.♗xd6 ♕xd6 18.c3 ♖b6 19.♘f4 c4!? (19...d4 20.♕g3±) 20.♗xc4 (20.♗c2 ♕a3∞) 20...dxc4 21.♖xd6 ♗xf3 22.♖xb6 axb6 23.gxf3 g5 24.♘e2 ♖a8 25.bxc4 ♖xa2 26.♘g3 ♖a4=

**12.♗g5**



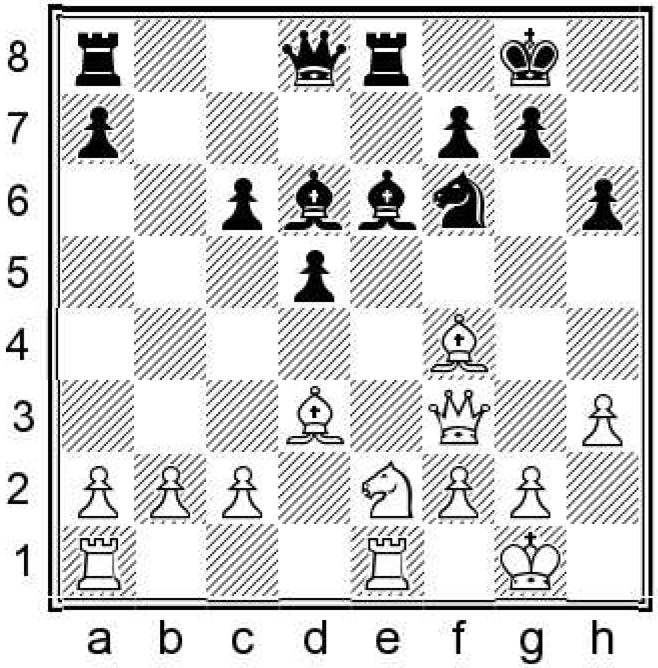
12.♗f4 ♗d6 (12...♗d7 13.a3 ♗xc3 (13...♗f8!?) 14.bxc3 ♘e4 15.♖fe1±) 13.♖fe1 ♗e6 14.♘e2 ♖b8 (14...♗xf4 - 134/ (106)) 15.♘d4 ♕c7!? (15...♗xf4 16.♕xf4 ♖xb2 17.♘xc6 ♕b6 18.♕c1±; 15...♖xb2 16.♗g5 ♖b6 17.♗f5!? ♗xf5 18.♗xf6 ♖xe1+ 19.♖xe1 ♕xf6 20.♖e8+ ♗f8 21.♘xf5 g6! 22.♘h6+ ♔g7 23.♕xf6+ ♔xf6 24.♖xf8 ♔g7 25.♖xf7+ ♔xh6 26.♖xa7 ♖b2=) 16.♗g5 ♘d7 17.♘xe6 ♖xe6 18.♖xe6 fxe6 19.♕g4 e5 20.♕e6+ ♔h8 21.♗e7 ♗c5!? 22.b4 ♖e8 23.bxc5 ♘xc5 24.♕d6 ♕xe7 25.♕xc6 e4 26.♖e1 ♖d8 27.♗f1 d4⇄

**12...h6!**

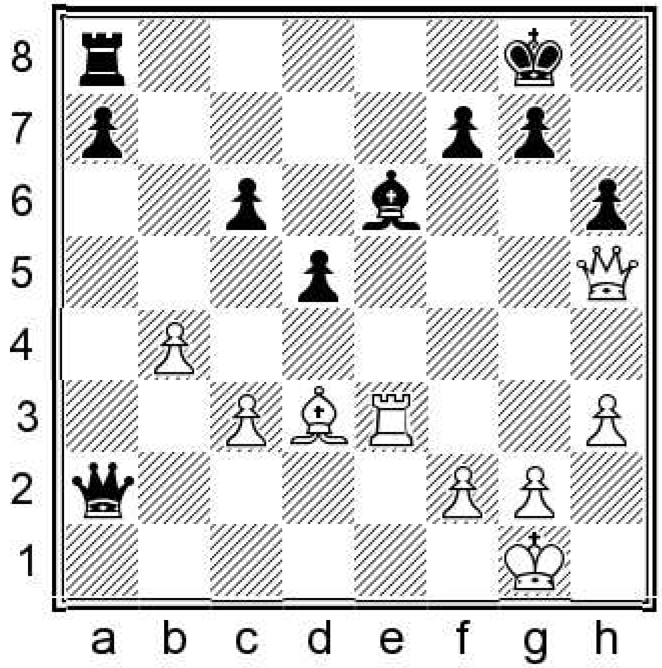
12...♗e7 13.♖fe1 h6 14.♗f4 ♗e6 15.♘e2 Δc5 16.♗b5 ♗d7 17.♗xd7 ♕xd7 18.♖ad1 ♖ad8 19.c4 d4 20.♘c1±; 12...♗e6 13.♘e2 ♖b8 14.♘d4 ♖b6 (14...♗d7 15.♗f5±) 15.c3 ♗d6 16.b4±; 12...♗d6 13.♖ad1 ♗e5 14.♘a4!? ♕d6 15.b3 h6 16.♗e3 Δd4 17.♗c4 ♗d7 18.♗xd4! ♗xd4 19.c3 c5 20.cxd4 cxd4 21.♘c3 ♖ad8 22.♘e2 ♗c6 23.♕d3±

**13.♗h4**

13.♗f4 ♗d6 14.♖fe1 ♗e6 15.♘e2



15...♗xf4N (15...♖b8!? 16.♘d4 ♖xb2 17.♘xc6 ♕c7 18.♗xd6 ♕xd6 19.♘d4 ♖b4 20.c3 ♖b2⇄) 16.♘xf4 ♗d7 17.c3 (17.c4 ♖xe1+ 18.♖xe1 ♕a5 19.♖d1 ♕xa2 20.cxd5 ♘xd5 21.♗e4 ♘f6=) 17...♕b6 18.b3 ♕a5 19.b4 ♖xe1+ 20.♖xe1 ♕xa2 21.♘h5 ♘xh5 22.♕xh5 ♗e6 23.♖e3

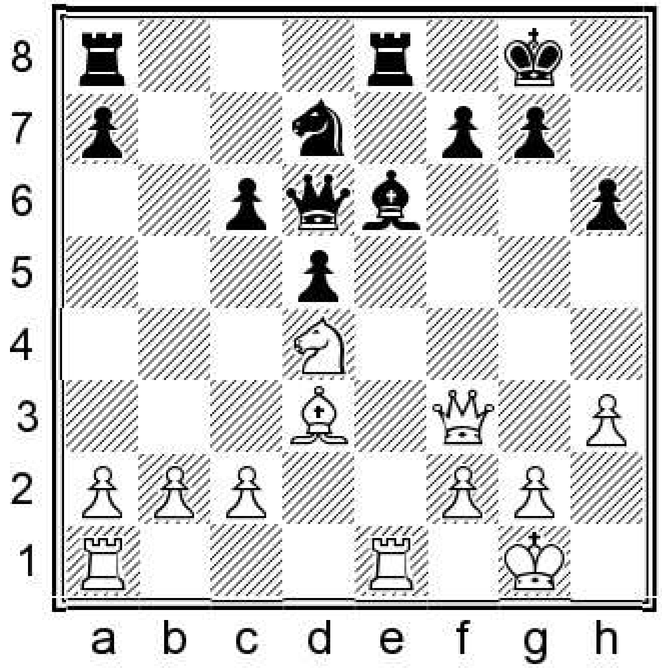


23...♔f8? (23...a5 24.♖g3 ♔h8 25.♕e5 ♖g8 26.♖xg7!? ♖xg7= 27.♕b8+ ♖g8 28.♕e5+ ♖g7=) 24.♕e5 a5 25.♖g3 (25.f4±) 25...axb4 26.♕xg7+ ♔e7∞ Sanal,V (2581)-Belyakov,B (2481) chess.com (Int.-blitz) 147/(99) 2020

13.♗xf6 ♕xf6 14.♕xf6 gxf6 15.♘e2 ♗d6 (15...c5 16.♘f4 ♖d8 17.♖ad1) 16.♖ad1 ♗e5 (16...♖b8 17.b3 ♗e6 18.♘g3 c5 19.♘h5!? ♗e5 20.f4 ♗b2 21.g4↑; 16...♗e6 17.f4 ♖ab8 18.b3 ♗c5+ 19.♔h2 a5 20.♘g3 a4 21.♘h5 ♗e7 22.♖f3↑) 17.b3 a5!? (17...♗d7 18.f4 ♗c7 19.♘g3 ♔f8 20.♘h5 ♗d8 21.♖f3±) 18.f4 (18.a4 ♖b8 19.♘g3 ♖b4 20.♘f5 h5 21.g3 ♗e6∞; 18.c4 ♗e6 19.f4 ♗d6 20.cxd5 ♗c5+ 21.♔h2 ♗xd5 22.♘g3 a4⇄) 18...♗b2!? 19.♖fe1 (19.g4 a4∞) 19...a4 20.♖b1 ♗a3 21.♘c3 ♖d8!? 22.♘xa4 ♗d6 23.♖f1 h5 24.♔h2 ♗e6 25.♘c3 ♖a3=∞

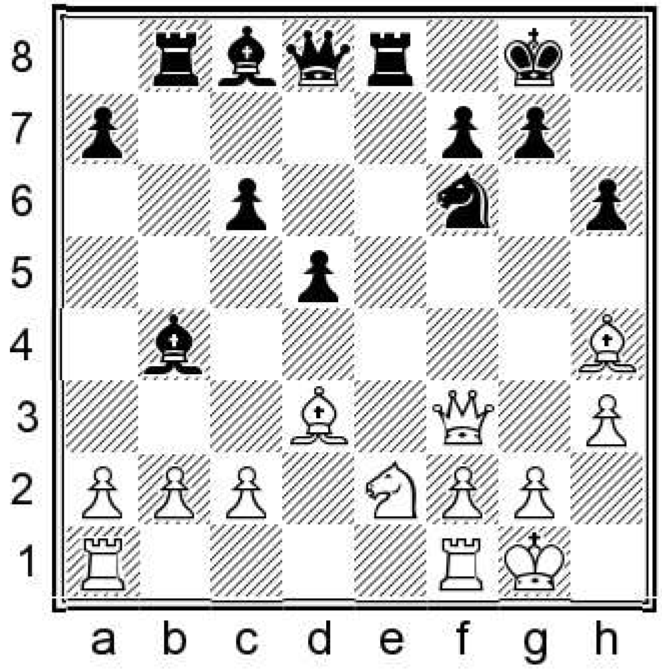
**13...♖b8**

13...♗e7 14.♖fe1 ♗e6 15.♘e2 ♘d7 16.♗xe7 ♕xe7 17.♘d4 ♕d6



18.♖e2!? (Δ Rae1) 18...c5 19.♘xe6 ♖xe6 20.c4 Δ♖ae8 21.cxd5 ♖xe2 22.♗xe2 ♕e5 23.♕e3!±; 13...♗e6 14.♘e2 ♖b8 (14...g5!?) 15.♘d4 ♗d7 16.♗f5! ♗xf5 17.♘xf5 ♔h7 18.c4↑; 13...♗d6!? 14.♖fe1 ♗e6 15.♘e2 c5 (15...♗e5!?) 16.♖ad1 ♖b8 17.b3 ♖b4 (17...a5 18.c4 d4 19.♘f4± ♗xf4 20.♕xf4 g5?! 21.♗xg5! hxg5 22.♕xg5+ ♔f8 23.♕xc5+ ♕e7 24.♕xa5±) 18.g4!? h5 (18...g5!? 19.♗g3 ♗xg3 20.♘xg3 ♖f4 21.♕g2 ♕a5 22.c3 c4∞) 19.c3↑ hxg4 20.♕h1 ♖b6! 21.hxg4 g6 22.♗g5 c4 23.♕h4 ♗e7 24.♗xc4 (24.♗xg6 fxg6 25.♘f4 ♗f7 26.♖e3 ♕d7 27.♔f1 ♕xg4=) 24...♘xg4 25.♗xe7 ♕xe7 26.♕xe7 ♖xe7 27.♗d3 ♗d7 28.♘d4 ♔f8 29.f3 ♘e5 30.♔f2 ♖f6⇄

**14.♘e2**



14.♘a4 ♗d6 15.♖fe1 ♖b4 16.♗xf6 gxf6 17.b3 ♖e5 18.c4 ♗e6⇄; 14.♖fe1 ♗e6 15.a3 ♗e7 16.b4 a5

17.♗g3 ♖b7 18.b5 ♗d7 19.♗f4 ♗c5!? 20.♘a4 ♗d4⇄

**14...♗e7**

14...♗d6!? 15.♘d4 (15.b3 g5! 16.♘d4 ♖b6 17.♗g3 g4∓; 15.♗xf6 ♕xf6 16.♕xf6 gxf6 17.b3 ♗e6 18.♘g3 c5⇄) 15...♖b6 16.♖ae1 ♗e5 (16...♖xe1 17.♖xe1 g5 18.♗g3 c5 19.♗xd6 ♕xd6 20.♘b5 ♕b8 21.c4∞) 17.♘f5 c5 (17...♗xf5? 18.♕xf5±) 18.b3 (18.♘e3 g5! 19.♗g3 c4 20.♗f5 d4↑) 18...♗xf5 19.♕xf5 g6 20.♕f3 ♔g7 21.♖e2 ♖be6⇄

**15.♘d4N**

15.b3 ♖b4 16.c4 (16.♗g3 ♘e4⇄) 16...c5 17.♘c3 (17.♖ae1 ♗b7 18.♕g3 ♘h5 19.♗xe7 (19.♕g4 ♗xh4 20.♕xh5 ♖b6! 21.♘c3 ♖xe1 22.♖xe1 g6↑) 19...♕xe7 20.♕g4 ♘f6 21.♕f5 dxc4 22.♗xc4 ♗e4 23.♕f4 ♗d5=) 17...♗b7 18.♕d1 (18.♕f5 g6 19.♕f4 ♘h5 20.♗xe7 ♘xf4 21.♗xd8 ♖xd8 22.♖ad1 d4 23.♗e4 ♗xe4 24.♘xe4 ♖c8 25.♖fe1 a5 Δ a4) 18...dxc4 19.♗xc4 ♕d4! 20.♕xd4 cxd4 21.♗xf6 ♗xf6 22.♘b5 d3 23.♖ad1 ♖d8 24.a3 ♖xb5 25.♗xb5 d2 26.f3 ♗d4+ 27.♖f2 ♗e3 28.♔f1 ♗d5=

**15...♗d7**

15...♖b6!? 16.♖ad1 c5 17.♘f5 ♗f8 18.♘e3 g5 19.♗g3 d4 (19...♖xb2 20.♘xd5 ♘xd5 21.♗c4 ♕f6 22.♕xd5 ♗e6 23.♗e5 ♕g6 24.♕c6 ♖c8 25.♕f3 ♗xc4 26.♗xb2 ♗xf1 27.♖xf1=) 20.♘c4 ♗b7 21.♕f5 ♖be6 22.c3 ♕d5 23.♕xd5 ♗xd5 24.cxd4 cxd4 25.b3 ♘e4 26.♗xe4 ♗xc4 27.♗d3 ♗xd3 28.♖xd3 ♗g7=

**16.b3 ♘e4 17.♗xe7 ♕xe7 18.♗xe4**

18.♖fe1 c5 19.♕h5 (19.♘e2 ♕g5 20.♖ad1 ♘f6=) 19...♕d6 20.♘f5 ♗xf5 21.♕xf5 ♘f6 22.♖ad1 g6 23.♕f3 ♔g7 24.♖e3 ♖xe3 25.♕xe3 ♖e8 26.♕d2 ♖e5=

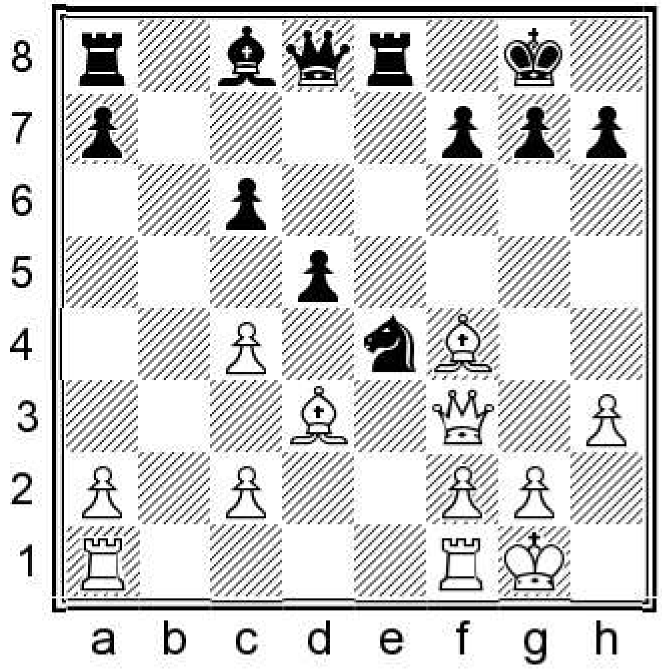
**18...♕xe4 19.♕xe4 ♖xe4 20.♖fd1 ♔f8 21.f3 ♖e5 22.♖e1 ♖xe1+ 23.♖xe1 c5 24.♘e2 ♗f5= 25.♘f4 d4 26.♘d3 ♗xd3 27.cxd3 ♖e8 28.♖xe8+ ♔xe8 29.♔f2 f5 30.f4 ♔e7 31.g3 g6 32.h4 h5 33.♔e2 ♔d6 34.♔d2 ♔c6 35.♔c2 a5 36.a4 ♔d6 37.♔b2 ♔c6 38.♔c2 ♔d6 39.♔b2 ♔c6 40.♔c2 ♔d6 1/2-1/2**

**100. C47**
**Anton Guijarro, David (2679) - Shirov, Alexei (2662)**
**Salamanca (rapid) 147/100, 2021**

**1.e4 e5 2.♘f3 ♘c6 3.♘c3 ♘f6 4.d4 exd4 5.♘xd4 ♗b4 6.♘xc6 bxc6 7.♗d3 d5 8.exd5 cxd5 9.O-O O-O 10.♕f3 c6 11.h3 ♖e8 12.♗f4 ♗xc3!?**

12...♗d6 - 134/ (106)

**13.bxc3 ♘e4 14.c4**

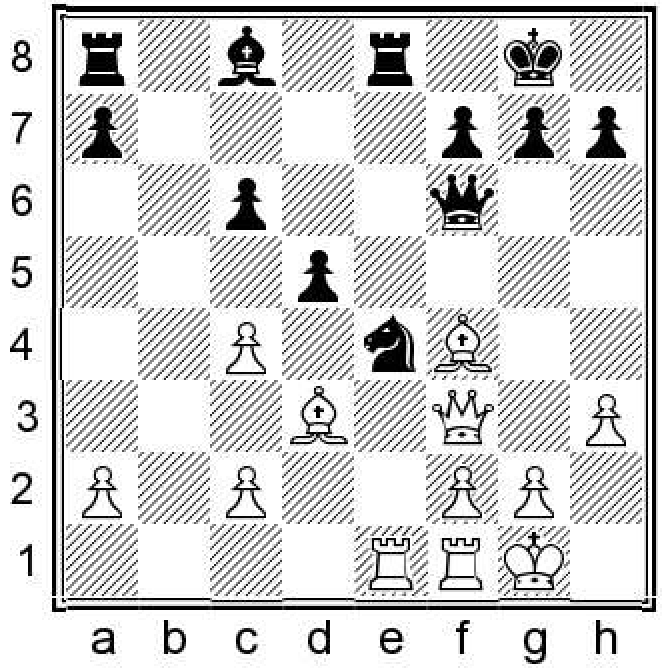


14.♖fe1 ♕f6 15.♗xe4 dxe4 16.♖xe4 ♖xe4 17.♕xe4 ♗f5=

**14...♕f6N**

14...♗f5 15.cxd5 cxd5 16.♖fe1 ♕f6 17.c4 dxc4 18.♗xc4±

**15.♖ae1**



15.cxd5 cxd5 16.♖fe1 (16.c4?! ♗a6!∓) 16...♗xh3 17.♗b5 ♖ed8 18.c4 a6 19.cxd5 axb5 20.♕xe4 ♗f5=

**15...♗xh3!? 16.cxd5**

16.gxh3 ♘g5 17.♗xh7+ (17.♕g3 ♕xf4∓) 17...♘xh7∞

**16...cxd5 17.c4**

17.♗xe4 dxe4 18.♖xe4 ♗f5 19.♖xe8+ ♖xe8=

**17...♘c5**

17...g5 18.cxd5 ♕xf4 19.♕xf4 gxf4 20.♖xe4 ♖xe4 21.♗xe4 ♗d7 22.♖b1±

**18.♕xh3**

18.♗c2 ♗f5 (18...♗d7 19.cxd5 ♗b5 20.♖xe8+ ♖xe8 21.♖b1 a6±) 19.♗xf5 ♕xf5 20.cxd5 ♖xe1 (20...f6∞) 21.♖xe1 g5 22.♗c7 ♕xf3 23.gxf3 ♔g7 24.d6 ♔f6∞

**18...♘xd3 19.♕xd3 ♕xf4 20.cxd5 ♕d6= 21.♖e4 ♖xe4 22.♕xe4 h5 23.♖d1 ♖b8 24.g3 g6 25.a3 a6 26.♖d3 ♔g7 27.♔g2 ♖b7 28.♕d4+ ♕f6 29.♕c4 ♖d7 30.♕e4 ♖e7 1/2-1/2**

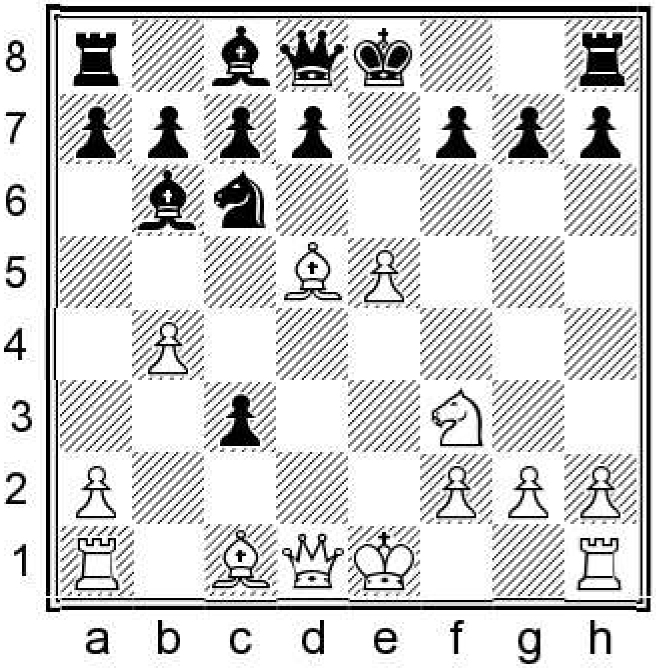
# C50-C74

**101. * C54**
**Dubov, Daniil (2702) - Karjakin, Sergey (2752)**
**Russia (ch) 147/101, 2020**

**1.e4 e5 2.♘f3 ♘c6 3.♗c4 ♗c5 4.c3 ♘f6 5.d4 exd4 6.b4!? ♗b6**

6...♗e7 - 11/209

**7.e5 ♘e4 8.♗d5 ♘xc3 9.♘xc3 dxc3**

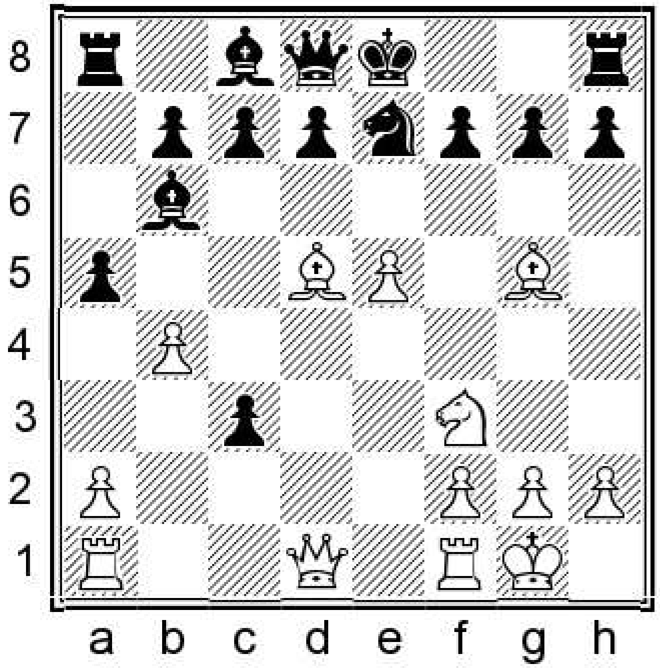


**10.♗g5N**

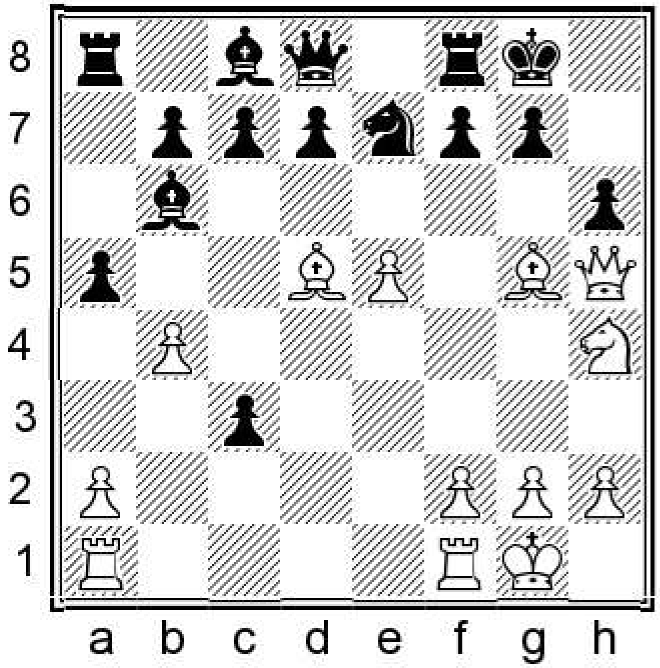
10.O-O

**10...♘e7 11.O-O h6** - 147/101

11...O-O!? 12.♗b3! h6 13.♕d3! d5 (13...hxg5? 14.♘xg5+-) 14.♗c2 ♗f5 15.♕xf5 ♘xf5 16.♗xd8 ♘e3! 17.fxe3 ♗xe3+ 18.♔h1 ♖axd8∞; 11...a5N



12.♘h4! h6 13.♕h5 O-O



(13...g6 14.♗xf7+! ♔xf7 15.♘xg6 hxg5 16.♘xh8+ ♔g7 17.♕xg5+ ♔xh8 18.♖ad1+-) 14.♗f6? (14.♗xh6! gxh6 15.♕xh6 ♖a6 (15...♘xd5 16.♘f5+-) 16.♕g5+ ♔h8 17.♗e4+-) 14...d6 15.♘g6 ♘xd5! 16.♗xd8 fxg6 17.♕d1 ♗e6 18.♗h4 axb4∓ Van Foreest,J (2671)-Tari,A (2618) chess24. com (Int.-rapid) 147/(101) 2020

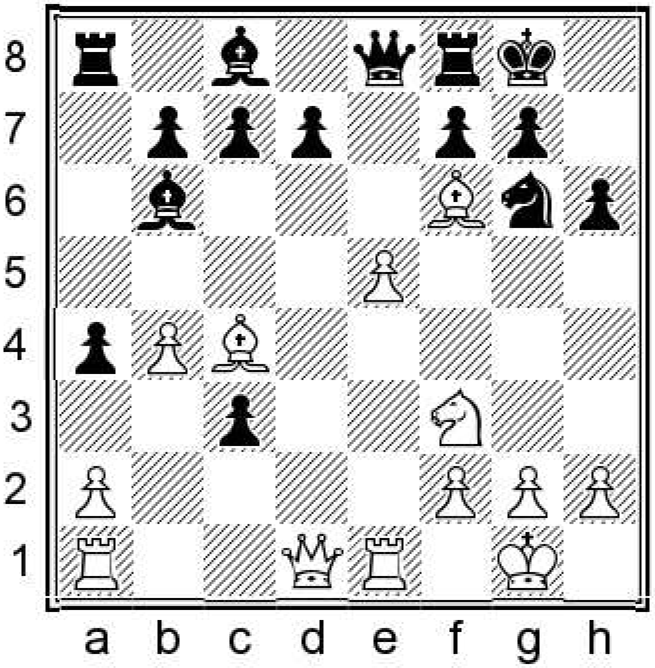
**12.♗h4 O-O 13.♖e1 ♕e8 14.♗b3 a5**

14...♘f5! 15.♕d3 ♘xh4 (15...d5 16.exd6 ♕d7 17.♖ad1 cxd6 18.♗c2=∞) 16.♘xh4 d5 17.exd6 ♕d7 18.♘g6 ♕xd6 19.♖ad1 ♕f6 20.♘xf8 ♗xf2+ 21.♔h1 ♗f5 22.♘d7 ♗xd3 23.♘xf6+ gxf6 24.♖e7 c2 25.♗xc2 ♗xc2 26.♖d2 ♗b6 27.♖xc2±

**15.♗f6! a4?!**

15...♘g6? 16.♕d3 ♔h8 17.♘h4 ♘xh4 18.♗xh4+-; 15...axb4? 16.♘h4!+-; 15...♘f5 16.♕d3 (16.g4 gxf6 17.gxf5 d5! 18.♔h1 ♔h7 19.♗xd5=∞) 16...d6 17.exd6 ♕d7 18.♗xc3 ♕xd6 19.♕e4=∞

**16.♗c4 ♘g6**

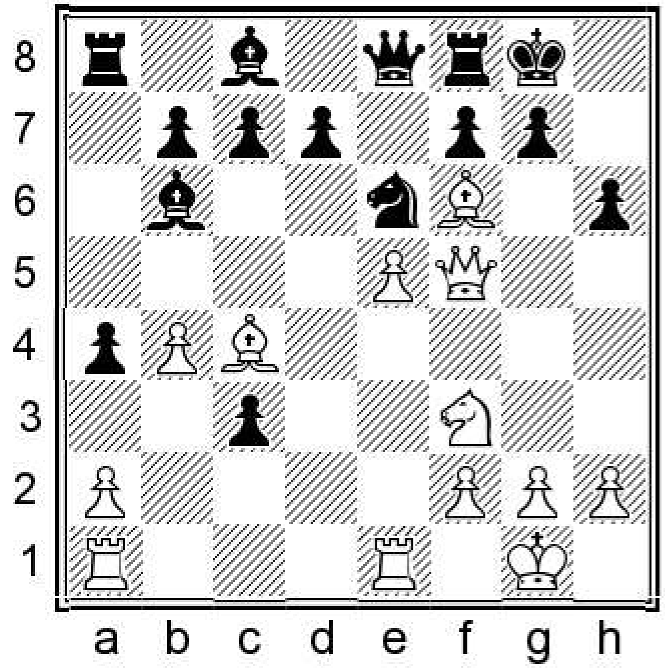


**17.♕d3**

17.♘h4! ♘xh4 18.♕g4! ♘f5 19.♗d3 d5 20.exd6 ♗xf2+ 21.♔xf2 ♕d7 22.♗xc3 cxd6 23.♔g1±

**17...d5**

17...♔h8 18.♕xc3 gxf6 19.♕d2 ♔h7 20.exf6 ♕d8 21.♘g5+! hxg5 22.♕xg5 d5 23.♗d3+-; 17...♘f4 18.♕f5 ♘e6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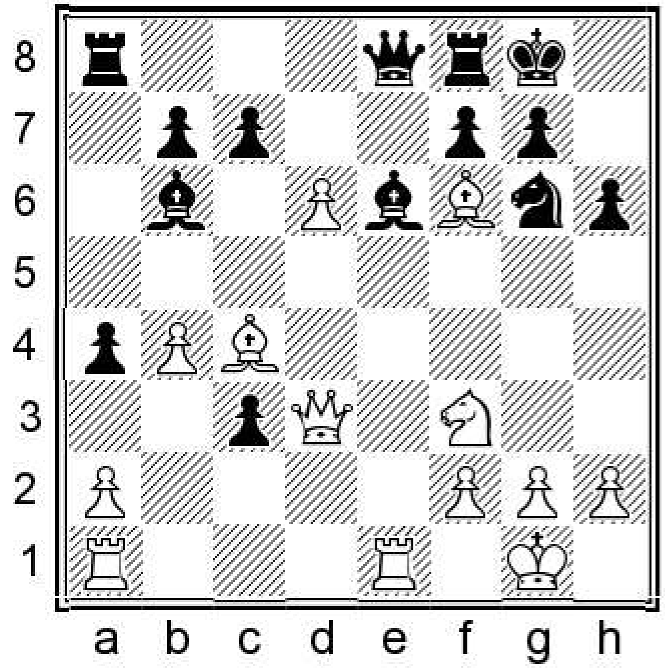
19.♘g5!! hxg5 (19...♘xg5 20.♕g6+-) 20.♗d3 g6 21.♕h3+-

**18.exd6 ♗e6**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**19.♕xg6!!**

19.♗xe6?! ♘f4! 20.♕xc3 fxe6∓

**19...fxg6 20.♖xe6 ♕f7**

⌓20...♕c6 21.♖e7+ ♕xc4 22.♖xg7+ ♔h8 23.♖xc7+ ♖xf6 24.♖xc4 ♖xd6 25.♖xc3±

**21.♗xc3 ♔h8**

21...cxd6 22.♖xg6 ♕xc4 23.♖xg7+ ♔h8 24.♖c7+ ♕xc3 25.♖xc3±

**22.♖e4 ♕f5 23.♖e7 ♖g8**

23...♖f6 24.d7 ♖af8 25.♖d1 c6 26.♗xf6 ♕xf6 27.♖e8+-; 23...♖fe8 24.♖f7 ♕c2 25.♗xg7+ ♔g8 26.♖xc7+ ♕xc4 27.♖xc4 ♔xg7 28.d7+-; 23...♗xf2+ 24.♔h1! (24.♔xf2? ♕c2+-+) 24...♖fe8 25.♖f7 cxd6 26.♗xg7+ ♔h7 27.♖xf5 gxf5 28.♗b2 a3 29.♗c1+-

**24.♗xg8 ♖xg8 25.dxc7 ♕c2 26.♗e5 ♗xf2+**

26...♕xf2+ 27.♔h1 ♕c2 28.a3 ♔h7 (28...g5 29.♖e6+-) 29.h4+-

**27.♔h1 ♗b6 28.h3 ♔h7 29.♖e1 a3**

29...♕xa2 30.c8=Q ♖xc8 31.♖xg7+ ♔h8 32.♘h4+-

**30.♔h2 g5 31.♘d4 ♕c4**

31...♗xd4 32.♗xd4 ♕f5 33.♖1e4+-

**32.♘f5 ♕xb4 33.♖c1 ♔g6 34.♖xg7+ ♔xf5 35.♖xg8 ♗xc7 36.♗xc7 ♕b2 37.♖c5+ ♔e4 38.♖d8 1-0**

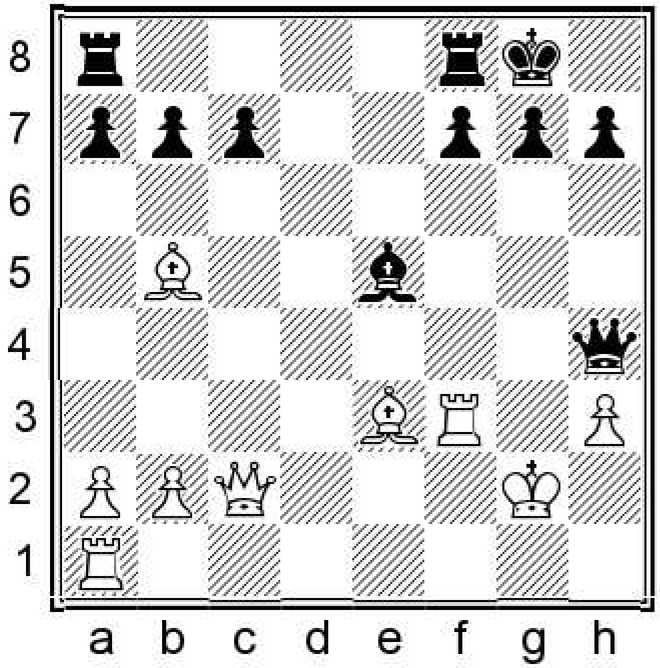
**102. ** C54**
**Grandelius, Nils (2663) - Tari, Aryan (2625)**
**Wijk aan Zee 147/102, 2021**

**1.e4 e5 2.♘f3 ♘c6 3.♗c4 ♗c5 4.c3 ♘f6 5.d4 exd4 6.e5 d5 7.♗b5 ♘e4 8.cxd4 ♗b6 9.♘c3 O-O 10.♗e3 ♗g4 11.h3 ♗h5 12.♕c2 ♗a5 13.O-O ♗xf3 14.gxf3 ♘xd4**

14...♘xc3 - 140/(122)

**15.♗xd4 ♕g5+**

15...♗xc3? 16.♗e3! ♗xe5 17.fxe4 ♕h4 18.♔g2 dxe4 19.f4 exf3+ 20.♖xf3



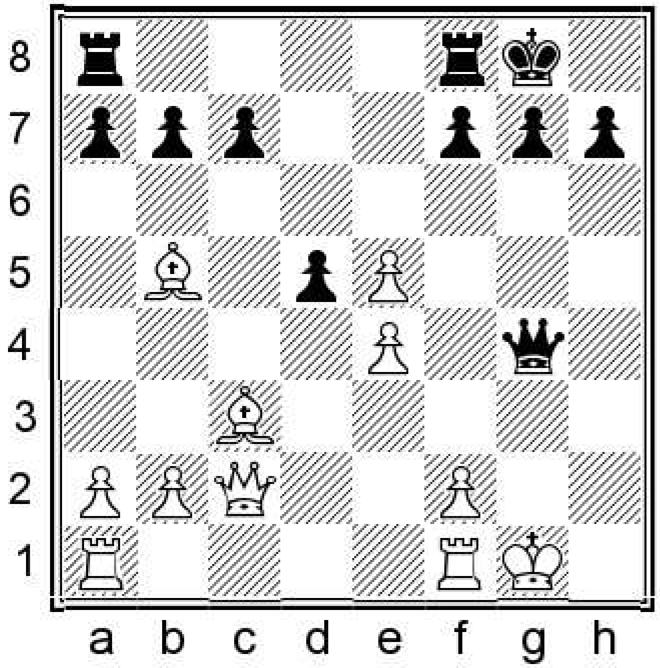
20...c6N (20...♔h8) 21.♗d3 ♖ad8 22.♖af1+- Jones,G (2670)-Collins,S (2456) chess.com (Int.-blitz) 147/(102) 2021

**16.♔h1 ♗xc3 17.♗xc3**

17.bxc3 ♕f5 18.♖fc1 ♕xh3+ 19.♔g1 ♘g5 20.♗e2 ♘xf3+ 21.♗xf3 ♕xf3 22.♕d1 ♕f5 23.♔g2 (23.♖c2 ♖ae8 24.f3 ♖e6 25.♖g2 b6∞) 23...♕g6+ 24.♔h3 ♖ae8 25.♕g4 ♕d3+ 26.♗e3 ♖e6 27.♖d1 (27.♕f3 ♖h6+ 28.♔g2 ♖g6+=) 27...♕xc3 28.♕d4 ♕c2∞

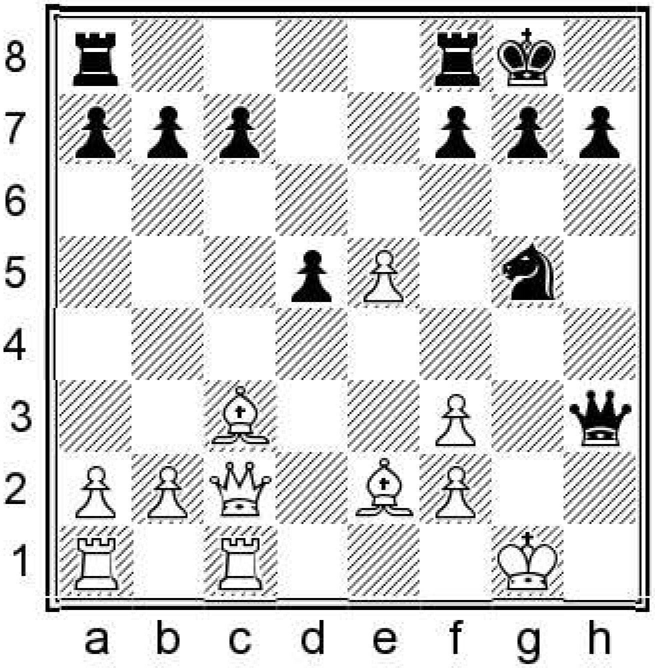
**17...♕f5 18.♖fc1**

18.fxe4 ♕xh3+ 19.♔g1= ♕g4+



20.♔h2N (20.♔h1 ♕h3+ 21.♔g1=) 20...♕h4+ 21.♔g2 ♕g4+ 22.♔h2 ♕h4+ 23.♔g2 1/2 (23) Jones,G (2670)-Adams,M (2716) tornelo.com (Int.-rapid) 147/(102) 2021

**18...♕xh3+ 19.♔g1 ♘g5 20.♗e2**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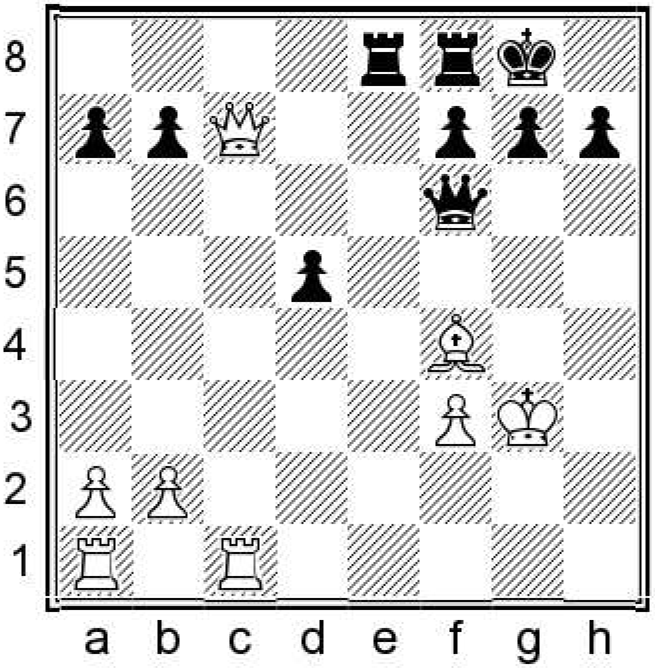
**20...♕h4N**

20...♘xf3+ 21.♗xf3 ♕xf3 22.♕d1 ♕e4 23.♕d4±

**21.♗d2 ♘h3+ 22.♔g2 ♕xf2+ 23.♔xh3 ♕xe2 24.♔g3 ♕xe5+ 25.♗f4 ♕f6 26.♕xc7 ♖ae8**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**27.♕xb7?**

27.♕c3 ♕f5 (27...♕g6+ 28.♔f2±) 28.♖e1 h5 29.♕d4 f6 30.♗d2±

**27...♕g6+ 28.♔f2 ♕f6 29.♔g3**

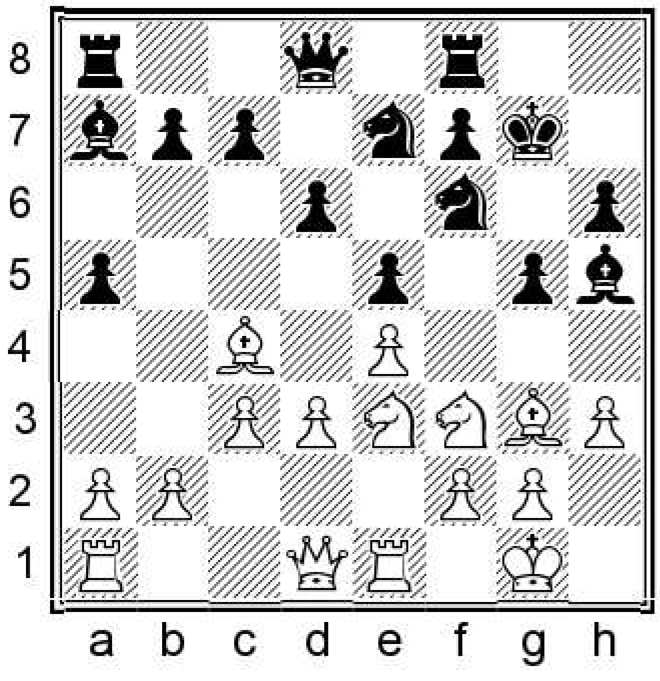
29.♕c7?? ♖e7 30.♕d6 (30.♕c5 ♖fe8 31.♖e1 ♕xf4 32.♖xe7 ♕h4+ 33.♔g2 ♕xe7-+) 30...♖e6 31.♕c7 ♕d4+ 32.♔f1 ♕d3+ 33.♔g1 ♖g6+ 34.♗g3 ♕xf3 35.♖c3 ♕g4-+; 29.♗e3?? ♕h4+ 30.♔e2 d4-+; 29.♗g3 ♕d4+ 30.♔g2 (30.♔f1 ♕d3+ 31.♔g1 ♕e3+ 32.♔g2 ♕e2+=) 30...♖e2+ 31.♔h1 ♕d3 32.♖f1 ♕f5 33.♖f2 ♕h3+ 34.♖h2 ♖xh2+ 35.♗xh2 ♕xf3+ 36.♔g1 ♕e3+=

**29...♕g6+ 30.♔f2 ♕f6 1/2-1/2**

**103. * C54**
**Carlsen, Magnus (2862) - So, Wesley (2770)**
**chess24.com (Int.-m2/4-rapid) 147/103, 2021**

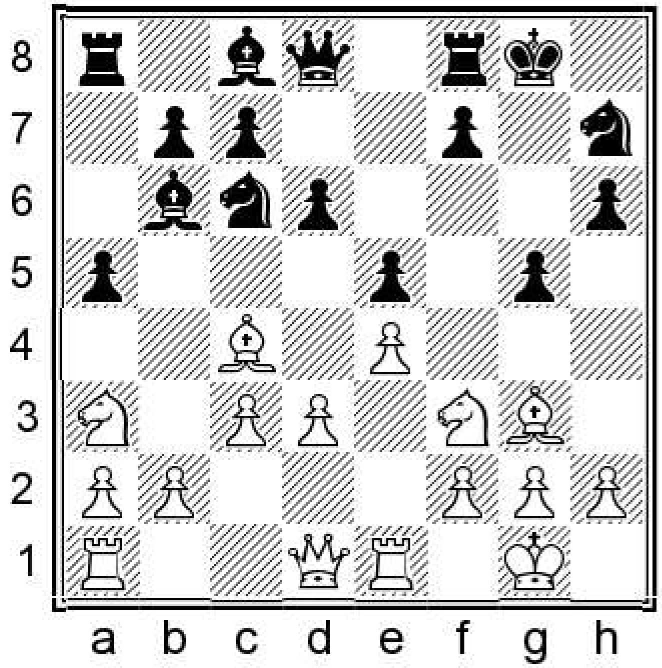
**1.e4 e5 2.♘f3 ♘c6 3.♗c4 ♘f6 4.d3 ♗c5 5.c3 O-O 6.O-O d6 7.♖e1 a5 8.♗g5 h6 9.♗h4 g5 10.♗g3 ♗b6!?**

10...♗a7 11.♘a3 ♗g4 12.♘c2 ♗h5 13.h3 ♔g7 (13...♗g6 - 128/114) 14.♘e3 ♘e7



15.♗b3N (15.♗h2) 15...♕d7∞ Duda,J (2743)-Anton Guijarro,D (2679) Wijk aan Zee 147/(103) 2021

**11.♘a3 ♘h7**



**12.♘c2N**

12.♘d2 g4 13.♗b3 h5 14.h4 gxh3!? (14...♘e7) 15.♕xh5 ♕g5 16.♕xg5+ ♘xg5∞

**12...h5 13.h3**

13.h4?! ♗g4 14.hxg5 ♘xg5 15.♘e3 ♗xe3 16.♖xe3 ♔g7 17.♗h4 f6∓

**13...h4 14.♗h2 g4 15.hxg4 ♗xg4 16.d4 exd4 17.♘cxd4**

17.cxd4 ♘g5 18.♗e2 ♗xf3 19.♗xf3 ♕f6 20.♗g4 ♖fe8∓

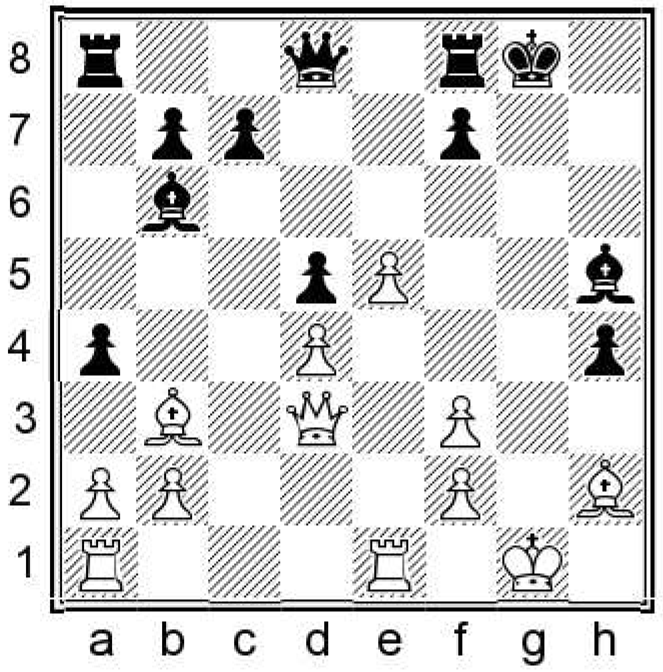
**17...♘xd4?!**

17...♕f6 18.♘xc6 bxc6 19.♕d3 (19.e5 ♕g7 20.exd6 cxd6∞) 19...♘g5 20.e5 ♘xf3+ 21.gxf3 ♕xf3 22.♕g6+ ♔h8 23.♕h6+ ♔g8 24.♕xh4 ♗h3 25.♕g3+ (25.♗f1 ♗xf1 26.♔xf1 ♖ae8∞) 25...♕xg3+ 26.♗xg3 ♗c5∞

**18.cxd4 ♘g5 19.♕d3 ♘xf3+**

19...♗xf3 20.gxf3 ♕f6 21.f4 ♘e6 22.♔h1+-

**20.gxf3 ♗h5 21.e5 d5 22.♗b3 a4**



22...♗g6 23.♕d1 ♕g5+ 24.♔h1 ♔h8 25.♖g1 ♕h5 26.♗f4±

**23.♗d1**

23.♔h1! axb3 (23...♗g6 24.♖g1 ♔h7 25.♖xg6 fxg6 26.♖g1 ♖f5 27.♗c2 ♖g5 (27...♕f8 28.♖g4 ♕h6 29.♗f4! ♕h5 30.♕e3+-) 28.f4 ♖xg1+ 29.♗xg1 ♕e8 30.f5+-) 24.♖g1+ ♔h8 25.e6! f6 (25...♗g6 26.♖xg6 fxg6 27.♕xg6+-) 26.♕f5 ♕e8 27.♗e5!+-

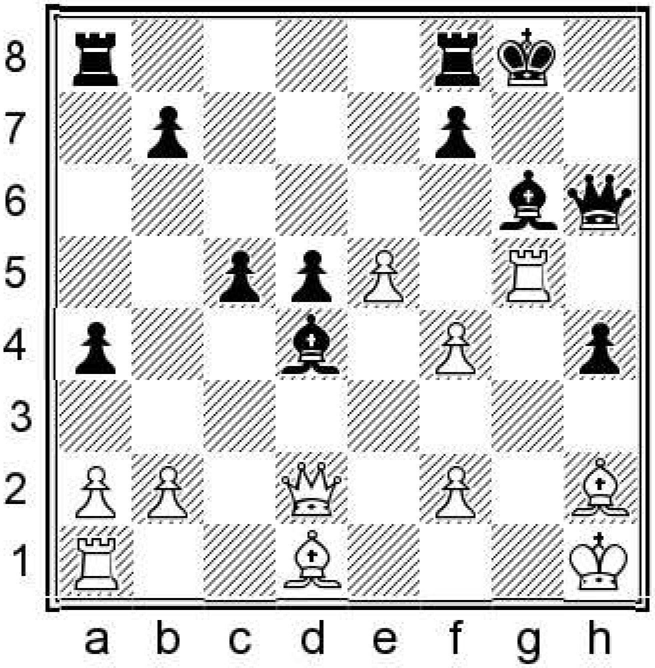
**23...♕g5+ 24.♔h1 ♗g6 25.♕e2 ♗xd4 26.♖g1 ♕h5 27.♕d2**

27.♖g4 c5 28.♗c2 ♔h8 (28...♖a6 29.f4 ♔h8 (29...♔h7 30.f5 ♗xf5 31.♗xf5+ ♕xf5 32.♖f4 ♕h3 33.♕h5++-) 30.♖ag1+-) 29.♗xg6 fxg6 30.♖ag1 ♔h7 31.♗f4+-

**27...c5 28.f4?!**

28.♖g5 ♕h7 (28...♕h6 29.♗c2 ♔h8 30.♖ag1 ♖a6 31.f4+-) 29.♗c2 ♔h8 30.♗xg6 (30.♕f4 a3! 31.♖ag1 axb2 32.♖5g2 ♖g8 33.♕f6+ ♖g7 34.♖xg6 fxg6 35.♖xg6 ♖a6 36.♕d8+ ♕g8 37.♕xh4+ ♕h7 38.♕d8+=) 30...fxg6 31.♖ag1 ♖a6 32.♕e2 ♖e6 33.f4 ♖f5 34.♖1g4±

**28...♕h6! 29.♖g5?**



29.♗c2 ♔h8 30.♗xg6 (30.♖xg6!? fxg6 31.♖g1 ♖a6 32.♖g5⩱) 30...fxg6 31.♖ad1 ♕h5 32.♕d3 ♖f5 33.♕h3∞

**29...f6!-+**

29...a3? 30.f5 axb2 31.♖b1 ♗c3 32.♖xg6+ ♕xg6 33.♕xc3+-

**30.exf6 ♗xf6 31.♕xd5+ ♔h8 32.♗f3 a3 33.♖ag1 axb2**

33...♗f7 34.♕xc5 axb2 35.♗e4 ♖fe8-+

**34.♖xg6 ♕xg6 35.♖xg6 b1=Q+ 36.♖g1 ♕h7 37.f5 ♖g8 38.♖e1 ♖ae8 39.♖e6 ♖xe6 40.♕xe6 ♕h6 41.♗d1 ♕g5 42.♕e4 ♕d2**

42...c4-+

**43.♗g4 ♕g5**

43...♕xf2-+

**44.f3 ♕c1+ 45.♔g2 h3+ 46.♔xh3 ♕h6+ 47.♔g3 ♖d8 48.♗h3 ♕g5+ 49.♗g4 ♕h6 50.♗g1 ♕h4+ 51.♔g2 ♖d2+ 52.♔f1 ♖d1+ 53.♔g2 ♖d2+ 54.♔f1 ♖d1+ 55.♔g2 ♖d2+ 1/2-1/2**

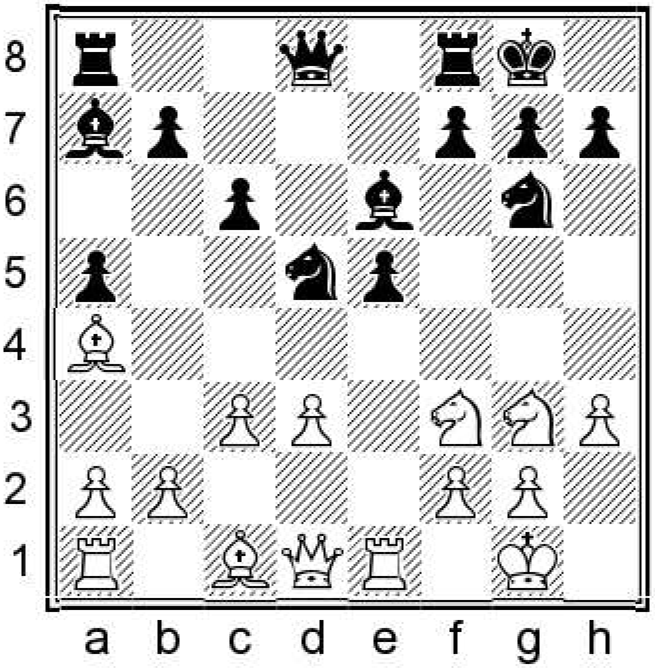
**104. * C54**
**So, Wesley (2770) - Carlsen, Magnus (2862)**
**chess24.com (Int.-m2/3-rapid) 147/104, 2021**

**1.e4 e5 2.♘f3 ♘c6 3.♗c4 ♗c5 4.O-O ♘f6 5.d3 d6 6.c3 a5 7.♖e1 O-O 8.♘bd2 ♗a7**

8...h6 - 145/(104)

**9.♘f1 ♗e6 10.♗b5 ♘e7 11.d4**

11.♘g3 ♘g6 12.h3 c6 13.♗a4 d5 14.exd5 ♘xd5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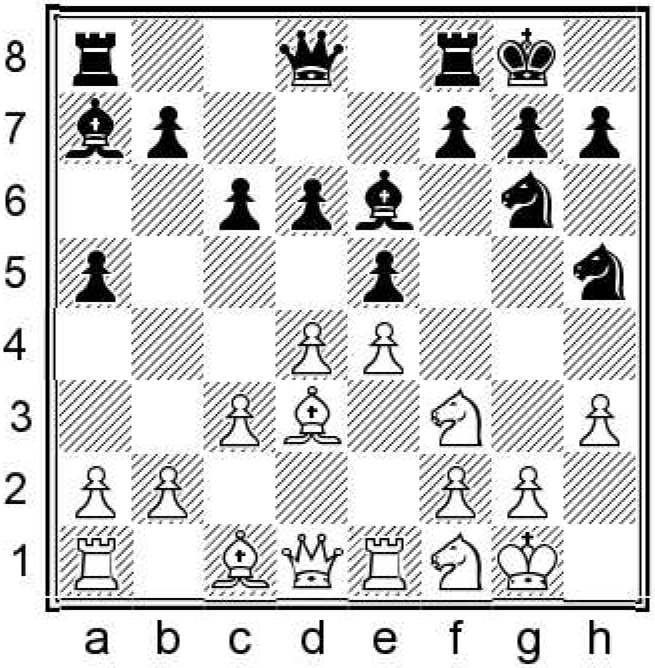
**11...c6**

11...exd4

**12.♗d3 ♘g6 13.h3 ♘h5**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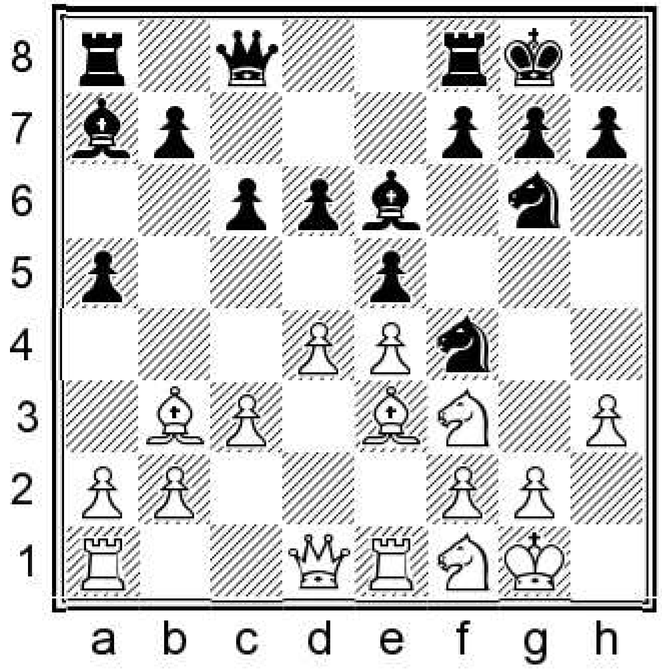
**14.♗e3N**

14.♘xe5 dxe5 15.♕xh5 exd4 16.c4 f6 17.f4 ♗b8 18.g3 ♗f7↑; 14.♗c2 ♘hf4 15.♘g3 exd4 16.♘xd4 (16.cxd4 d5 17.e5 f6∞) 16...♗xd4 17.cxd4 d5 18.e5 f6 19.♗xf4 (19.♘h5 ♘xg2! 20.♔xg2 fxe5↑) 19...♘xf4 20.♕d2 fxe5 21.♖xe5 ♕f6∞

**14...♘hf4 15.♗c2 ♕c8! 16.♗b3?**

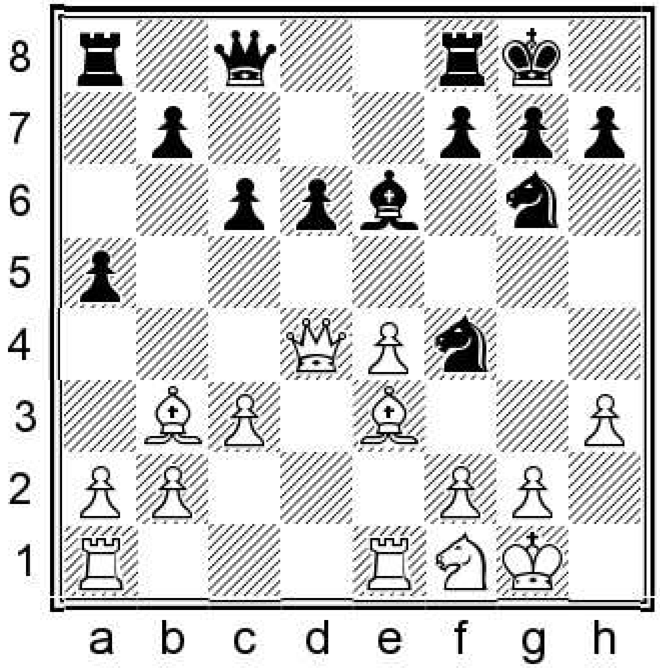


16.♘g5 ♗d7 17.♗xf4 ♘xf4 18.♘e3 h6 19.♘f3 ♖e8↑; 16.h4 ♗g4 17.♗xf4 ♘xf4 (17...exf4 18.♕d3 ♕d8 19.♘1h2 ♗xf3 20.♘xf3 ♘xh4 21.e5∞) 18.g3 ♘h3+ 19.♔g2 f5 20.exf5 ♗xf5 (20...g6!?) 21.♘1h2∞

**16...exd4**

16...♗xh3! 17.gxh3 a4! (17...♕xh3 18.♗xf4 ♘xf4 19.♘e3 ♖ae8 20.♘g5 (20.♗c4? ♖e6! 21.♗xe6 fxe6 22.♘g5 (22.♘h2 ♖f6 23.♕f3 ♕h4-+) 22...♕h6 23.♕g4 (23.♘f3 ♖f6-+) 23...♖f6-+) 20...♕h4 21.♘f3 ♕h3 22.♘g5=) 18.♗xa4 (18.♗c4 b5 19.♗e2 f5∓) 18...♕xh3 19.♗xf4 ♘xf4 20.♘e3 ♖ae8 21.♗b3 ♖e6 (21...exd4 22.cxd4 d5 23.♘g5 ♕h6 24.♕g4 ♕xg5 25.♕xg5 ♘h3+ 26.♔g2 ♘xg5 27.exd5 ♗xd4 28.dxc6 bxc6∓) 22.♗xe6 fxe6 23.♘h2 ♖f6 24.♕f3 ♕h4 25.dxe5 dxe5 26.♘hg4 ♘h3+ 27.♕xh3 ♕xh3 28.♘xf6+ gxf6∓

**17.♘xd4 ♗xd4 18.♕xd4?**



18.cxd4=

**18...♗xb3?**

18...♘xg2! 19.♔xg2 (19.♗xe6 ♘xe1 20.♗xc8 ♘f3+ 21.♔g2 ♘xd4 22.♗xb7 ♖ab8-+) 19...♗xh3+ 20.♔h2 ♘h4 21.♕xd6 (21.♗d1 ♗g2 22.♔g1 ♕h3 23.♘h2 ♗h1-+; 21.♘d2 ♗g2 22.♔g1 ♕h3-+) 21...♘f3+ 22.♔h1 ♗xf1 23.♕g3 ♘xe1 24.♖xe1 ♕h3+ 25.♕xh3 ♗xh3-+

**19.axb3?!**

19.♗xf4! ♘xf4 20.axb3 ♕e6∞

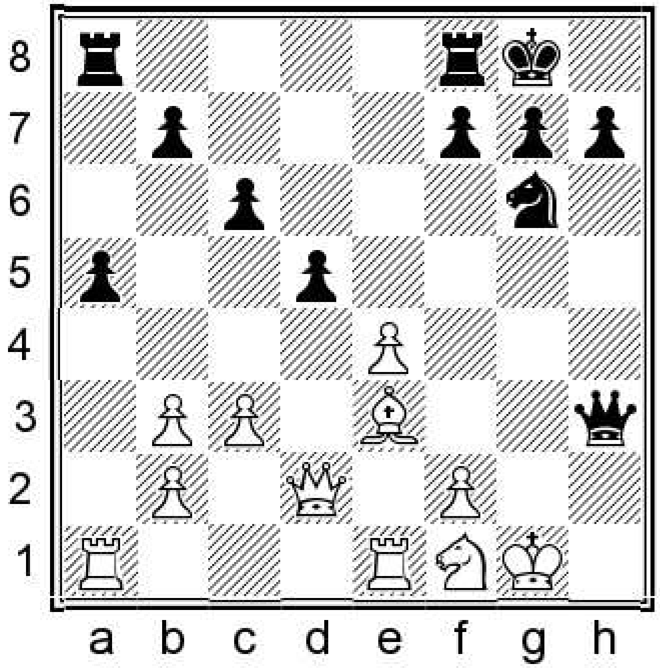
**19...d5?!**

19...♘xh3+! 20.♔h2 (20.gxh3 ♘h4-+) 20...♘hf4 21.♗xf4 ♘xf4∓ 22.♕xd6? ♕g4 23.♘g3 (23.♘e3 ♕h5+ 24.♔g1 ♘e2+ 25.♔f1 ♖ad8-+) 23...♖ad8 24.♕c5 h5-+

**20.♕d2**

20.♗xf4 ♘xf4 21.exd5 ♘xd5 22.♘g3±

**20...♘xh3+ 21.gxh3 ♕xh3**



**22.f4?**

22.♘h2 ♘h4 23.f3 dxe4 24.fxe4 ♖ad8 25.♕f2 ♖d3 26.♖ad1 (26.♔h1 ♖e8∞) 26...♖fd8 27.♖d2 ♖8d6∞

**22...♘h4 23.♘h2 dxe4 24.♕f2 ♖fe8**

⌓24...♖fd8 25.♕f1 ♕f5 26.♕f2 ♕g6+ 27.♔h1 ♘f5∓

**25.♕f1 ♕g3+ 26.♔h1 ♘f5?!**

26...h5 27.♕f2 ♕h3 28.♖g1 (28.♕f1 ♕g3= (28...♕e6∞)) 28...♘f5 29.♖ae1 ♖ad8∞

**27.♕g2 ♕xg2+**

27...♕h4 28.♕g4 ♕f6 29.♘f1

**28.♔xg2 ♘xe3+ 29.♖xe3 f5 30.♘f1 ♖ed8 31.♖ee1 ♔f7 32.♖ed1 ♔f6 33.♖xd8**

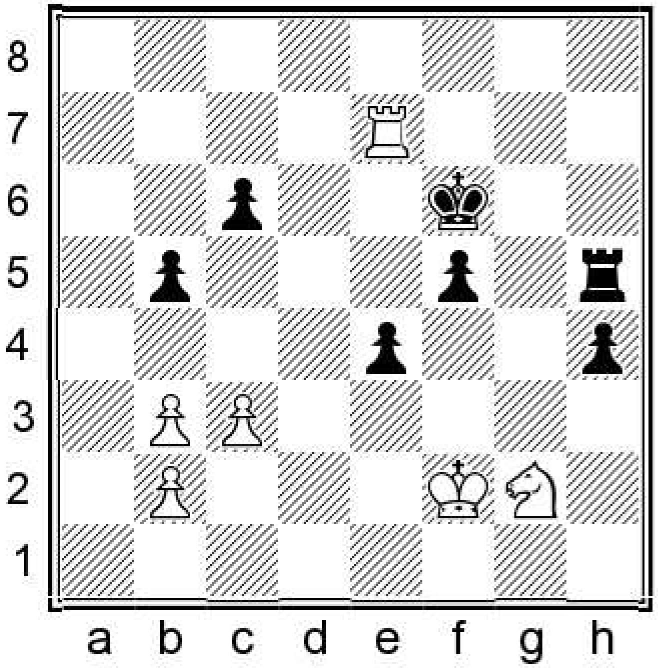
33.♘e3 g5 34.♖f1 gxf4 35.♖xf4 ♖d2+ 36.♔f1 ♔g6 37.♔g1! ♖xb2 (37...♖f8) 38.♔h1 ♖xb3 39.♖xf5±

**33...♖xd8 34.♖xa5 g5 35.fxg5+ ♔xg5 36.♔f2 h5 37.♘e3**

37.♘g3 b5 38.♖a7 h4 39.♖g7+ ♔f6 40.♘h5+ ♔e5 41.♖e7+ ♔d6 42.♖f7 ♔e5 43.♖e7+=

**37...b5 38.♘f1 h4 39.♖a7 ♖h8 40.♖f7 h3**

40...f4 41.♖e7 ♔f5 (41...e3+ 42.♔f3 h3 43.♖e5+ ♔f6 44.♖e4 h2 45.♘xh2 ♖xh2 46.♖xf4+=) 42.♖f7+ ♔e5 43.♖e7+=; 40...♔f4 41.♘e3 ♖h5 42.♘g2+ ♔e5 43.♖e7+ ♔f6



44.♘f4! ♔xe7 45.♘xh5=

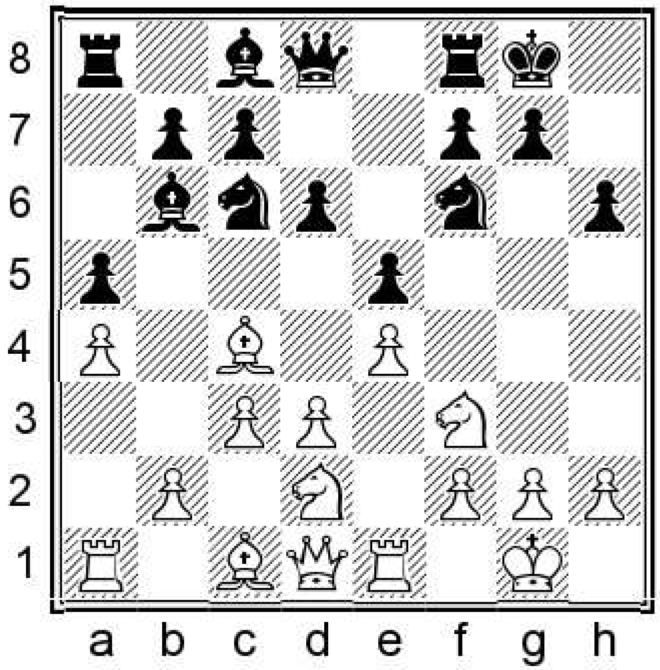
**41.♘g3 h2 42.♖xf5+ ♔g4 43.♖f6 h1=N+ 44.♘xh1 ♖xh1 45.♖xc6 ♔f4 46.♖f6+ ♔e5 47.♖f8 ♖h2+ 48.♔e3 ♖xb2 49.b4 ♖h2 50.♖e8+ ♔d5 51.♖d8+ ♔e5 52.♖e8+ ♔d5 53.♖d8+ ♔e5 54.♖e8+ 1/2-1/2**

**105. C54**
**Firouzja, Alireza (2749) - Caruana, Fabiano (2823)**
**Wijk aan Zee 147/105, 2021**

**1.e4 e5 2.♘f3 ♘c6 3.♗c4 ♗c5 4.c3 ♘f6 5.d3 d6 6.O-O h6 7.♖e1 O-O 8.♘bd2 ♗b6**

8...a5 - 144/96

**9.a4 a5**



**10.♗b5N**

10.♘f1

**10...♘g4! 11.♖e2**

11.d4 exd4 12.♘c4 ♗a7 (12...dxc3 13.♘xb6 cxb2 (13...cxb6 14.bxc3=∞) 14.♗xb2 cxb6 15.♖a3=∞) 13.h3 (13.cxd4? ♘xd4! 14.♘xd4 ♕h4 15.♗e3 ♕xh2+ 16.♔f1 ♕h1+ 17.♔e2 ♕xg2-+) 13...♘ge5 14.♘xd4 ♘xd4 15.cxd4 ♕h4!∞; 11.♖f1 f5↑

**11...♘e7**

11...f5 12.h3 ♘f6 13.♘c4 fxe4 14.dxe4 ♗a7→

**12.d4 ♘g6 13.♘f1 d5! 14.exd5**

14.h3 dxe4 15.♖xe4 ♘f6 16.♖e1 exd4 17.♘xd4=

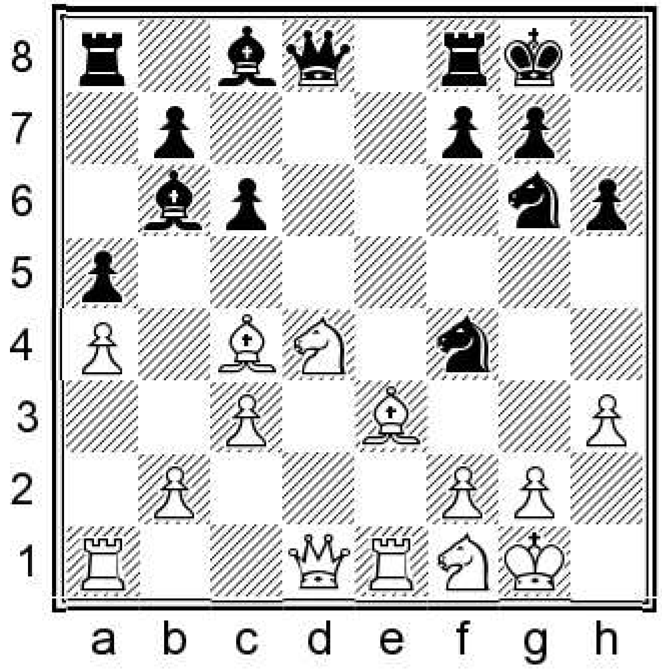
**14...exd4 15.h3 ♘f6 16.♘xd4 ♘xd5 17.♖e1 ♘df4 18.♗e3?!**

18.♘g3 c6 19.♗f1 ♗xd4 20.cxd4 ♗e6=

**18...c6**

18...♘xg2!? 19.♔xg2 ♘h4+ (19...♕h4 20.♕f3 c6 21.♗e2! f5 22.♗d2!+-) 20.♔h1 ♕d5+ 21.f3 ♗xh3 (21...c5 22.♘c2 ♕f5 23.♘h2 ♗c7→) 22.♘h2 ♗g2+ 23.♔g1 ♗h3=

**19.♗c4?**



19.♗e2 ♕f6∓

**19...♗c7**

19...♘xg2! 20.♔xg2 ♕h4 21.♘f3 (21.♔g1 c5!-+) 21...♕xh3+ 22.♔g1 ♖d8! 23.♕b3 (23.♕e2 ♗c7 24.♘3h2 (24.♘g3 ♗g4-+) 24...♘h4 25.f3 ♖d6 26.♔h1 ♖g6-+) 23...♗c7 24.♗xf7+ (24.♘1d2 ♘h4 25.♘xh4 ♗h2+ 26.♔h1 ♗g3+ 27.♔g1 ♕h2+ 28.♔f1 ♗xh4-+) 24...♔h8 25.♗xg6 ♕g4+ 26.♘g3 ♗xg3 27.fxg3 ♕xg3+ 28.♔h1 ♕xf3+ 29.♔h2 ♕h3+ 30.♔g1 ♕g3+-+

**20.♘g3 ♘d5**

20...♘xg2!? 21.♔xg2 ♕h4 22.♗f1□ ♗xh3+ 23.♔g1 ♗xg3 24.♘f3 ♕g4 25.♗xh3 (25.fxg3?? ♕xg3+ 26.♔h1 ♗g4 27.♗g2 ♘h4-+) 25...♕xh3 26.fxg3 ♕xg3+ 27.♔h1 ♖fe8∞

**21.♗d2 ♕d6 22.♗b3 ♗d7 23.♘f3 ♖fe8 24.♕c2**

24.♘e4 ♕e7 25.♘g3 ♕d6=; 24.c4 ♘f6 25.♗c3 ♖xe1+ 26.♕xe1 ♖e8 27.♕d1 ♘e5=

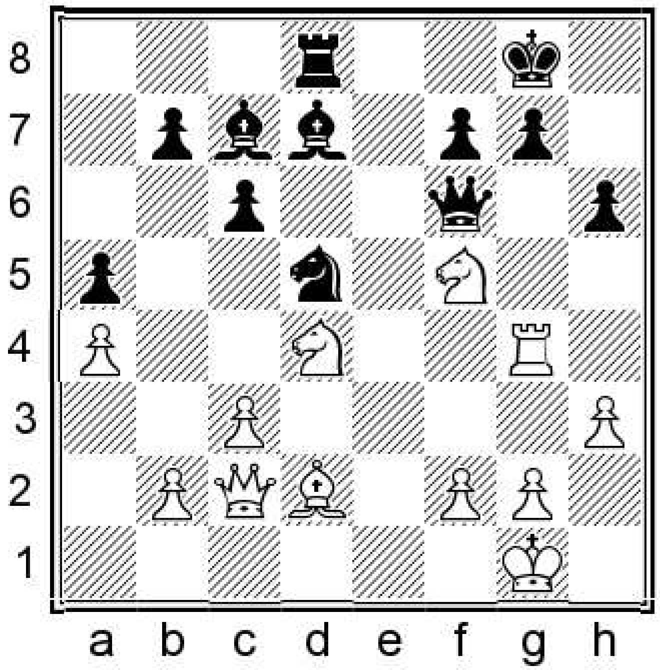
**24...♘gf4 25.♖ad1 ♖xe1+ 26.♖xe1 ♕f6 27.♘d4 ♖d8 28.♖e4 ♕g6**

28...c5

**29.♗xd5?**

29.♗xf4 ♘xf4 30.♖e7 ♕xc2 31.♘xc2 ♘d5 32.♗xd5 cxd5∓

**29...♘xd5 30.♘gf5 ♕f6 31.♖g4?**



31.♖e1 c5 32.c4 cxd4 33.cxd5 ♗b6 34.g4 ♗xf5 35.♕xf5 ♕xf5 36.gxf5 ♖xd5∓

**31...g6?**

31...♔h8!! 32.♖xg7 (32.♖h4 ♗xf5 33.♘xf5 ♘e7!-+; 32.♕e4 ♖e8 33.♕f3 ♖e5-+) 32...c5 33.♖h7+ (33.♗xh6 cxd4 34.♘d6 ♕xh6 35.♘xf7+ ♔xg7 36.♘xh6 ♔xh6-+) 33...♔xh7 34.♘e7+ ♔h8 35.♘xd5 ♗xa4! 36.♕xa4 ♖xd5-+

**32.♘xh6+ ♔f8 33.♖e4**

33.♗g5 ♕d6 34.♗xd8 ♕h2+ 35.♔f1 ♗xg4 36.♘xg4 ♕h1+ 37.♔e2 ♘f4+ 38.♔d2 ♗xd8∞

**33...♘f4?!**

33...g5 34.♘g4 (34.♘df5 ♗e6∞) 34...♕g6 35.♘e5 ♗xe5 36.♖xe5 ♕xc2 37.♘xc2±

**34.♘g4 ♗xg4 35.hxg4 ♔g7 36.♗xf4**

36.♘f3!±

**36...♗xf4 37.♘f5+ gxf5 38.♖xf4 ♕g5 39.♖xf5 ♕xg4 40.♖f3 ♕h5 41.c4 ♖d4 42.♕c3 ♕e5 43.♖d3 c5**

43...♖e4 44.♕xe5+ (44.♖g3+ ♔f8 45.♔f1 ♕xc3 46.♖xc3 b5!±) 44...♖xe5 45.♖e3 ♖c5 46.b3 b5 47.♖e4±

**44.♖g3+**

44.♖xd4 cxd4 45.♕d2 d3! 46.♕xd3 ♕xb2±; 44.g3! ♔g6 45.♖e3 ♖d1+ 46.♔g2 ♕xc3 47.♖xc3 ♖d4±

**44...♔f8 45.♕xa5 ♖d1+ 46.♔h2 ♕h5+ 47.♖h3 ♕e5+ 48.g3 ♕f5 49.♕a8+ ♔e7 50.♕xb7+ ♖d7 51.♕h1**

51.♕g2 ♖d2 52.♔g1 ♖d1+ 53.♔h2 ♖d2=

**51...♕xf2+ 52.♕g2 ♖d2 53.♕xf2 ♖xf2+ 54.♔g1 ♖xb2 55.♖h5 ♖a2 56.♖xc5 ♖xa4= 57.♔g2 ♔d6 58.♖d5+ ♔e6 59.♖d4 ♔e5 60.♖f4 f5 61.♔h3 ♖a3 1/2-1/2**

**106. C55**
**Bologan, Viktor (2574) - Demchenko, Anton (2610)**
**chess.com (Int.-blitz) 147/106, 2021**

**1.e4 e5 2.♘f3 ♘c6 3.♗c4 ♘f6 4.d3 ♗e7 5.O-O O-O 6.♖e1 d6 7.c3 ♔h8**

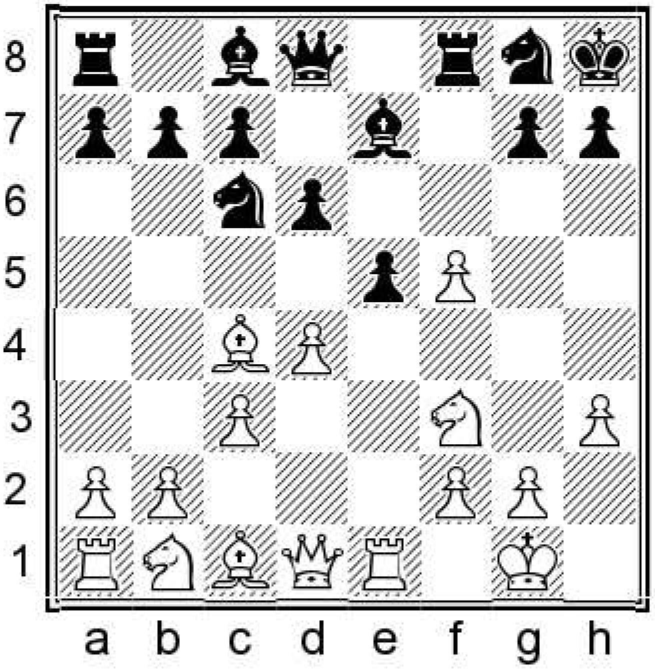
7...♘a5 8.♗b5 a6 9.♗a4 b5 10.♗c2 - C90

7...♗e6 - 61/318

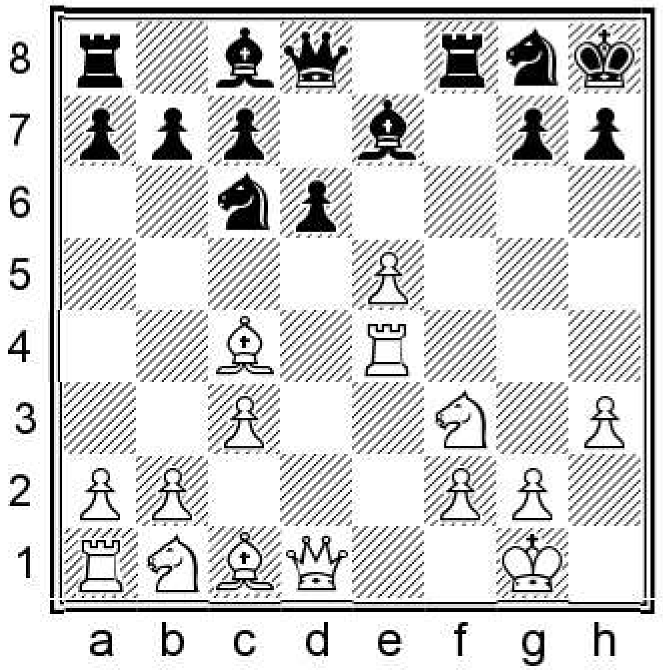
**8.h3**

8.d4 ♗g4 9.d5 ♘b8 10.♘bd2 ♘bd7 11.h3 ♗h5 12.♘f1 ♘c5 13.♘g3 ♗g6∞

**8...♘g8 9.d4 f5 10.exf5**



10.dxe5 fxe4 11.♖xe4



(11.exd6 ♗xd6 12.♘g5 ♘e5 13.♗xg8 ♔xg8 14.♘xe4 ♗xh3!∓) 11...♖xf3! 12.gxf3 (12.♕xf3 d5 13.♗xd5 ♕xd5 14.c4 ♕a5 15.♘c3 ♗e6∓; 12.♗xg8 ♖f8 13.♗b3 ♗f5 14.♖e2 ♘xe5∓) 12...♘xe5 13.♗f1 (13.♖xe5 dxe5 14.♕xd8 ♗xd8 15.♔g2 ♘e7∓) 13...♕e8 14.♗f4 ♘f6 15.♖d4 ♕g6+ 16.♔h2 ♗f5∓

**10...e4N**

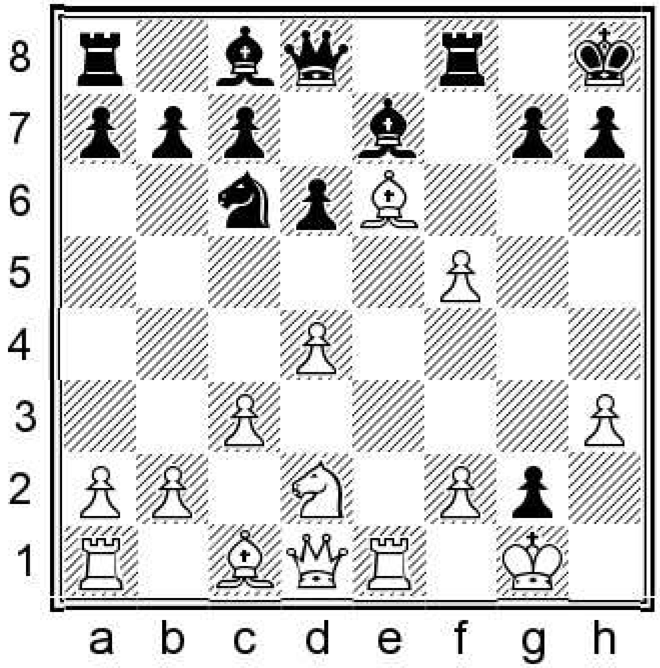
10...d5

**11.♗xg8**

11.♖xe4 d5 12.♖xe7 ♘gxe7 13.♗f1 ♘xf5∓

**11...exf3 12.♗e6 fxg2 13.d5??**

13.♘d2



13...♖xf5! (13...♗xe6 14.fxe6 ♗h4 15.♘f3 d5 16.♔xg2 ♕f6 17.♕d3∞) 14.♗xf5 ♗xf5 15.♕h5 ♕d7 16.♔xg2 ♖f8 17.♘f3 d5∓; 13.♕g4 ♗xe6 14.fxe6 ♖f6 15.♘d2 ♕f8 16.♘e4 ♖g6 17.♕f4 d5 18.♕xf8+ ♖xf8 19.♘g3 ♗d6∓

**13...♘e5 14.f4 ♘f7**

14...♗h4! 15.fxe5 (15.♖e4 ♖xf5! 16.♗xf5 ♗xf5 17.♖e3 ♕f8-+) 15...♗xe6 16.dxe6 ♗xe1 17.♕xe1 ♖xf5 18.♔xg2 ♖xe5-+

**15.♕h5**

15.♘a3 ♘h6 16.♘c2 ♘xf5∓

**15...♘h6 16.f6**

16.♘d2 ♘xf5 17.♘f3 ♗xe6 18.dxe6 c6-+ 19.♔xg2? g6 20.♕g4 h5

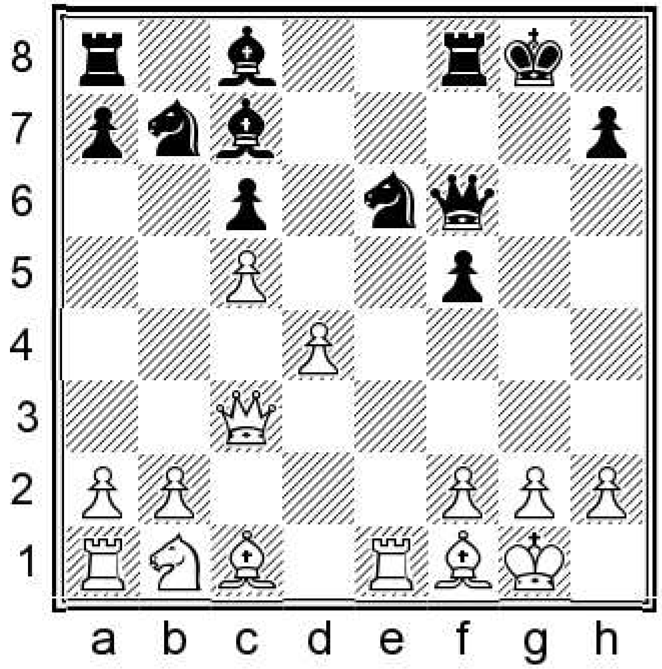
**16...♗xf6 17.f5 ♘xf5! 18.♔xg2 g6 19.♕g4 ♗xe6 20.dxe6 ♗e5 21.♘d2 ♕e8 22.♘f3 ♕xe6 23.♗f4 ♕d5 24.♗xe5+ dxe5 25.♖xe5 ♕xe5 26.♘xe5 ♘e3+ 27.♔g3 ♘xg4 28.hxg4 ♖ae8 0-1**

**107. * C58**
**So, Wesley (2770) - Carlsen, Magnus (2862)**
**chess24.com (Int.-m1/2-rapid) 147/107, 2021**

**1.e4 e5 2.♘f3 ♘c6 3.♗c4 ♘f6 4.♘g5 d5 5.exd5 ♘a5 6.♗b5+ c6 7.dxc6 bxc6 8.♗d3 ♘d5 9.♘f3 ♗d6 10.O-O O-O 11.♖e1 f5 12.♘xe5 ♕f6 13.♘f3 g5 14.c4 ♘f4 15.♗f1 g4 16.d4 gxf3 17.♕xf3 ♘e6 18.♕c3 ♘b7**

18...♘xd4 - 146/(110)

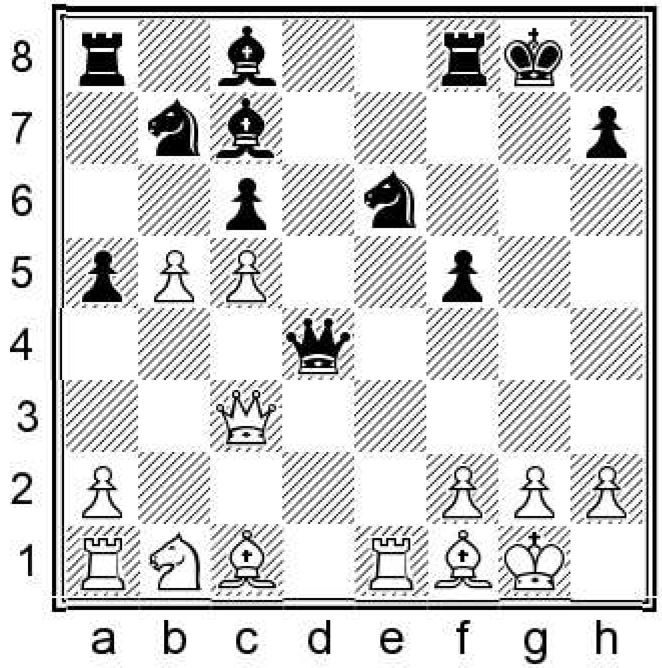
**19.c5 ♗c7**



**20.b4N**

20.d5 - 147/(107) 20...cxd5 21.♕xf6 1/2 (21) Bartel,M (2638)-Nasuta,G (2528) Krakow 147/(107) 2021 (21.♕xf6 ♖xf6 22.b4 ♘bd8 23.♘c3 ♗b7 24.♗b2 ♖h6 25.g3 a5 26.a3 (26.♖ad1 axb4 27.♘xd5 ♗xd5 28.♖xd5 ♖xa2 29.♖b1∞) 26...axb4 27.axb4 ♖xa1 28.♗xa1 ♘d4 29.♗g2∞)

**20...a5 21.b5 ♕xd4**



21...cxb5! 22.♗xb5 a4! (22...♕xd4 23.♗c4 ♖d8 24.♗g5 ♘xc5 25.♗xd8 ♕xc3 26.♘xc3 ♗xd8 27.♖e5 ♔g7 28.♖xf5 ♗f6±) 23.♗c4 ♘a5 (23...♗a5 24.♕g3+ ♔h8 25.♖xe6! ♗xe6 26.♗f4 ♗xc4 27.♗e5 ♖ae8 28.♗xf6+ ♖xf6 29.♘a3 ♗d5∞) 24.♗d5 ♖b8 25.♕e3 ♖e8 26.♘c3∞

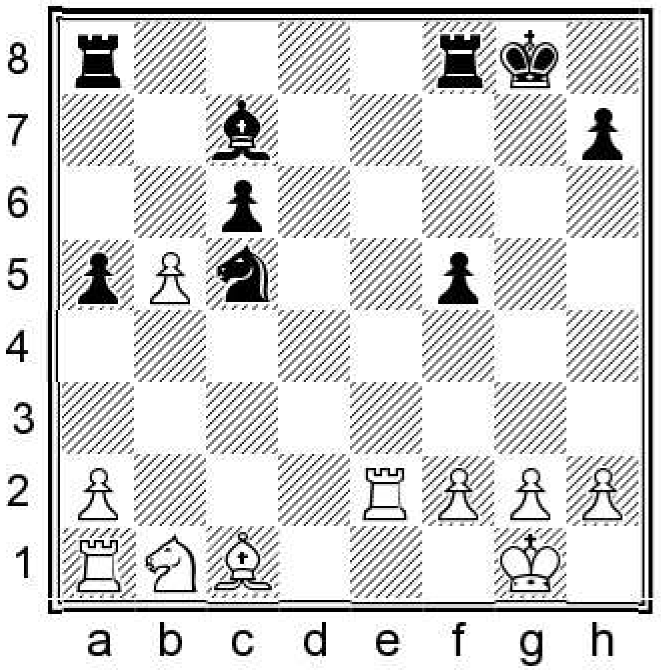
**22.♕xd4**

22.♗c4! ♕xc3 23.♘xc3 ♘xc5 24.♗a3 ♘e4 (24...cxb5 25.♘xb5 ♗b6 26.♗xc5 ♗xc5 27.♘c7 (27.♗xe6+ ♗xe6 28.♖xe6⩲) 27...♖a7 28.♘xe6 ♗xe6 29.♖xe6±) 25.♘xe4 fxe4 26.♗xf8 (26.♖xe4 cxb5 27.♗xe6+ ♗xe6 28.♖xe6 (28.♗xf8 ♗f5 29.♖e7 ♗d6 30.♖d1 ♗b4 31.♖e5 ♖xf8 32.♖xb5∞) 28...b4 29.♗b2 ♖ad8 30.♖e2 a4=∞) 26...♔xf8 27.bxc6 (27.♖xe4 ♘g5 28.♖e3⩲) 27...♘c5 28.♖ad1±

**22...♘xd4 23.♗c4+?**

23.♘c3 ♗e6 (23...♘xc5 24.♗a3 ♘ce6 25.♗xf8 ♔xf8∞; 23...cxb5 24.♘xb5 ♘xb5 25.♗c4+ ♔g7 26.♗xb5=∞) 24.♗g5 ♘xc5 (24...♖fe8 25.bxc6 ♘xc5 26.♖ac1=∞) 25.♗e7 ♗b6 26.♗xf8 ♔xf8∞

**23...♗e6 24.♗xe6+ ♘xe6 25.♖xe6 ♘xc5 26.♖e2**



26.♖xc6 ♗e5 27.♖xc5 ♗xa1∓

**26...♖fe8! 27.♘c3 cxb5∓ 28.♗e3 ♗e5 29.♗xc5**

29.♖c1 ♘d3 30.♖d1 ♗xc3 31.♖xd3 ♖ed8 32.♖xd8+ ♖xd8 33.g3 b4∓

**29...♗xc3 30.♖xe8+ ♖xe8 31.♖b1 b4 32.♔f1 ♖e5 33.♗e3 a4 34.♖c1 a3 35.g3 ♖b5 36.♖c2 b3 37.axb3 ♖xb3 38.♔g2 ♔f7 39.♗d2 ♗e5 40.♗f4 ♗xf4**

40...♖b2 41.♖c4 a2 42.♗xe5 (42.♖a4 ♗c3-+) 42...a1=Q 43.♗xb2 ♕xb2-+

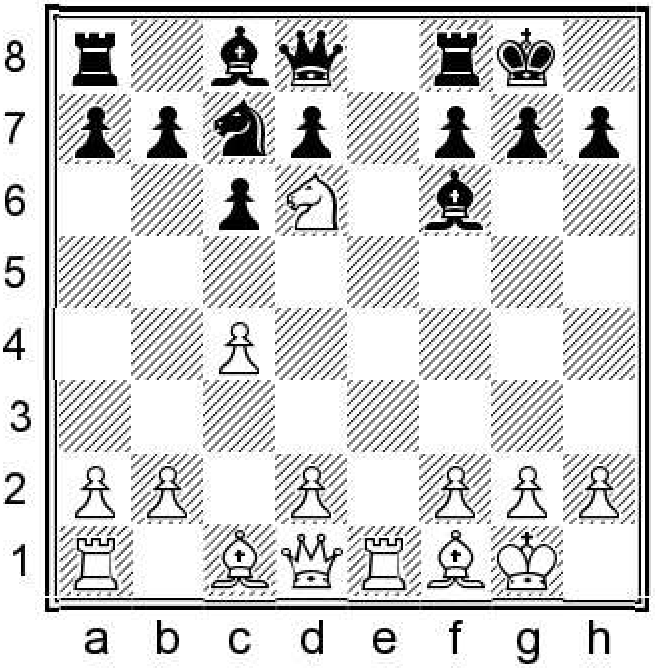
**41.gxf4 ♖b7! 42.♖a2 ♖a7 43.♔g3 ♖a4 44.♔h4 ♔g6 45.♔g3 ♔f6 46.h3 h5 47.♔h4 ♔g6 48.♔g3 ♔g7 49.♔f3 h4 50.♔e2 ♔f6 51.♔d1 ♔e6 52.♔c1 ♔d5 53.♔b1 ♔e4 54.♖d2 ♔f3 55.♔a2 ♔g2 0-1**

**108. C67**
**Hovhannisyan, Robert (2642) - Pashikian, Arman (2606)**
**Armenia 147/108, 2021**

**1.e4 e5 2.♘f3 ♘c6 3.♗b5 ♘f6 4.O-O ♘xe4 5.♖e1 ♘d6 6.♘xe5 ♗e7 7.♗f1 ♘xe5 8.♖xe5 O-O 9.♘c3 ♘e8 10.♘d5 ♗d6 11.♖e1 c6 12.♘e3 ♗e7**

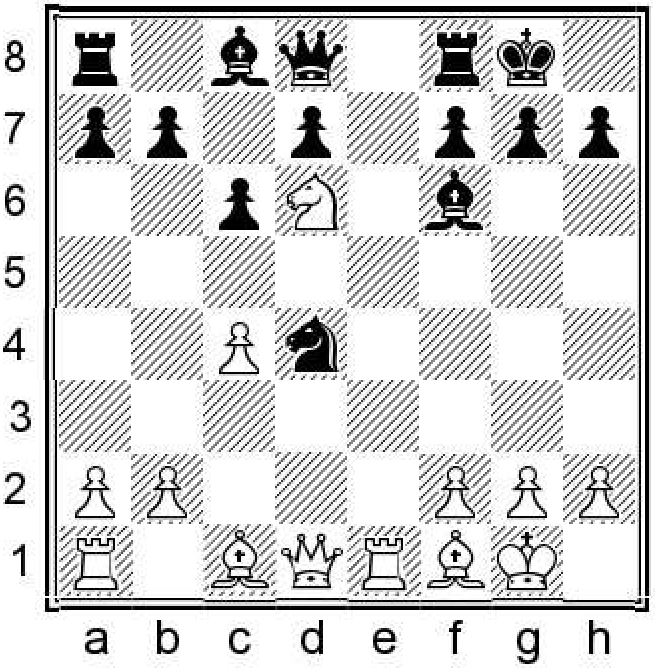
12...♗c7 - 110/174

**13.c4 ♘c7 14.♘f5 ♗f6 15.♘d6**



**15...♗d4N**

15...♘e6 16.d4! ♘xd4



17.a4! c5 18.♖a3 ♕b6 19.♗f4 ♕xb2 20.♖h3±; 15...♘e8 16.♘xc8 ♖xc8 17.d4±

**16.♕g4 ♕f6**

⌓16...♘e6 17.♘f5 (17.♖xe6!? ♗xf2+ 18.♔xf2 fxe6+ 19.♔e1 ♖xf1+ 20.♔xf1 ♕f8+ 21.♔g1 ♕xd6 22.d4=∞; 17.♗d3 ♕f6 18.♕g3 ♕f4∞) 17...♕f6 18.♖b1 d5 (18...h5 19.♘e7+! ♕xe7 20.♕xd4 ♘xd4 21.♖xe7∞) 19.cxd5 cxd5 20.♘xd4 ♘xd4 21.♕g3∞

**17.♕g3 ♗xf2+**

17...♕g6 18.d3 ♕xg3 19.hxg3±

**18.♕xf2 ♕xd6 19.c5 ♕g6 20.a4! d6 21.♖a3 dxc5**

21...♕f5 22.♖f3 ♕xc5 23.d4 ♕h5 (23...♕b4? 24.♗h6!+-) 24.♖g3→

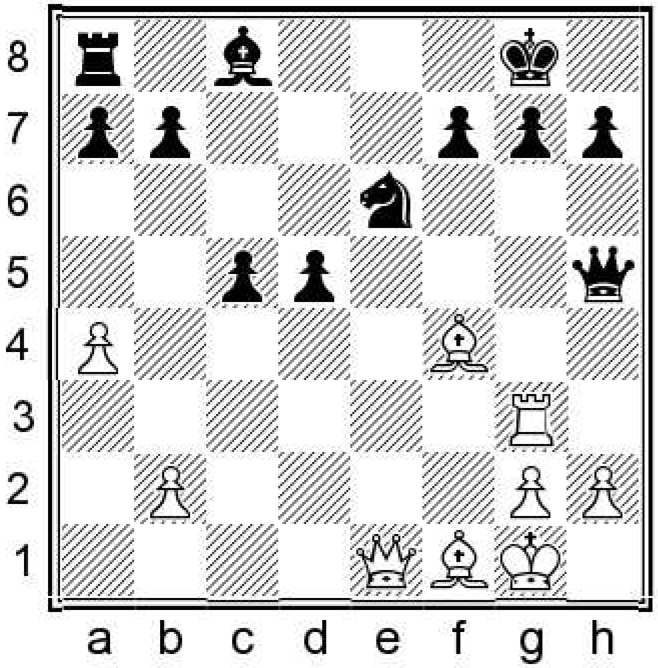
**22.d4 ♖e8?**

22...cxd4? 23.♖g3 ♕d6 24.♗f4 ♕d8 25.♖xg7+! ♔xg7 26.♕g3+ ♗g4 27.♕xg4+ ♔h8 28.♗d3 f6 (28...♖e8 29.♖xe8+ ♘xe8 30.♕h5 ♘f6 31.♗e5+-) 29.♗xh7! ♔xh7 30.♕h5+ ♔g8 31.♕g6+ ♔h8 32.♖e5!+-; 22...♘d5 23.dxc5 ♗e6 24.♖g3 ♕f6 25.♖f3 ♕d8 26.♗d3→

**23.♗f4 ♖xe1 24.♕xe1 ♘e6 25.♖g3 ♕h5?**

25...♕f6 26.♗e5 ♕d8 27.dxc5±; 25...♕f5 26.♗e5 g6 (26...cxd4 27.♗xg7!+-) 27.♗d3 ♕h5 28.♕f2±

**26.d5! cxd5**



**27.♖g5! ♕h6 28.♖xd5 ♕xf4**

28...g5 29.♗d2+-

**29.♖d8+ ♘f8 30.♕e7 h5 31.♖xf8+ ♔h7 32.♗d3+ ♗f5**

32...f5 33.♕e8 ♕d4+ 34.♔h1+-

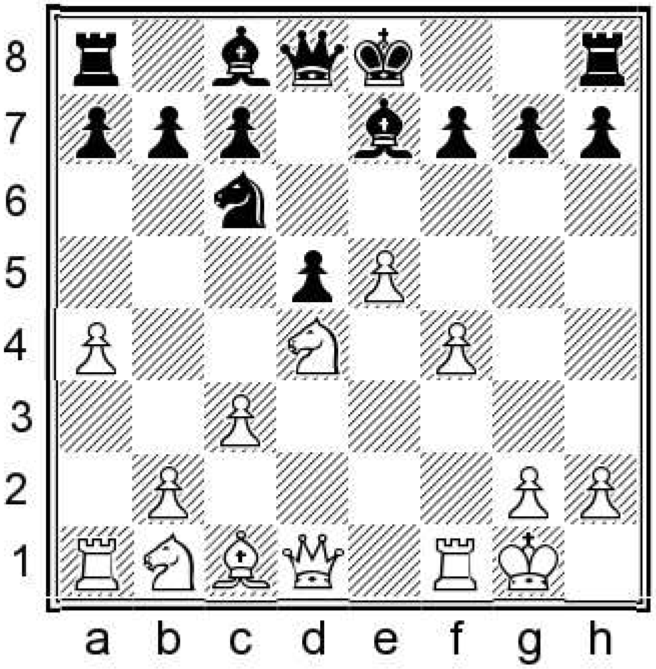
**33.♗xf5+ ♕xf5 34.♖xa8+- ♕b1+ 35.♔f2 ♕xb2+ 36.♕e2 ♕d4+ 37.♔f1 ♕a1+ 38.♕e1 ♕xa4 39.♖e8 f5 40.♖e5 ♕f4+ 41.♔g1 c4 42.♕e3 ♕g4 43.h3 ♕d1+ 44.♔h2 ♕d6 45.♕f4 c3 46.♕xf5+ g6 47.♕e6 ♕xe6 48.♖xe6 b5 49.♖e7+ ♔h6 50.♖xa7 b4 51.♖c7 1-0**

**109. * C67**
**Dubov, Daniil (2702) - Giri, Anish (2764)**
**chess24.com (Int.-rapid) 147/109, 2020**

**1.e4 e5 2.♘f3 ♘c6 3.♗b5 ♘f6 4.O-O ♘xe4 5.d4 ♘d6 6.dxe5 ♘xb5 7.a4 ♘bd4 8.♘xd4 d5 9.c3!?**

9.♘xc6 - 138/143

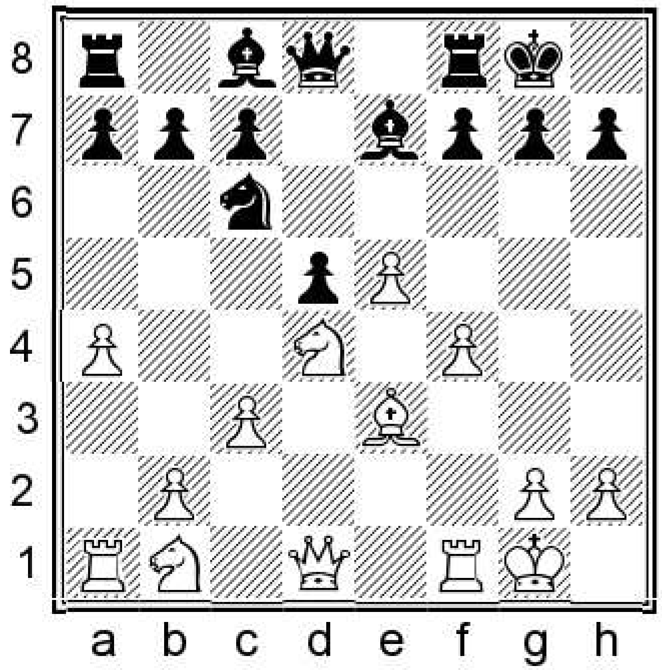
**9...♗e7 10.f4**



**10...O-ON**

10...a5

**11.♗e3**



**11...f6!** - 147/109

11...a5N 12.♘d2 ♘xd4 13.cxd4 Ehlvest,J (2517)-Onischuk,V (2622) chess.com (Int.-blitz) 147/(109) 2021 (13.cxd4 f6=)

**12.♘xc6 bxc6 13.♘d2 ♗a6?!**

13...fxe5 14.fxe5 ♕e8 15.b4 a5 16.bxa5 c5! 17.♖xf8+ (17.♘b3 ♕c6 18.♖xf8+ ♗xf8 19.♕f3 ♗e6∞) 17...♗xf8 18.♘f3 c6∞

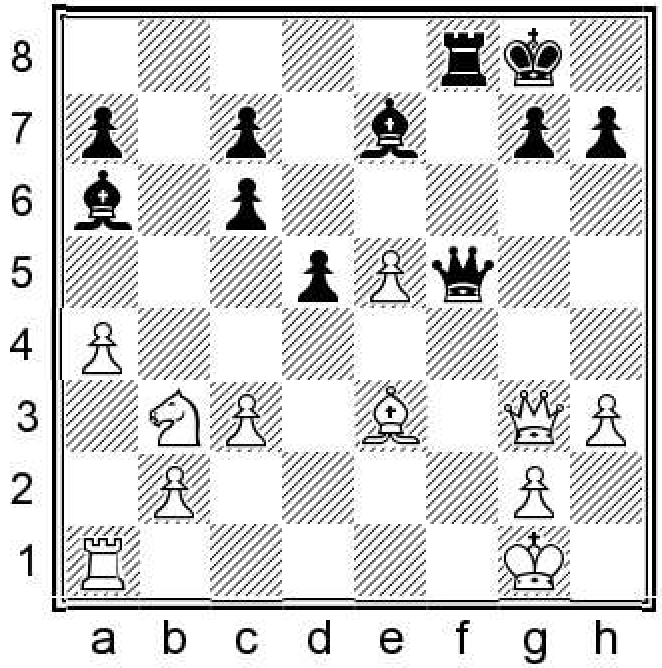
**14.♖f3 fxe5**

14...c5?! 15.♘b3±; 14...♗c8! 15.h3 a5 16.♘b3 fxe5 17.fxe5 ♕e8∞

**15.fxe5 ♕d7 16.♘b3 ♖xf3 17.♕xf3 ♖f8 18.♕g3 ♕f5**

⌓18...♖b8 19.♘d4 ♖xb2 20.e6 ♕e8 21.♖e1 (21.♘f5 ♗f6 22.♘h6+ ♔h8 23.♘f7+ ♔g8=) 21...♗d6 22.♗f4±

**19.h3**



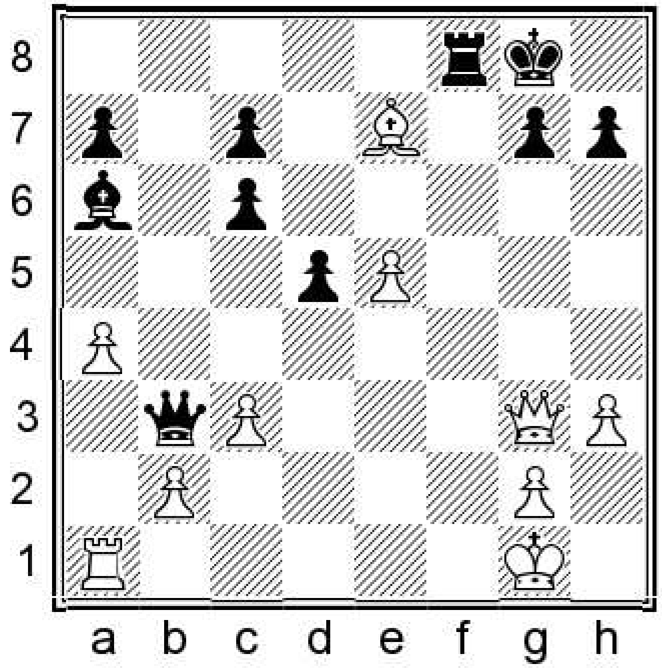
**19...♕c2?!**

19...♖b8 20.♘d4 ♕e4 21.♘e6 g6 22.♘c5 ♗xc5 23.♗xc5 ♖xb2 24.♕g5 ♖b1+ 25.♖xb1 ♕xb1+ 26.♔h2+-; 19...♕d3! 20.♔h2 ♖f5! (20...♗h4 21.♕xh4 ♕xe3 22.♖e1 ♕b6 23.♘d4±; 20...♖b8 21.♘d4 ♖xb2 22.♘xc6 ♗f8 23.♗xa7 ♕xg3+ 24.♔xg3±) 21.♗xa7 ♖xe5 22.♗c5 ♗d6 23.♗xd6 cxd6 24.♕h4±

**20.♗c5! ♕xb3**

20...♗xc5+ 21.♘xc5 ♕xb2 22.♖e1 ♕b6 23.♕e3+-

**21.♗xe7**



**21...♖f7**

21...♕b6+! 22.♔h2 ♖f7 23.♗a3 ♕f2 24.♖e1 (24.e6 ♕xg3+ 25.♔xg3 ♖f1 26.♖xf1 ♗xf1 27.♔f4! ♗xg2 28.h4 a6 29.a5 h6 30.♔e5 ♗f1 31.♗c5 ♗e2 32.♗b6 ♔f8 33.♗xc7 ♔e8 34.♔d6±) 24...♕xg3+ 25.♔xg3 ♖f1 26.♖e3 ♔f7 27.e6+ ♔e8 28.♗c5±

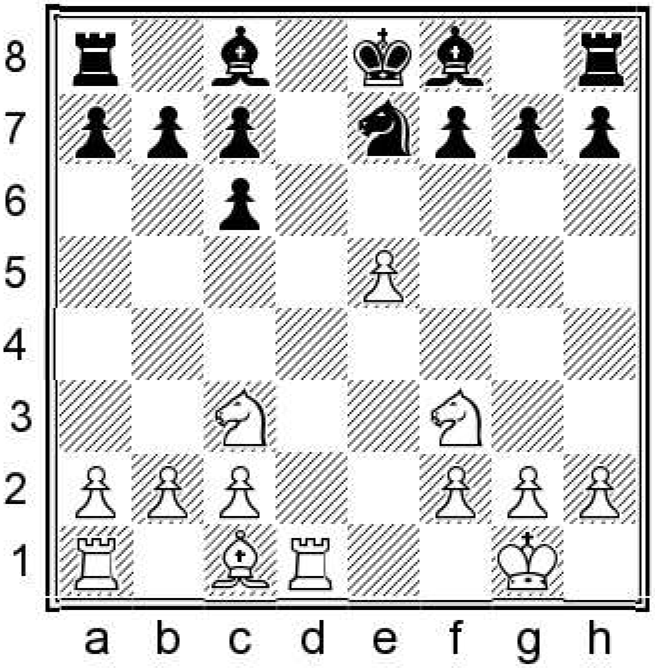
**22.♗c5 ♗c8?**

22...♕c4 23.b4 ♖f1+ 24.♖xf1 ♕xf1+ 25.♔h2+-; 22...♕xb2 23.♖e1+-

**23.♕g5+- h5 24.♕d8+ ♔h7 25.♕xc8 ♕xb2 26.♖f1 ♖xf1+ 27.♔xf1 ♕c1+ 28.♔f2 ♕d2+ 29.♔g1 ♕e1+ 30.♔h2 ♕xe5+ 31.♔h1 ♕xc3 32.♕f5+ ♔g8 33.♗g1 a5 34.♕xh5 ♕c4 35.♕e8+ ♔h7 36.♕e5 c5 37.♕xc7 d4 38.♕xa5 ♕c1 39.♕d8 ♕c3 40.a5 d3 41.a6 d2 42.a7 1-0**

**110. **** C67**
**Vitiugov, Nikita (2720) - Karjakin, Sergey (2752)**
**Russia (ch) 147/110, 2020**

**1.e4 e5 2.♘f3 ♘c6 3.♗b5 ♘f6 4.O-O ♘xe4 5.d4 ♘d6 6.♗xc6 dxc6 7.dxe5 ♘f5 8.♕xd8+ ♔xd8 9.♖d1+ ♔e8 10.♘c3 ♘e7**

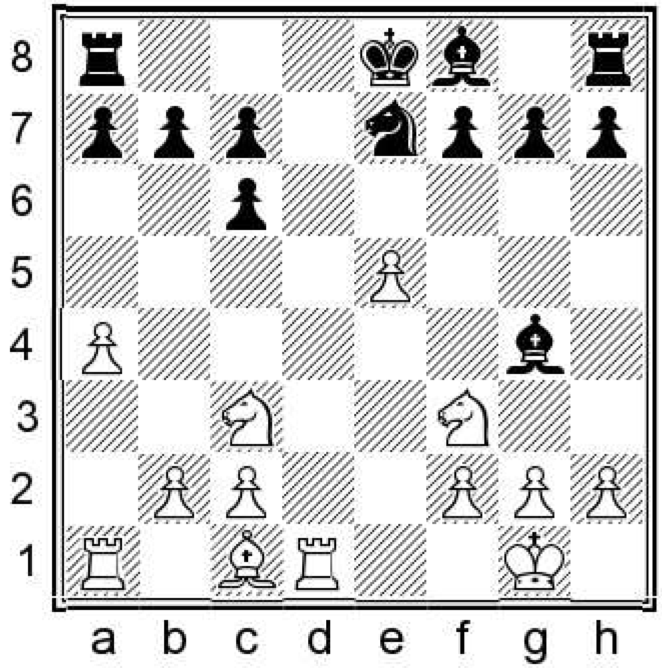


**11.a4!?N**

11.h3 - 144/122

**11...♘g6N**

11...♗g4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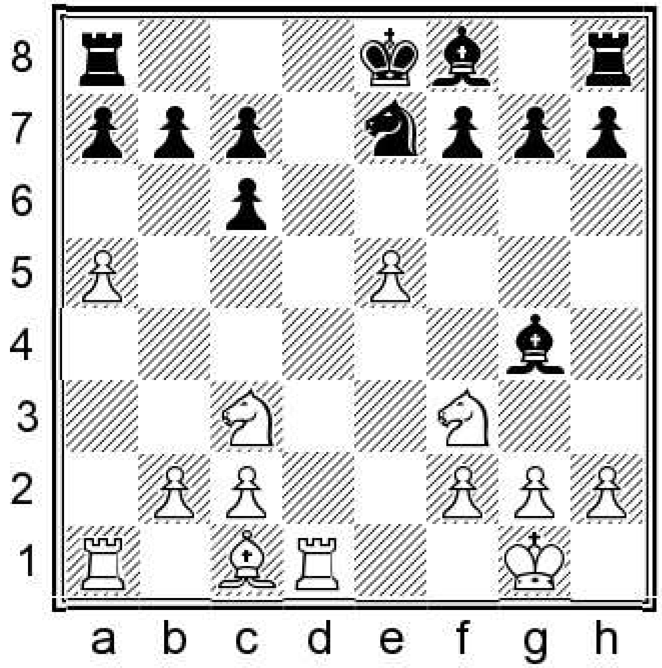
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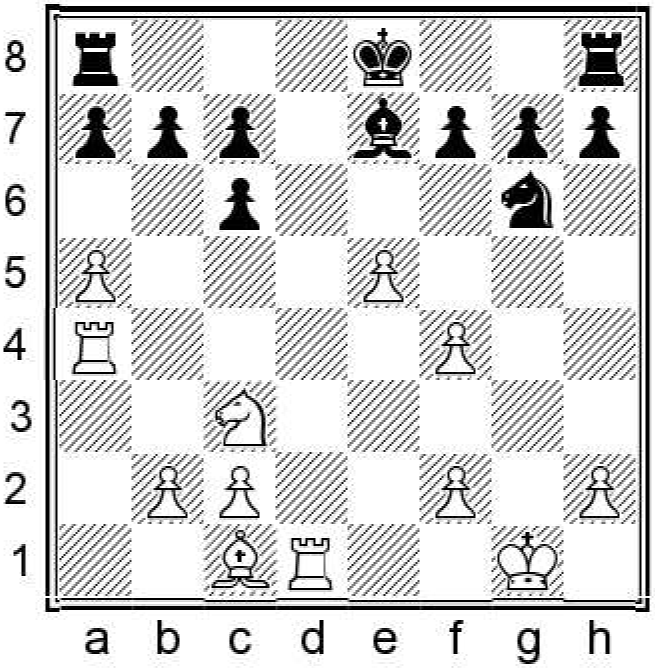
12...♗xf3 - 147/(110) (12...♘g6N 13.♖a4 ♗xf3 14.gxf3 ♗e7 15.f4



15...f5 - 147/(110) (15...♖d8N 16.♖xd8+ ♔xd8 17.♗e3 a6 18.♘e4 ♔c8 19.♔f1 ♖d8 20.♔e2 ♖d5 21.♘c3 ♖d8 22.♘e4 ♖d5 23.♘c3 ♖d8 24.♘e4 1/2 (24) Dominguez Perez,L (2758)-Giri,A (2764) chess24.com (Int.-rapid) 147/(110) 2021) 16.exf6 ♗xf6 17.♘e4± Dominguez Perez,L (2758)-Nakamura,H (2736) USA (ch-Int. -rapid) 147/(110) 2020) 13.gxf3 ♘f5 14.♘e4 ♗e7 15.♗e3 h5 16.♖d3↑ Sjugirov,S (2675)-Lysyj,I (2594) Chelyabinsk (rapid) 147/(110) 2020) 12...♗xf3 13.gxf3 ♖d8 14.♗e3 ♘g6 15.f4 ♗e7 16.♘e4 f6 17.♖xd8+ ♔xd8 18.exf6 ♗xf6 19.♘xf6 gxf6 20.♗xa7 ♘xf4 21.♔h2 ♘e6= Sekowski,P-Witzschel,P corr 147/(110) 2019

11...a5 12.♗f4 ♘g6 13.♗g3 ♗e7 14.e6 ♗xe6 15.♗xc7± Cabrilo,Goran

**12.a5 a6 13.h3 ♗e7 14.♗e3**

14.♖e1!? Δ Bg5

**14...h5 15.♖e1 h4 16.♗g5 ♖h5 17.♗xe7 ♔xe7 18.♖a4 b5!?**

18...♗e6!? 19.♘e4 (19.♖b4?! c5! 20.♖be4 (20.♖xb7? ♔d7 Δ Kc6) 20...b5!∓) 19...b6∞

**19.♖d4**

19.axb6 cxb6 20.♖c4 ♗d7 21.e6 fxe6! (21...♗xe6 22.♖xc6 b5 23.♖b6↑) 22.♖g4 ♔f7 23.♘g5+ ♔e7 24.♘ge4 ♗e8∞

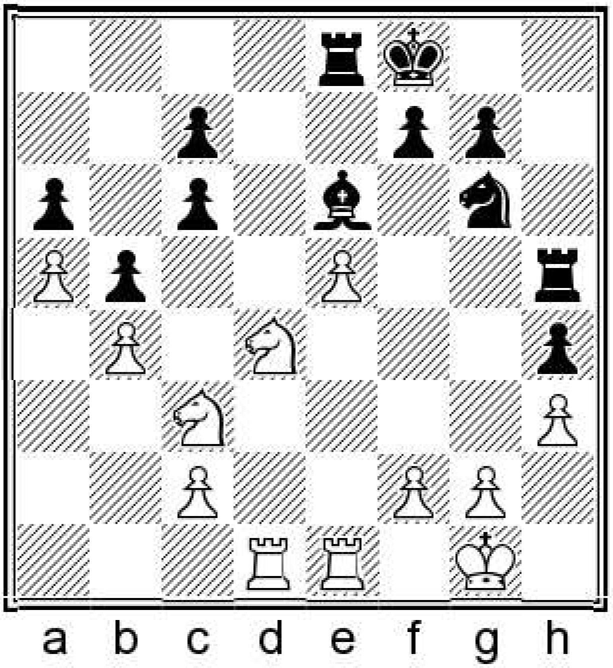
**19...♗e6 20.b4**

20.♖dd1!? Δb4 21.♘a4 ♗d5 22.♘c5 ♗xf3 23.gxf3 ♖xe5 24.♖xe5+ ♘xe5 25.f4 ♘g6 26.♖d4↑

**20...♔f8**

20...c5! 21.♘d5+ (21.bxc5 ♖d8 22.♖ed1 ♖xd4 23.♘xd4 ♘xe5 24.f4 ♘d7∞) 21...♗xd5 22.♖xd5 cxb4 23.♖c5 ♔d8 24.♖d1+ ♔c8 25.♖d4 ♖f5 26.♖xb4 ♖f4∞

**21.♖dd1 ♖e8 22.♘d4**



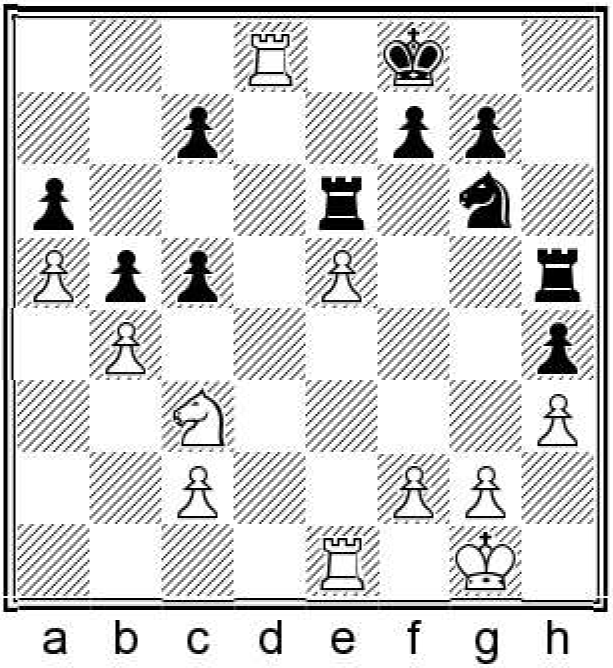
22.♘e4 ♘xe5 23.♘xe5 ♖xe5 24.♘c5 ♖xe1+ 25.♖xe1 ♗c8 26.♖xe8+ ♔xe8 27.♔f1 ♔e7 28.♔e2 ♔d6 29.♔d3 ♔d5 30.♔c3= ×a6

**22...c5!**

22...♘xe5 23.♘xe6+ ♖xe6 24.♘e4↑ Δ Nc5

22...♖xe5 23.♖xe5 ♘xe5 24.♘e4± Δ Nc5

**23.♘xe6+ ♖xe6 24.♖d8+?**



24.bxc5 ♖hxe5 25.♖xe5 ♘xe5 26.♘d5 ♘c4 27.♘xc7 ♖c6 28.♘d5 ♖xc5=

**24...♖e8**

24...♔e7! 25.♖ed1 ♖c6∓

**25.♖xe8+ ♔xe8 26.♘d5 ♔d7 27.f4?!**

27.♖d1 ♖h6 (27...♖h8 28.e6+!; 27...♔c8 28.f4 cxb4 29.♔f2 ♖h8 30.♔e3±) 28.f4 ♘e7 29.♔f2 ♖c6! 30.♔f3 ♔e6 (30...♘xd5 31.♖xd5+ ♔e6 32.♖xc5 ♖xc5 33.bxc5 ♔d5 34.g4 g5! (34...♔xc5 35.♔e4+-; 34...hxg3 35.h4!+-) 35.fxg5 ♔xe5 36.c6 b4 37.♔e3 ♔d5 38.♔d3 ♔xc6 39.♔c4 ♔d6 40.♔xb4 ♔e5 41.♔c5 ♔f4 42.♔d4 ♔g3 43.♔e4 ♔xh3 44.♔f3 ♔h2 45.♔f2 h3 46.c4 c5 47.g6 fxg6 48.g5=) 31.♔e4 ♘f5 32.♔f3 ♘d4+ 33.♔e4 ♘f5=

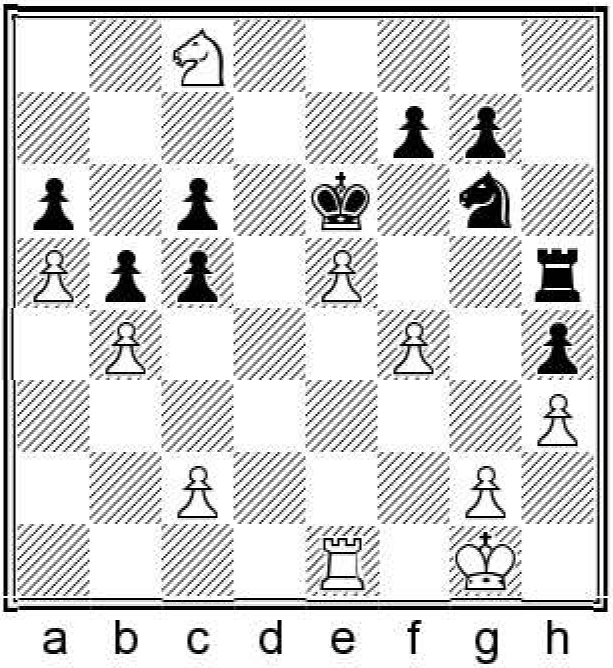
**27...c6 28.♘b6+ ♔e7**

28...♔e6 29.♘a8!

**29.♘c8+**

29.♘a8 ♘xf4 30.♘c7 ♖g5 31.♔h1 cxb4 (31...♖xg2?! 32.♖f1 ♖xc2 33.♖xf4 cxb4 34.♖xb4 ♖a2∞) 32.♘xa6 c5! 33.♘xc5 ♖xg2 34.♖f1 ♖xc2-+

**29...♔e6**



**30.♘d6?**

30.♘a7! ♘e7 (30...♘xf4 31.♘xc6 ♖g5 32.♔h1! ♖g3 33.♘b8∞) 31.♖d1 ♖h6! 32.bxc5 ♔f5∓

**30...♘xf4-+ 31.♘e4 cxb4 32.♘c5+ ♔d5 33.♘xa6 c5 34.♖d1+ ♔c4 35.♘c7 ♘e6 36.♘d5**

36.♘xe6 fxe6 37.a6 ♖h8-+

**36...♘d4 37.♘b6+ ♔c3 38.a6 ♔xc2!**

38...♘c6? 39.♖d5!! c4 40.e6! ♖h8 41.♖xb5 fxe6 42.♖c5+-

**39.a7 ♖h8 40.♖f1 b3 41.♖f2+**

41.a8=Q ♖xa8 42.♖f2+ ♔c3 43.♘xa8 b2 44.♖f1 ♘e2+ 45.♔h2 ♘c1-+

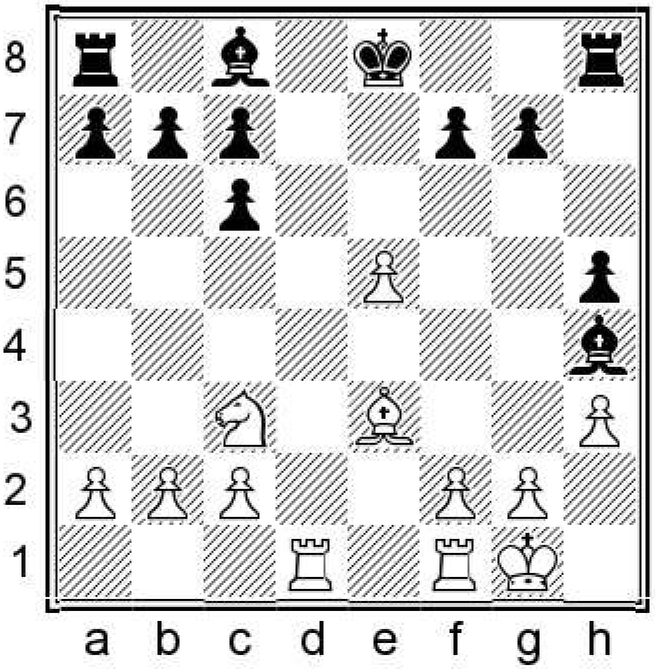
**41...♔d3 42.♘d7**

42.a8=Q ♖xa8 43.♘xa8 c4-+

**42...♖a8 0-1**

**111. C67**
**Anton Guijarro, David (2679) - Tari, Aryan (2625)**
**Wijk aan Zee 147/111, 2021**

**1.e4 e5 2.♘f3 ♘c6 3.♗b5 ♘f6 4.O-O ♘xe4 5.d4 ♘d6 6.♗xc6 dxc6 7.dxe5 ♘f5 8.♕xd8+ ♔xd8 9.h3 ♗e7 10.♘c3 ♘h4 11.♘xh4 ♗xh4 12.♗e3 h5 13.♖ad1+ ♔e8**



**14.♘e4!?N**

14.♘e2 - 131/121

**14...♗f5?!**

14...♗e7!

**15.♘g5 ♖f8**

15...♗xc2 16.♖d4 ♗xg5 17.♗xg5 ♔f8 18.e6 f6 19.♗f4↑

**16.♖d4 ♗xg5 17.♗xg5 f6?**

17...♗xc2 18.f3 ♗f5 19.♖fd1 f6 20.exf6 gxf6 21.♗h6 ♖f7 22.♗d2!? ♔f8 23.♖h4 (23.♗c3 ♔g7 24.♖h4 ♖h8 25.g4 hxg4 26.♖xh8 ♔xh8 27.hxg4 ♗e6 28.g5 ♔h7 29.♗xf6 ♖d7!? 30.♖e1 (30.♖xd7+ ♗xd7=) 30...♗xa2∞) 23...♗g6 24.♗c3↑

**18.exf6 gxf6 19.♗h4 ♔f7 20.♖f4 ♔g6 21.♖e1 ♗xc2**

21...♖fe8 22.♖xe8 ♖xe8 23.g4 ♗xc2 24.♖xf6+ ♔g7 25.♖f4 ♗b1 26.a3±

**22.♖e6 ♗f5**

22...♖ae8 23.♖fxf6+ ♖xf6 24.♖xe8±

**23.♖e3! ♗b1 24.♖g3+ ♔h7 25.♗xf6 ♖f7 26.♖g5 ♔h6 27.♗e5 ♖af8**

27...♗xa2 28.h4+- Δ g4

**28.♖xf7 ♖xf7 29.f4 h4 30.♖g4 ♔h5 31.♗g7 ♖f5 32.♗c3 ♗xa2 33.♗e1 a5 34.♖xh4+ ♔g6 35.♗c3 a4 36.♗e5 b5 37.♖h8 b4 38.♖b8 c5 39.♖b5?**

39.♔f2 b3 40.♔e3+-

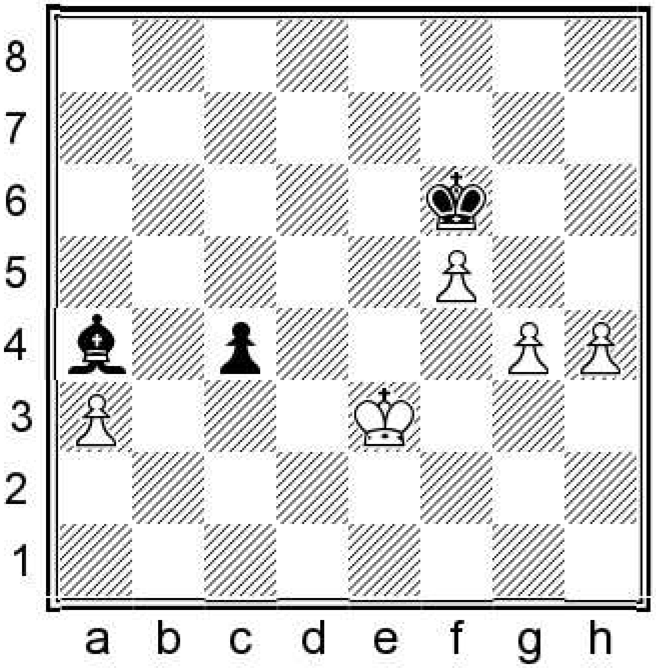
**39...b3! 40.♖xc5**

40.♔f2?? c4! 41.♔e3 c3!-+

**40...♖xe5 41.♖xe5 a3 42.bxa3**

42.♖e2? c5-+

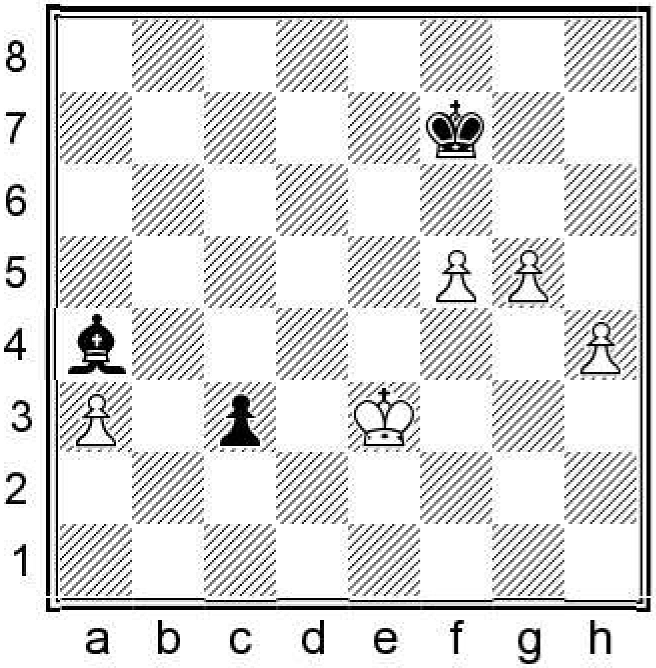
**42...b2 43.♖b5 b1=Q+ 44.♖xb1 ♗xb1 45.♔f2 ♗c2 46.g4 c5 47.♔e3 ♔f6 48.♔d2 ♗a4 49.h4 ♗d7 50.f5 ♗a4 51.♔e3 c4**



**52.♔f4??**

52.♔d2 c3+ 53.♔xc3 ♗d1 54.g5+ ♔xf5 55.♔b4 ♗h5 56.a4 ♔g4 57.a5 ♔xh4 58.a6 ♔xg5 59.a7 ♗f3=

**52...c3 53.g5+ ♔f7 54.♔e3**



**54...c2?**

54...♗b5!-+ Θ

**55.♔d2 ♔g7 56.h5 ♗b3 57.♔c1 ♗a4 58.♔b2 ♗b3 59.♔c1 ♗a4 60.♔b2 1/2-1/2**

**112. ** C70**
**Tari, Aryan (2625) - Van Foreest, Jorden (2671)**

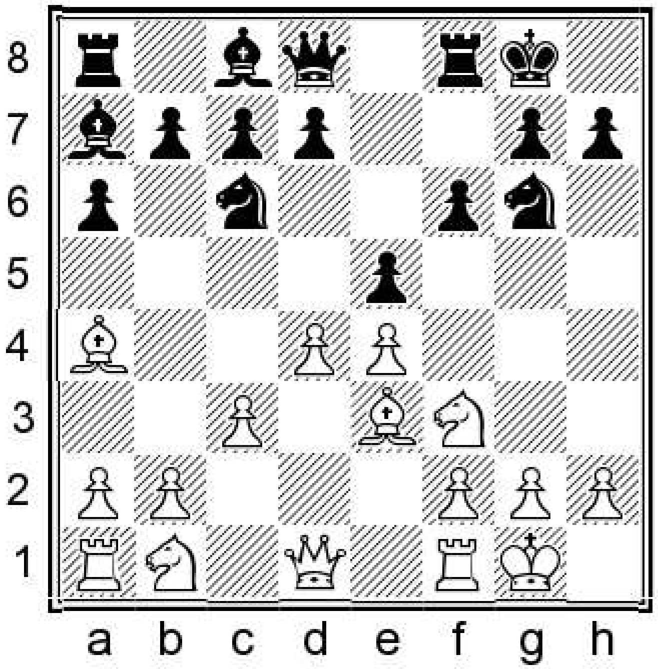
**1.e4 e5 2.♘f3 ♘c6 3.♗b5 a6 4.♗a4 ♗c5 5.O-O ♘ge7!? 6.c3**

6.♘xe5 ♘xe5 7.d4 b5 (7...♘f3+ 8.♕xf3 ♗xd4 9.♖d1 ♗a7 10.c4 O-O 11.♗e3±) 8.♗b3 ♗xd4 9.♕xd4 d6 10.f4 c5 11.♕d1 c4 12.fxe5 ♕b6+ 13.♔h1 dxe5∞

**6...♗a7 7.d4 ♘g6**

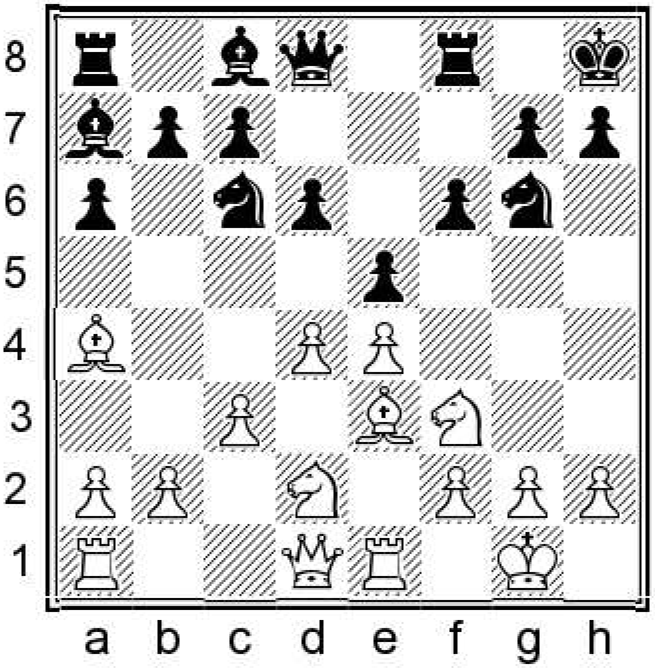
7...exd4 - 87/(309)

**8.♗g5 f6 9.♗e3 O-O**



**10.d5?!N**

10.♖e1; 10.♘bd2 d6 11.♖e1 ♔h8



12.♗c2N (12.h3) 12...♗d7 13.♘f1 ♗g4! 14.d5 ♘ce7 15.♗xa7 ♖xa7 16.♘e3 ♗d7∞ Khanin,S (2506) - Chigaev,M (2631) Barnaul 147/(112) 2021

**10...♘ce7N**

10...♘b8 - 147/(112) 11.♗xa7 ♖xa7 12.d6 b5 13.♗b3+ ♔h8 14.c4⩲ Paravyan,D (2629)-Krysa,L (2522) Gibraltar 147/ (112) 2020

**11.♗xa7 ♖xa7 12.d6**

12.c4 d6 13.♘c3 f5↑

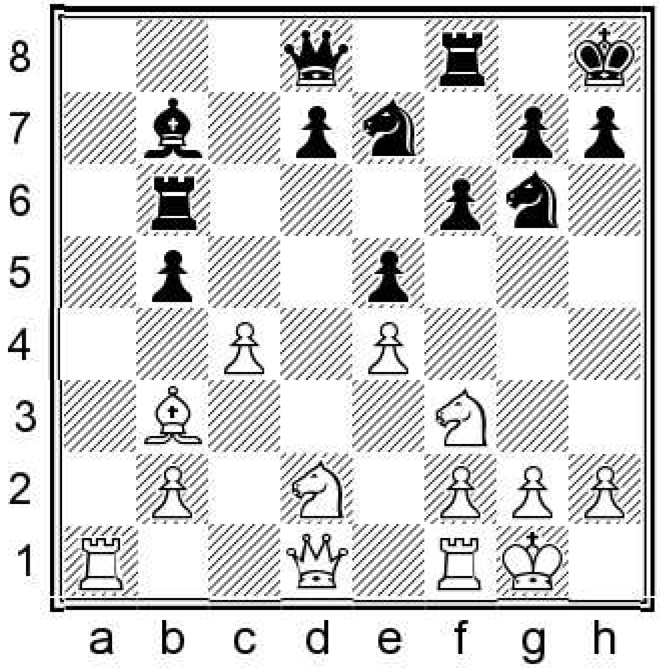
**12...cxd6 13.♕xd6 b5 14.♗b3+ ♔h8 15.a4**

15.♘bd2 ♖b7 16.g3 ♖b6 17.♕d3 f5→

**15...♖b7 16.axb5 ♖b6! 17.♕d1 axb5 18.♘bd2**

18.♖a8 ♘f4 19.♘bd2 d5 20.exd5 ♘exd5 21.♘e4 ♕d7∓

**18...♗b7 19.c4**



**19...f5! 20.♗c2?**

20.c5! ♖bf6 21.♗c2 d5 (21...♘f4→) 22.cxd6 ♖xd6 23.♕e1 ♘f4 24.exf5 ♘xg2! 25.♔xg2 ♖xd2 26.♗e4 ♖d5!↑

**20...fxe4 21.♘g5**

21.♗xe4 ♗xe4 22.♘xe4 bxc4∓; 21.♘xe4 bxc4∓

**21...♘f5 22.♘gxe4**

22.♘dxe4 bxc4-+

**22...♘f4 23.♘f3 bxc4 24.♘xe5 ♘d4 25.♖e1 ♘xc2 26.♕xc2 ♖e6 27.♕c3**

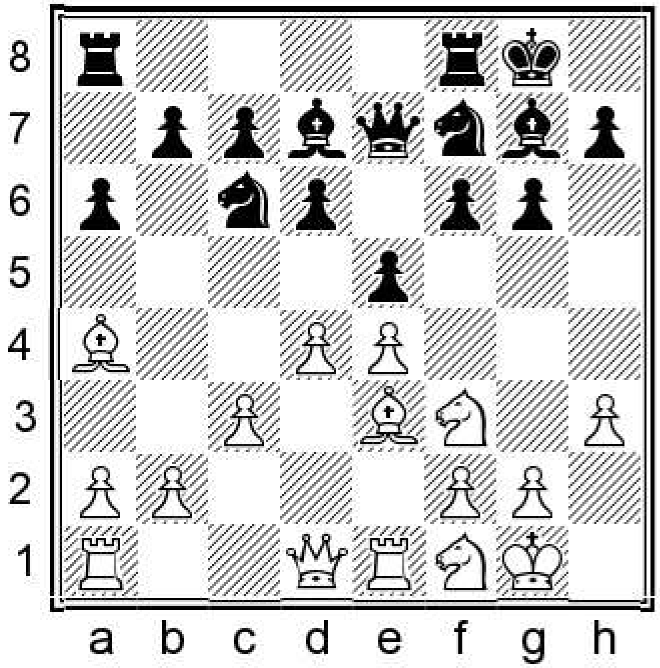
27.♘xc4 ♖g6-+

**27...♕e7 28.♖a5 d6 29.♘g5 ♖xe5 30.♖axe5 dxe5 31.♖xe5 ♕f6 32.♕c2 ♘d3 0-1**

# C75-C99

**113. * C76**
**Adair, James (2450) - Haria, Ravi (2440)**
**Great Britain (Int.-playoff) 147/113, 2020**

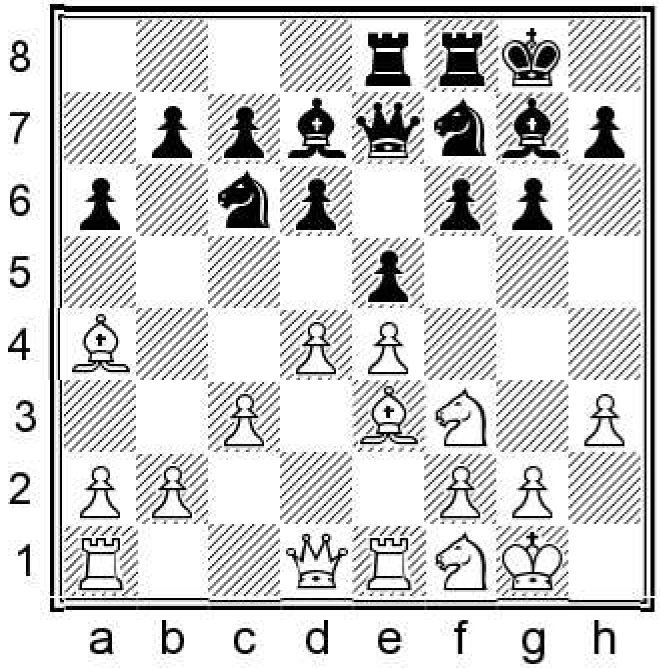
**1.e4 e5 2.♘f3 ♘c6 3.♗b5 g6 4.c3 a6 5.♗a4 d6 6.d4 ♗d7 7.♗g5!? f6 8.♗e3 ♘h6 9.O-O ♗g7 10.♖e1 O-O 11.h3 ♘f7 12.♘bd2 ♕e7 13.♘f1**



13.♗c2 f5! (13...♘cd8 - 43/410)

**13...♖ad8N**

13...♖ae8N



- 147/(113) 14.♗c2 ♔h8 15.♘g3 ♘cd8 16.♕d2± Vaibhav,S (2600)-Quintiliano Pinto,R (2469) chess.com (Int.-blitz) 147/(113) 2020

RR13...f5?! 14.exf5 gxf5 15.dxe5 dxe5 16.♘g3 e4 17.♘h5! ♖ae8 18.♘d4 ♘fe5 19.♗c2±; 13...♔h8!? 14.♘g3 (14.♕d2? ♘xd4!∓) 14...♗h6± Jones, Gawain CB

**14.♗c2 ♖fe8 15.♗d2**

15.d5 ♘b8 16.♕d2 ♕f8!? (16...f5?! 17.exf5 ♗xf5 (17...gxf5 18.♘g3+-) 18.♘g3±)

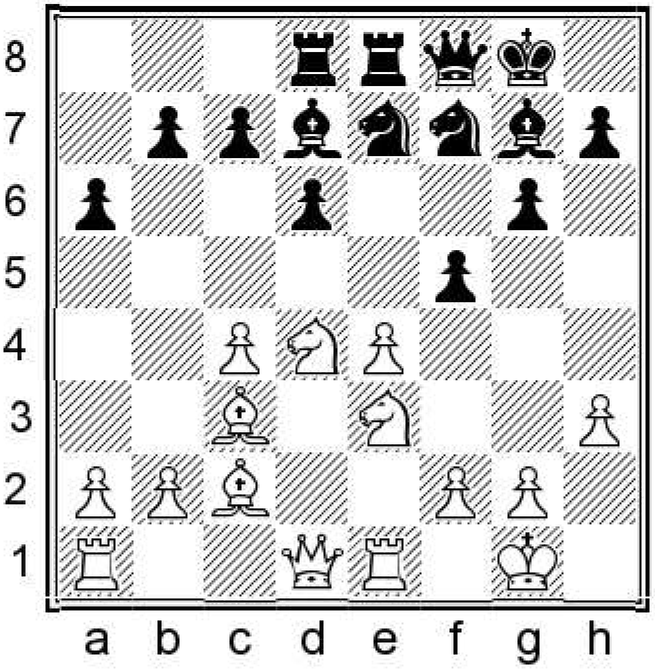
**15...♕f8 16.♘e3 ♘e7 17.c4?!**

17.♗a4!? b5 18.♗c2±

**17...exd4**

17...f5!? 18.dxe5 ♘xe5

**18.♘xd4 f5 19.♗c3?!**



19.♘e2 fxe4 20.♗xe4 ♘g5 21.♗c2 (21.♗xb7 c6=) 21...♘c6=

**19...f4! 20.♘d5 ♘xd5**

20...c5! 21.♘f3 (21.♘e2? f3-+) 21...♘xd5 22.exd5 ♗xc3 23.bxc3 ♕h6∓ Δ Ng5

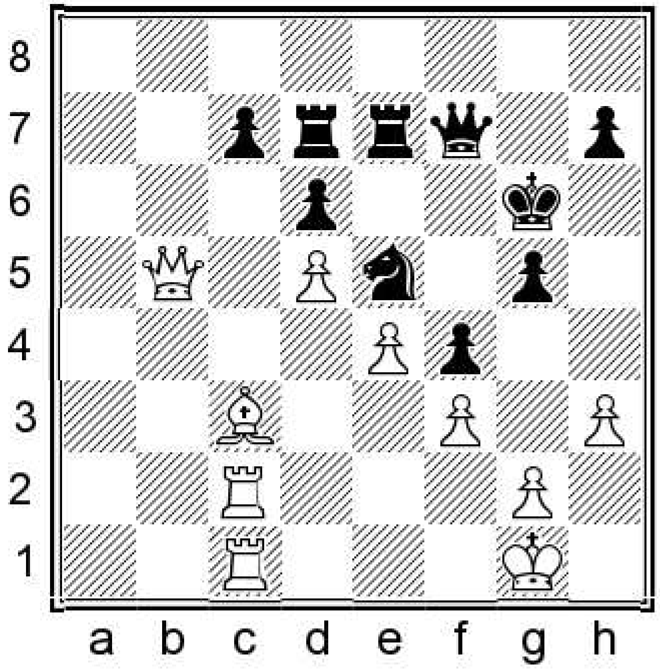
**21.cxd5 ♘e5 22.♗a4 ♗xa4?!**

22...b5! 23.♗c2 (23.♗b3 ♖c8!∞) 23...♖b8∞

**23.♕xa4± ♘d3 24.♖e2 ♗xd4 25.♕xd4 ♘e5 26.f3 ♕e7 27.♕b4 b6 28.♖c2 a5 29.♕b5 ♕f7 30.♖ac1 ♖d7 31.b4**

31.a4! ♖ee7 32.b3! g5 33.♗xe5 ♖xe5 (33...dxe5 34.♖c6+-) 34.♕xd7! ♕xd7 35.♖xc7+-

**31...axb4 32.♗xb4 ♖ee7 33.a4 g5 34.a5 bxa5 35.♗xa5 ♔g7 36.♗c3 ♔g6**



**37.♗d4**

37.♕a5! ♕g7 (37...♘c4?! 38.♕a6 ♘e3 (38...♘e5? 39.♗xe5 ♖xe5 40.♖xc7 ♖xc7 41.♕xd6++-) 39.♖b2+-) 38.♕a8! Δ Rb1

**37...♕f6**

37...h5!⇄ Δ g4

**38.♔h1 ♕f7 39.♖c3**

39.♕a5!+-

**39...h5 40.♕b8 ♖e8 41.♕b2 g4?! 42.♕c2?!**

42.fxg4 hxg4 43.♕e2!±

**42...♖ee7**

42...♕e7 43.♗xe5 ♕xe5 44.♖xc7 ♖xc7 45.♕xc7 g3=

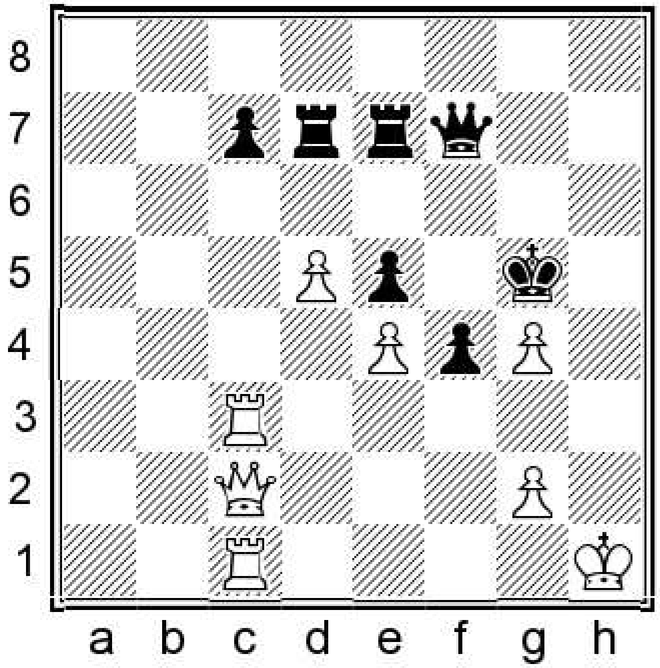
**43.♗xe5**

43.fxg4!

**43...dxe5**

43...♖xe5! 44.♖xc7 ♖xc7 45.♕xc7 ♕xc7 46.♖xc7 g3! 47.♖d7 ♖e8 48.♖xd6+ ♔f7

**44.fxg4 hxg4 45.hxg4 ♔g5?**



45...♕f8! 46.♖h3 ♖h7 47.♕c6+ ♔g5 48.♖h5+ ♖xh5+ 49.gxh5 ♕f7±

**46.♕e2?**

46.♖h3! ♕g6 (46...♔xg4 47.♕e2+ ♔g5 48.♕f2+-) 47.♖h5+ ♔f6 48.♕e2 ♖h7 (48...♔g7 49.♖c3) 49.♖c6+ ♖d6 50.g5++-

**46...♕g6 47.♖c6**

47.♖h3±

**47...♖h7+ 48.♔g1 ♕g8?**

48...♖d6 49.♖xc7 ♕h6=

**49.♕f3?**

49.♕a6!+-

**49...♕b8 50.♕a3 ♖d6 51.♔f2 ♖xc6 52.♖xc6 ♕b1 53.♕f8?**

53.♕c3 ♕xe4 54.♖e6 ♕d4+=

**53...♕b2+ 54.♔f3 ♕b3+ 55.♔e2 ♕b2+?**

55...♕e3+! 56.♔d1 ♕d3+ 57.♔c1 ♖h1+ 58.♔b2 ♖b1+ 59.♔a2 ♕b3#

**56.♔d3 ♕d4+ 57.♔c2 ♕xe4+ 58.♔b2 ♕d4+ 59.♖c3 ♕b6+ 60.♔c2 ♕f2+ 61.♔b3 ♕b6+ 62.♔c2 ♕f2+ 63.♔b3 ♕b6+ 64.♔c2 ♕f2+**

64...♕g6+ 65.♔d2 ♖d7∓

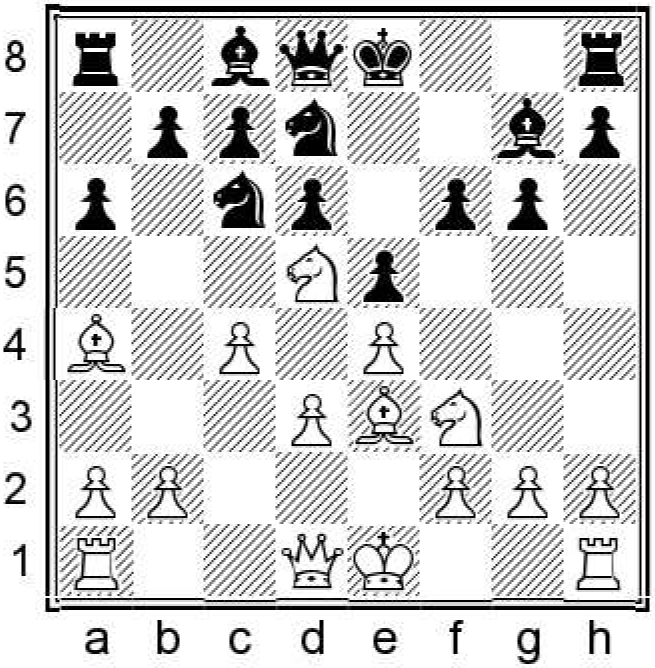
**1/2-1/2**

**114. C77**
**Antipov, Mikhail Al (2607) - Musalov, Ruslan (2348)**
**Russia 147/114, 2020**

**1.e4 e5 2.♘f3 ♘c6 3.♗b5 a6 4.♗a4 ♘f6 5.d3 d6 6.c4 g6 7.♘c3 ♗g7 8.♘d5 ♘d7 9.♗g5**

9.O-O - 38/436

**9...f6 10.♗e3**



**10...♘e7N**

10...♘c5

**11.♘g5!?**

11.d4

**11...fxg5**

11...♘xd5 12.♘e6 ♘xe3 13.fxe3 ♕e7 14.♘xc7+

**12.♗xg5 ♗f8 13.f4?**

13.♘f6+ ♔f7 14.♗xd7 ♗xd7 15.♕f3 ♔g7 16.♘d5 ♔g8 17.♘f6+ ♔g7=

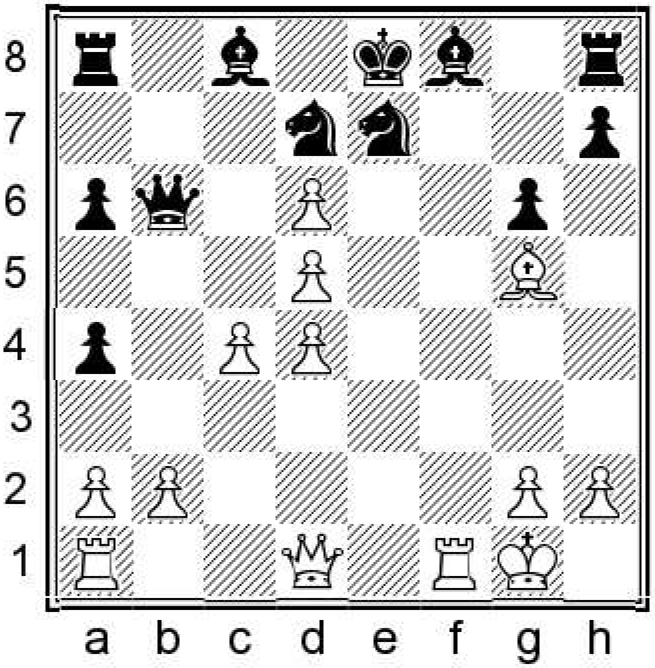
**13...c6 14.fxe5**

14.♘f6+ ♘xf6 15.♗xf6 ♕a5+ 16.♔f2 ♖g8-+

**14...cxd5 15.O-O b5!**

15...dxe5 16.♕f3 ♕b6+ 17.d4 dxe4 18.♕f7+ ♔d8 19.c5 ♕b4 20.♖ad1 ♔c7!∓

**16.d4 ♕b6 17.exd5 bxa4 18.exd6**



**18...♗g7! 19.c5**

19.♗xe7 ♕xd4+ 20.♕xd4 ♗xd4+ 21.♔h1 ♖b8 22.♖ae1 ♘e5 23.♖e4 ♗xb2 24.c5 ♖b5-+

**19...♕xb2 20.♔h1**

20.dxe7 ♕xd4+-+

**20...♕xd4 21.♕e1 ♕e5 22.♕d2 ♕xd5 23.♕e3 ♕e5 24.♕f3 ♕d5**

24...♕xg5-+

**25.♕e3 ♕e5 26.♕f3 ♕xg5-+ 27.♕f7+**

27.♕xa8 ♗xa1-+

**27...♔d8 28.♖ae1**

28.♕xg7 ♖e8 29.dxe7+ ♖xe7

**28...♗e5 29.dxe7+ ♕xe7 30.♕d5 ♖a7 31.c6 ♕c5 32.♕e4**

32.♖xe5 ♕xd5 33.♖xd5 ♖c7 34.cxd7 ♖xd7

**32...♘f6 33.♕xa4 ♖e7 34.♖b1 ♔e8 35.♖fc1 ♕d4 0-1**

**115. C78**
**Vachier Lagrave, Maxime (2784) - Van Foreest, Jorden (2671)**
**Wijk aan Zee 147/115, 2021**

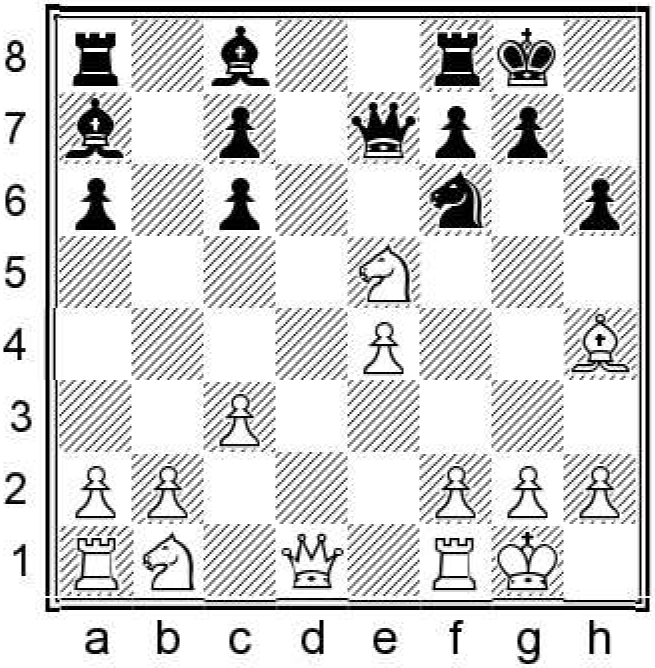
**1.e4 e5 2.♘f3 ♘c6 3.♗b5 a6 4.♗a4 ♘f6 5.O-O ♗c5 6.c3 O-O 7.d4 ♗a7 8.♗g5 h6 9.♗h4 d6!?**

9...exd4 - 142/123

**10.♗xc6 bxc6 11.dxe5 dxe5 12.♘xe5**

12.♕xd8 ♖xd8 13.♘xe5 g5 14.♘xc6 (14.♗g3 ♗b7 15.♘c4 ♘xe4 16.♗xc7 (16.♘a5?! ♖d5! 17.♘xb7 ♖b8∓) 16...♘xf2 17.♗xd8 ♖xd8 18.♘bd2 ♘e4+ 19.♔h1 ♘f2+ (19...♖xd2?? 20.♘xd2 ♘xd2 21.♖fe1+-; 19...♘xd2? 20.♖ad1+-) 20.♔g1=) 14...gxh4 15.♘xd8 ♗d7 16.♘b7 ♖b8 17.♘a5 ♖xb2 18.♘c4 ♖e2 19.♘bd2 (19.♘e5 ♗a4⯹) 19...♘g4⯹

**12...♕e7**

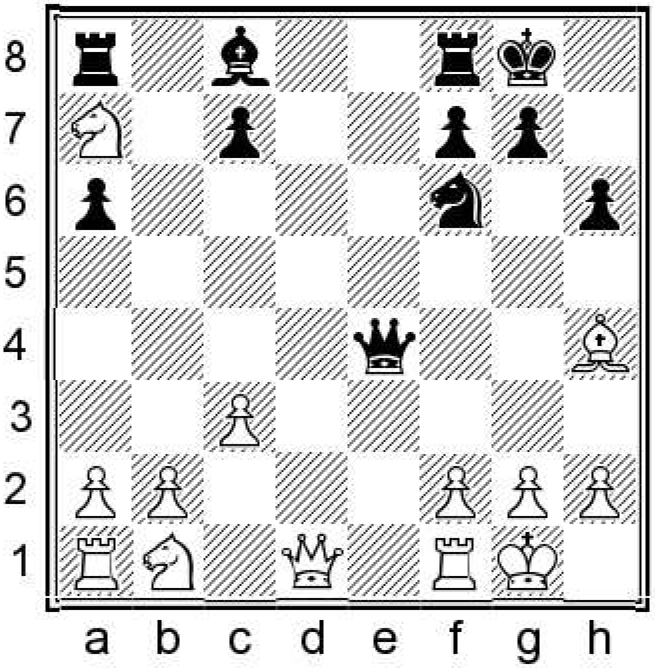


12...g5?! 13.♗g3±; 12...♕xd1 13.♖xd1 g5 14.♗g3 ♘xe4 15.♘xc6±

**13.♘xc6N**

13.♘f3 ♕xe4 14.♗xf6 gxf6 15.♘bd2 ♕f4=; 13.♗g3! ♘xe4 14.♘xc6 ♕f6 (14...♕c5 15.♘xa7 ♘xg3 16.hxg3 ♕xa7 17.♘d2 ♗e6±) 15.♘xa7 ♖xa7 16.♘d2 ♘xg3 17.hxg3 ♖b7⯹

**13...♕xe4 14.♘xa7**



**14...♗h3!**

14...♗b7 15.♕f3 ♕xf3 16.gxf3 ♖xa7 (16...♗xf3 17.♘d2 ♗b7 18.♗g3 ♖xa7 19.♗xc7±) 17.♘d2±

**15.gxh3 ♖fd8!**

15...♕xh4? 16.♘c6 ♕xh3 17.♘e5+-

**16.♘d2?!**

16.♕c1 ♕xh4 17.♘c6 (17.♕e3 ♘d5 18.♕g3 ♕f6 19.♘d2 ♘f4 20.♘e4 ♕f5 21.♖ae1 ♖xa7∞) 17...♖d6 18.♘e7+ (18.♘e5? ♘d7-+; 18.♘d4 ♖e8 19.♘d2 ♕xh3→) 18...♔f8 19.♘f5 ♕xh3 20.♘xd6 ♕g4+ 21.♔h1 ♕f3+=

**16...♕xh4 17.♕f3**

17.♘c6? ♕g5+ 18.♔h1 ♖xd2∓

**17...♖xa7 18.♘b3 c5! 19.♕g3**

19.♔h1 ♖d5 20.♖ae1 ♖ad7∓; 19.♖ae1 ♖d5∓

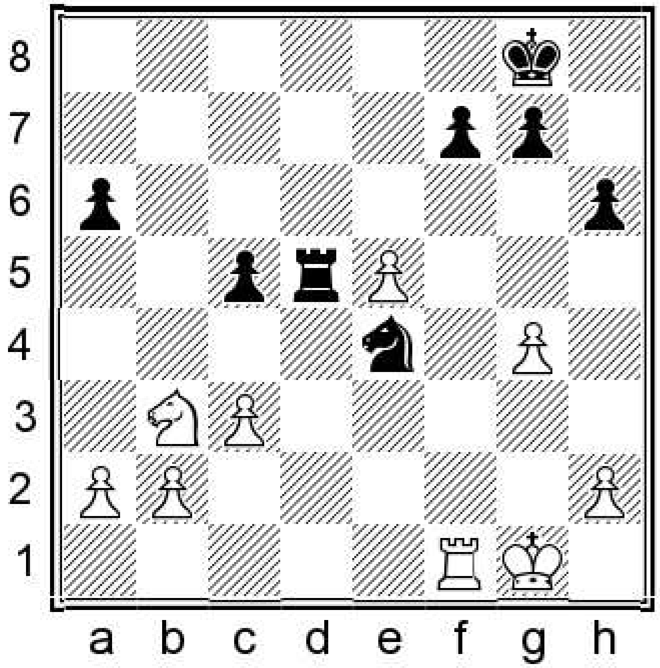
**19...♕h5?!**

19...♕c4! 20.♖ad1 (20.♖ae1 ♖ad7∓) 20...♖ad7 21.♖xd7 ♖xd7 22.♖e1 ♖d5∓

**20.♖ae1 ♖d5 21.f4 ♖ad7**

21...♖b7 22.c4 (22.♖e5?! ♖xe5 23.fxe5 ♘e4 24.♕g4 ♕xg4+ 25.hxg4 c4 26.♘a5 ♖xb2 27.♘xc4 ♖xa2∓) 22...♖f5 23.♔h1 ♖b6∞

**22.♖e5 ♖xe5 23.fxe5 ♘e4 24.♕g4 ♕xg4+ 25.hxg4 ♖d5**



**26.♖e1**

26.♔g2! c4! (26...♖xe5 27.♖e1! f6 (27...♖e6 28.♖e3 g6 29.♔f3 ♘g5+ (29...f5 30.gxf5 gxf5 31.♔f4±) 30.♔e2 ♘e4? (30...♖xe3+? 31.♔xe3 ♘e6 32.♔e4+-) 31.♘d2 f5 32.gxf5 gxf5 33.♘xe4 fxe4 34.♖g3+ ♔f7 35.♔e3±) 28.♘a5 ♔f8 29.♘c4 ♖e8 30.h4±) 27.♘d4 ♖a5 28.♖e1 (28.a3 ♖xe5 29.♖e1 ♔f8=) 28...♘c5 29.e6 ♘xe6 30.♘xe6 fxe6 31.♖xe6 ♖xa2 32.♖b6 a5 33.♔f3±

**26...♘d2!= 27.♘xd2**

27.♔f2 ♘c4 28.♔f3 ♔f8! (28...♘xe5+? 29.♔e4 ♖d6 30.♘xc5 ♘xg4 31.b4±; 28...♖xe5? 29.♖xe5 ♘xe5+ 30.♔e4 ♘xg4 31.♘xc5 ♘xh2 32.♘xa6±) 29.♖e2 ♔e7=

**27...♖xd2 28.e6 fxe6 29.♖xe6 ♖xb2 30.♖xa6 ♖c2 31.♖c6 ♖xc3 32.♔g2 ♖a3 1/2-1/2**

**116. * C78**
**Harikrishna, Penteala (2732) - Caruana, Fabiano (2823)**
**Wijk aan Zee 147/116, 2021**

**1.e4 e5 2.♘f3 ♘c6 3.♗b5 a6 4.♗a4 ♘f6 5.O-O b5 6.♗b3 ♗c5 7.a4 ♖b8 8.c3 d6 9.d4 ♗b6 10.a5 ♗a7**

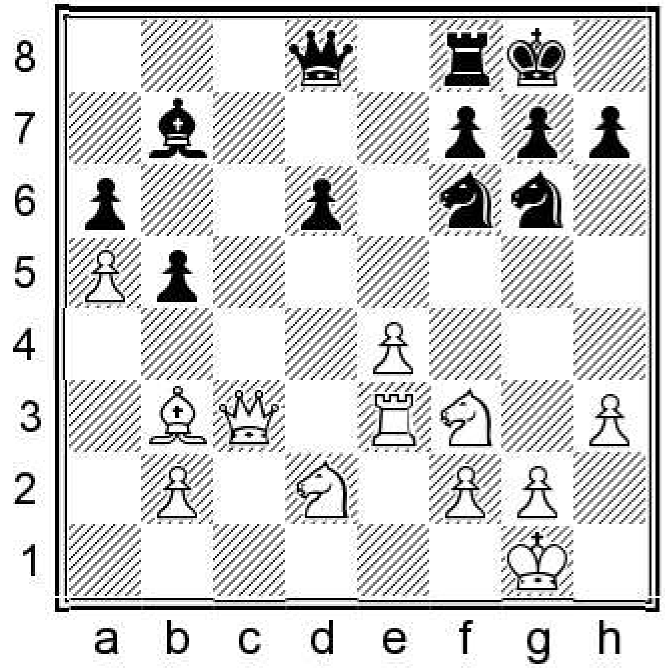
10...♘xa5? 11.♖xa5 ♗xa5 12.dxe5↑ - 80/362

**11.h3 ♗b7 12.♖e1 O-O 13.♗e3 exd4 14.cxd4 ♘e7**

14...♘b4 - 101/242

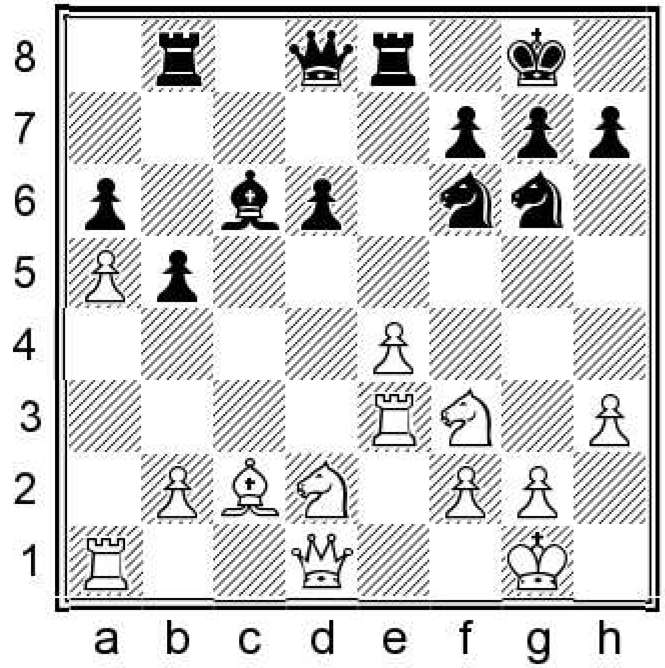
**15.♘bd2 ♘g6 16.d5**

16.♖c1 ♖c8 17.d5 ♗xe3 18.♖xe3 c5 19.dxc6 ♖xc6 20.♖xc6 ♗xc6 21.♕c2 ♗b7 22.♕c3



22...♖e8N (22...d5?! 23.e5 ♘e4 24.♘xe4 dxe4 25.♘d2↑) 23.e5 dxe5 24.♘xe5 ♘xe5 25.♖xe5 ♖xe5 26.♕xe5 h5 1/2 (26) Van der Velde,M-Waerstad,L corr 147/(116) 2020

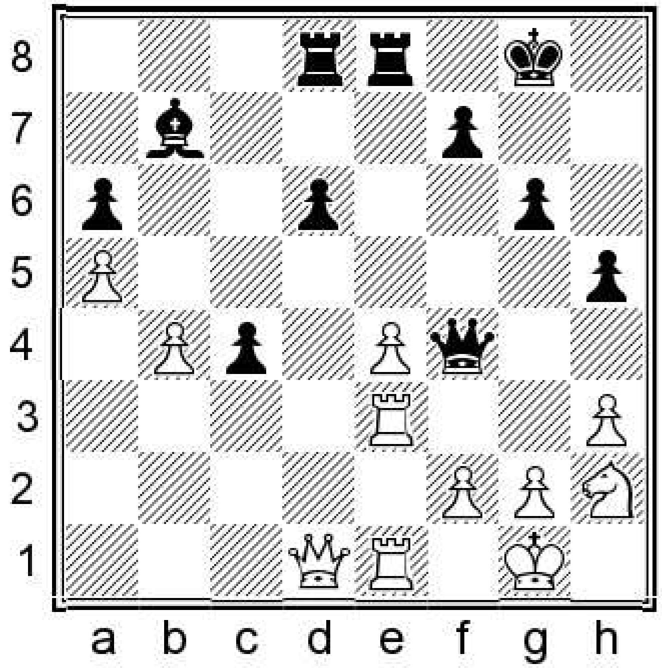
**16...♗xe3 17.♖xe3 c6 18.dxc6 ♗xc6 19.♗c2 ♖e8**



**20.♖e1N**

20.b4

**20...♗b7**⇄ [×e4] **21.b4 ♘h5 22.♖a3 ♘hf4 23.♘f1 ♕f6 24.♘g3 ♖bd8 25.♖ae3 ♘e5 26.♗b3 g6 27.♘h2 h5 28.♘e2 ♘c4 29.♗xc4 bxc4 30.♘xf4 ♕xf4**



**31.♕c2**

31.♘f3 ♖xe4! (31...d5 32.exd5 ♖xe3 33.fxe3 ♕e4 34.♕d4=) 32.g3 ♖xe3 33.gxf4 ♗xf3 34.♕a1 ♖xe1+ 35.♕xe1 ♖c8∓

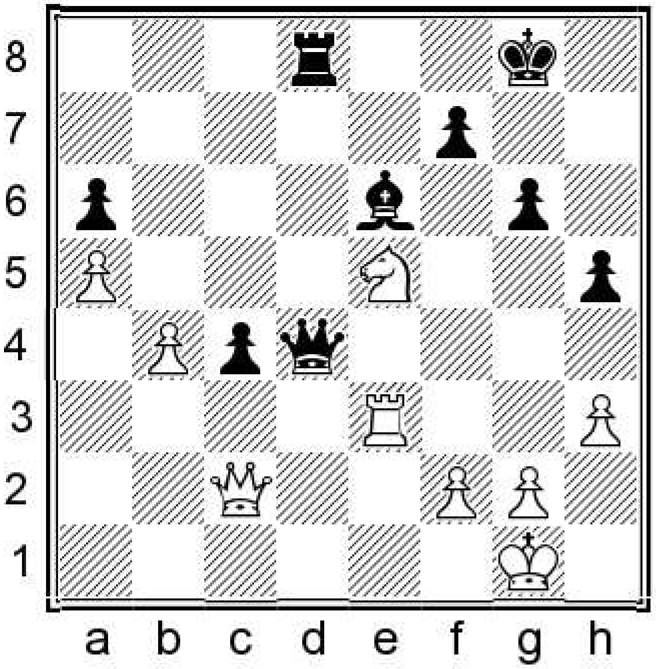
**31...d5 32.exd5 ♖xe3 33.♖xe3**

33.fxe3 ♕g3 34.♕f2 ♕xf2+ 35.♔xf2 ♖xd5∓

**33...♗xd5 34.♘f3 ♗e6**

34...♗xf3 35.♖xf3 ♕b8! 36.♖c3 ♕xb4 37.♖xc4 ♕xa5∓

**35.♘e5 ♕d4?**



35...♖d6∓

**36.♘xg6! ♕d1+**

36...♔g7 37.♔h2 h4 38.♘e5∞

**37.♕xd1 ♖xd1+ 38.♔h2 c3 39.♖xc3! fxg6 40.♖c6 ♔f7 41.♖xa6 ♖d2 42.♔g1 ♖d1+ 43.♔h2 ♖d2 44.♔g1 ♖d1+ 1/2-1/2**

**117. * C78**
**So, Wesley (2770) - Dubov, Daniil (2702)**
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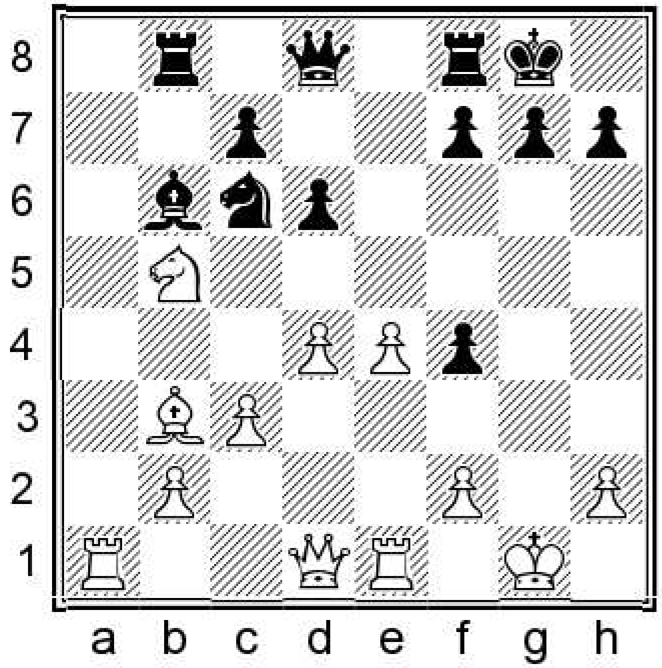
**1.e4 e5 2.♘f3 ♘c6 3.♗b5 a6 4.♗a4 ♘f6 5.O-O b5 6.♗b3 ♗c5 7.a4 ♖b8 8.c3 d6 9.d4 ♗b6 10.axb5 axb5 11.♘a3 O-O 12.♘xb5 ♗g4 13.♖e1!? ♗xf3 14.gxf3 ♘h5**

14...exd4 15.cxd4 ♘xd4 16.♘xd4 ♗xd4 17.♗xf7+ ♖xf7 18.♕xd4±

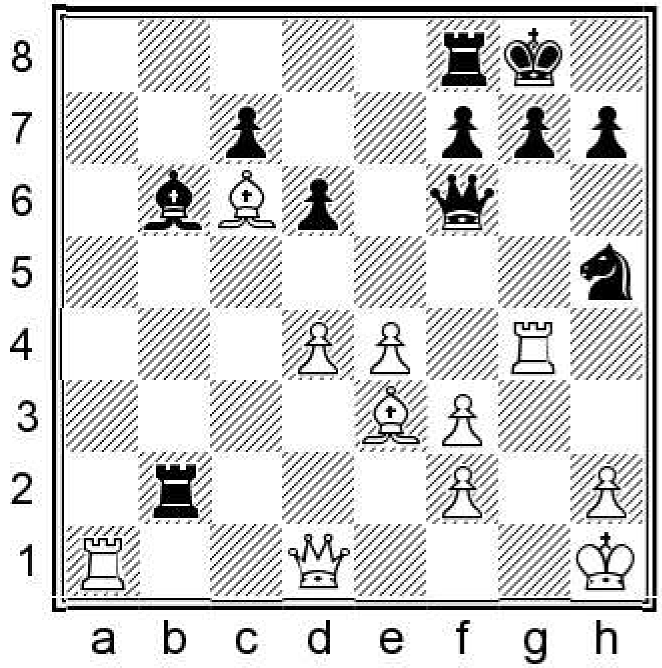
**15.♔h1**

15.f4?! ♘xf4 16.♗xf4 exf4



17.♔h1N (17.♕g4 ♗xd4! 18.♘xd4 ♘xd4 19.♗xf7+ ♖xf7 20.cxd4∓) 17...♘e7 18.♗c2 ♘g6∓ Kovalev, V (2660) -Caruana,F (2822) Wijk aan Zee 147/(117) 2020

**15...♕f6 16.♗e3 exd4 17.cxd4 ♗a5 18.♖g1 ♖xb5 19.♗a4 ♖xb2 20.♗xc6 ♗b6 21.♖g4**



**21...g6N**

21...♖b4 22.♖a4!? (22.e5 dxe5 23.dxe5 ♕e7∞ - 71/349) 22...♖xa4 23.♗xa4→

**22.f4 ♖b4 23.♖a4 ♖xa4 24.♕xa4 ♘g7 25.♗d5**

25.f5! ♔h8 26.♖g3→

**25...♔h8**

25...c5? 26.f5! cxd4 (26...gxf5 27.♗g5 ♕xd4 28.♕xd4 cxd4 29.exf5+-) 27.♗g5 ♕e5 28.fxg6 hxg6 29.♕b3 ♗c5 30.f4 ♕e8 31.♗f6+-

**26.h3**

26.e5 ♕d8 27.♕c4 ♘f5∞; 26.f5!? gxf5 27.♗g5 (27.♖f4∞) 27...♕xd4 28.♕xd4 ♗xd4 29.exf5 ♘xf5 30.♖xd4 ♘xd4 31.♗f6+ ♔g8 32.♗xd4∞

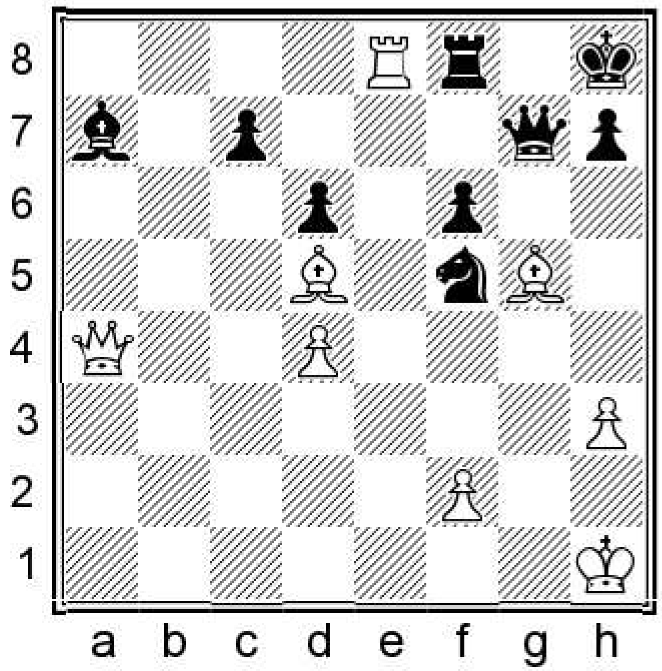
**26...♕e7**

26...♘e6! 27.e5 (27.f5?! gxf5 28.exf5 ♕xf5 29.♗e4 ♕h5∓) 27...♕f5 28.♔h2 (28.♕c4 h5 29.♗xe6 fxe6 30.♖g3 d5∞) 28...h5 29.♗xe6 ♕xe6 30.♖g5∞

**27.f5! gxf5 28.exf5 ♘xf5 29.♗g5 f6 30.♖e4 ♕g7??**

30...fxg5 31.♖xe7 ♘xe7 32.♗e4 ♘g6 33.f3±; 30...♕d8 31.♗d2 ♘g7 (31...♘e7? 32.♗h6!+-) 32.♖h4→

**31.♖e8!+- ♗a7**



31...fxg5 32.♕a8+-

**32.♕d7!! h6**

32...♕xd7 33.♖xf8+ ♔g7 34.♖g8#; 32...fxg5 33.♕d8

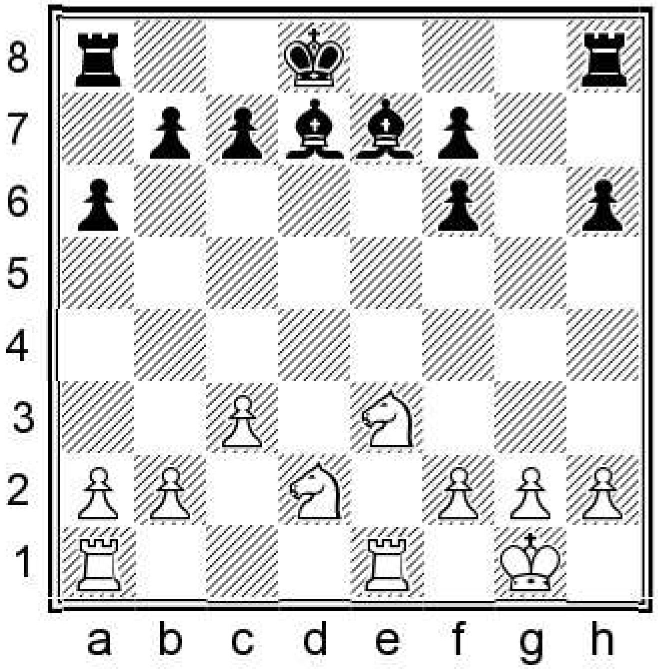
**33.♕c8 ♖xe8 34.♕xe8+ ♔h7 35.♗xf6 1-0**

**118. C79**
**Nepomniachtchi, Ian (2784) - Artemiev, Vladislav (2711)**
**Russia (ch) 147/118, 2020**

**1.e4 e5 2.♘f3 ♘c6 3.♗b5 a6 4.♗a4 ♘f6 5.O-O d6 6.c3 ♘xe4!?**

6...♗e7 - 68/310

**7.d4 ♗d7 8.♖e1 ♘f6 9.♗xc6 ♗xc6 10.dxe5 dxe5 11.♕xd8+ ♔xd8 12.♘xe5 ♗e8 13.♗g5 h6 14.♗xf6+ gxf6 15.♘g4 ♗e7 16.♘d2 ♗d7 17.♘e3**



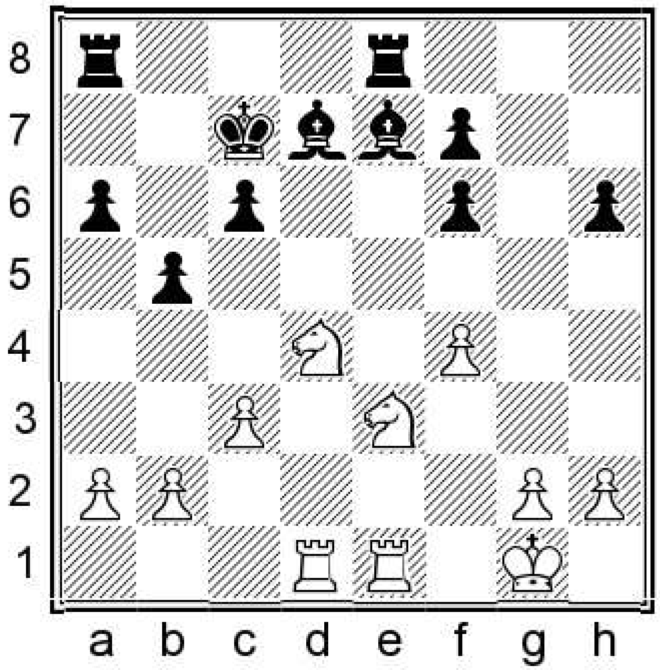
**17...c6N**

17...♗e6 18.♘b3

**18.♖ad1 b5 19.♘b3 ♖e8 20.f4**

20.♘f5 ♗f8 21.♖xe8+ ♔xe8 22.♘d6+ ♗xd6 (22...♔e7!? 23.♘xf7 a5 24.♘d6 ♗e6±) 23.♖xd6 ♔e7 24.♖d2±; 20.♘f5 ♗f8 21.♖xe8+ ♔xe8 22.♘d6+ ♔d8! 23.♘c5 (23.♘xf7+?! ♔c7∓) 23...♗g4 24.♖d4 ♔c7 25.♖xg4 ♗xd6 26.♘b3±

**20...♔c7 21.♘d4**



**21...♗f8**

21...♗c5!? 22.♔f2 h5 23.♘ec2 a5 24.♖xe8 ♖xe8 25.♖e1 ♖d8∞

**22.♔f2 ♖e4 23.g3 ♗c5 24.♘ec2 ♖xe1 25.♖xe1 a5 26.a3 h5 27.♔f3 ♗g4+ 28.♔g2 ♗d7 29.♔f3 ♗g4+ 30.♔g2 ♗d7**

30...a4 31.h3 ♗d7 32.♘e3 ♗xd4 33.cxd4∞

**31.♔f3 ♗g4+ 1/2-1/2**

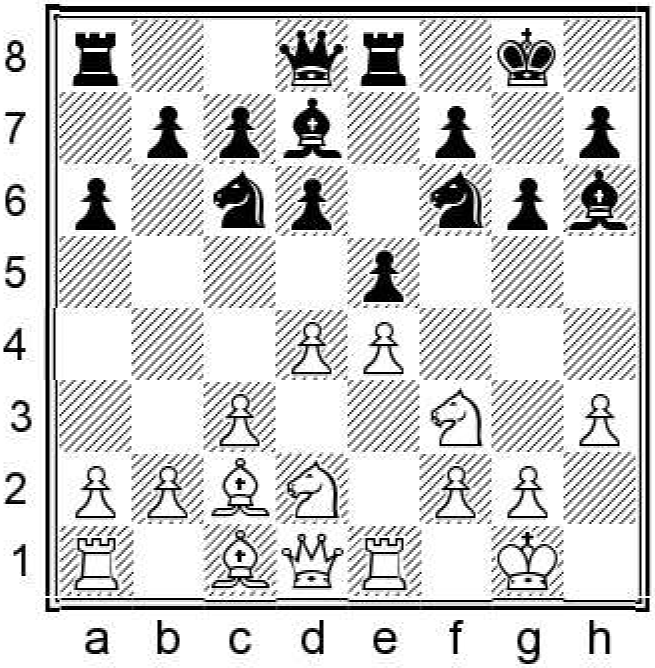
**119. * C79**
**Karjakin, Sergey (2752) - Artemiev, Vladislav (2711)**
**Russia (ch) 147/119, 2020**

**1.e4 e5 2.♘f3 ♘c6 3.♗b5 a6 4.♗a4 d6 5.c3 ♗d7 6.O-O g6 7.d4 ♘f6 8.♖e1 ♗g7 9.h3**

9.♘bd2 - 35/423

**9...O-O 10.♗c2 b5**

10...♖e8 11.♘bd2 ♗h6!?

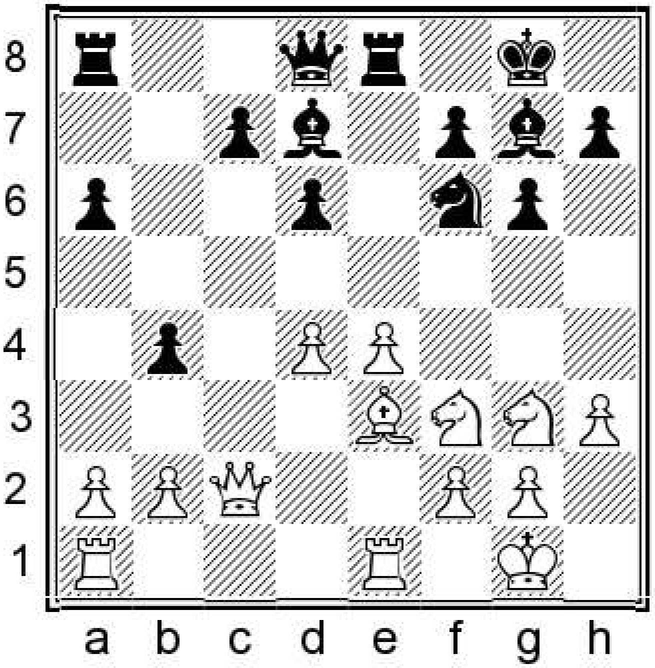


(11...♕e7 12.♘f1 ♕f8 13.♘g3±) 12.a3!?N (12.♘f1 ♗xc1 13.♕xc1 ♔g7 14.♘g3 h6±) 12...♕e7 13.♘f1 ♗xc1 14.♖xc1 ♘h5 15.♘e3± Tari,A (2625)-Artemiev,V (2709) chess.com (Int.-blitz) 147/(119) 2021

**11.♗e3 exd4?!**

11...♖e8 12.♘bd2±

**12.cxd4 ♘b4 13.♘c3 ♘xc2 14.♕xc2 b4 15.♘e2 ♖e8 16.♘g3**



**16...h6N**

16...♗b5 17.d5 ♘d7 18.♗d4±; 16...a5±

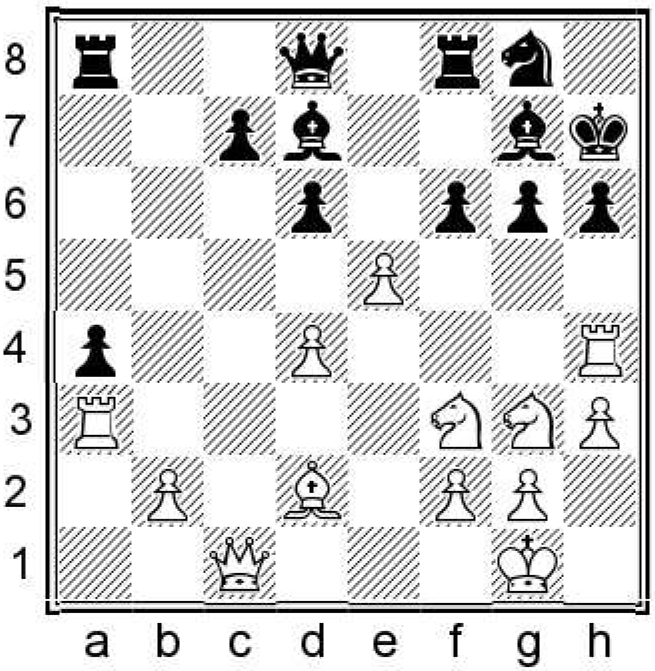
**17.♗d2 a5 18.a3 bxa3 19.♖xa3 a4 20.♕c1 ♔h7 21.e5! ♘g8**

21...♘d5 22.♖e4! ♖a6 (22...c5 23.♖h4 dxe5 24.♗g5! f6 25.♗xh6+-) 23.♖h4 ♖c6 24.♕d1 ♖h8 25.♖xa4+-; 21...dxe5 22.dxe5 ♘d5 23.♖e4 ♖b8 24.♖h4 ♔g8 25.♖d3 c6 26.♗xh6 ♗xe5 27.♘xe5 ♖xe5 28.♖xa4±

**22.♖e4 f6**

22...♗e6 23.♖h4 ♗d5 24.♘e4 ♕e7 (24...♗xe4 25.♘g5+!+-) 25.♖e3! (25.♗xh6?! ♘xh6 26.♘f6+ ♗xf6 27.♕xh6+ ♔g8 28.exf6 ♕xf6∞) 25...♗xe4 26.♖exe4 d5 27.♖e1±

**23.♖h4 ♖f8**



23...d5 24.♖c3 c6 25.♕c2±

**24.exf6?!**

24.♘e4! dxe5 25.dxe5 fxe5 26.♗b4 ♖f5 27.♘fg5+ ♔h8 28.g4 ♖xg5 (28...♖f4 29.♕xf4! exf4 30.♘f7++-) 29.♘xg5+-

**24...♗xf6 25.♖f4**

25.♖xh6+!? ♘xh6 26.♗xh6 ♗g7 27.♘g5+ ♔h8 28.♗xg7+ ♔xg7 29.♘3e4→

**25...♖c8**

25...♗g7! 26.♖xf8 ♕xf8 27.♕xc7 ♘f6 28.♗b4 (28.♘e4 ♘xe4 29.♕xd7 ♘xd2 30.♘xd2 ♖b8 31.♕xa4 ♖xb2±) 28...♖c8 29.♕xd6 ♕xd6 30.♗xd6 ♖c1+ 31.♔h2 ♖c2 32.♘e5 (32.b3 axb3 33.♖xb3 ♖xf2±) 32...♗b5 33.b3 ♘e8 34.♘e4 ♘xd6 35.♘xd6 ♗xe5+ 36.dxe5 ♗c6 37.bxa4 ♖xf2±

**26.d5 c6 27.dxc6 ♗xc6**

27...♖xc6 28.♕b1 ♖b6 29.♗c3 ♗xc3 30.♖xf8 ♕xf8 31.♖xc3 ♕b8 32.♕a2 ♗e8 33.♖e3±

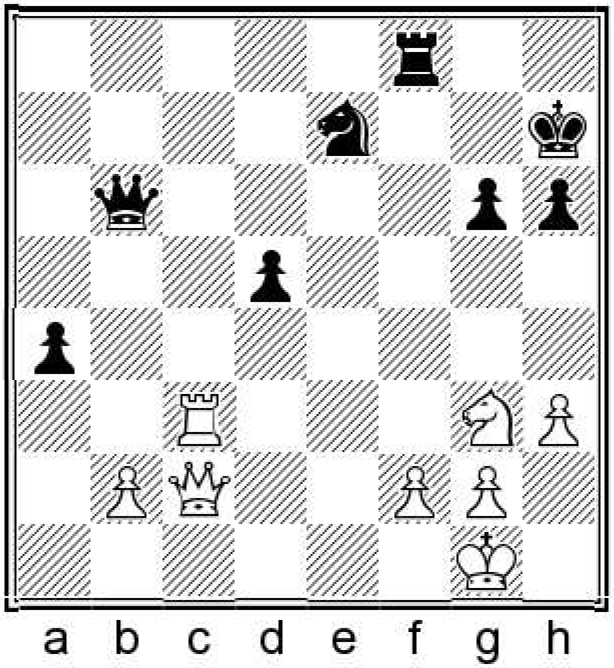
**28.♗c3 ♗xf3**

28...♗xc3 29.♖xf8 ♕xf8 30.♖xc3 ♗b7 31.♘d4±

**29.♖xf3 d5 30.♕d1 ♗xc3**

30...d4 31.♗b4 ♖e8 32.♖xa4±

**31.♖fxc3 ♕b6 32.♕c2 ♖xc3 33.♖xc3 ♘e7**



**34.h4! ♔g7**

34...♖b8 35.♕e2 ♖b7 36.h5! ♕xb2 37.hxg6+ ♔xg6 (37...♘xg6 38.♖c7+!+-) 38.♕e5+-

**35.h5 g5 36.♖e3 ♖f7 37.♕e2 ♘f5?**

37...♕c5 38.♖e6 ♘g8 39.♖a6 ♖f4 40.♘f1±

**38.♖e6+- ♕d4 39.♖g6+ ♔f8 40.♘xf5 ♖xf5 41.♖xh6 ♖f6**

41...♕e4 42.♕xe4 dxe4 43.♖e6 ♖b5 44.♖xe4 ♖xb2 45.♖xa4

**42.♖h8+ ♔g7 43.♖e8 g4**

43...♖c6 44.g4!

**44.♕e7+ ♔h6 45.♖h8+ ♔g5 46.♖g8+ ♔h4 47.g3+ ♔h3 48.♕e1 ♕d3 49.♖e8 a3 50.♖e2 ♖xf2 51.♕xf2 1-0**

**120. C90**
**Edouard, Romain (2640) - Santos Latasa, Jaime (2600)**
**Los Cancajos 147/120, 2020**

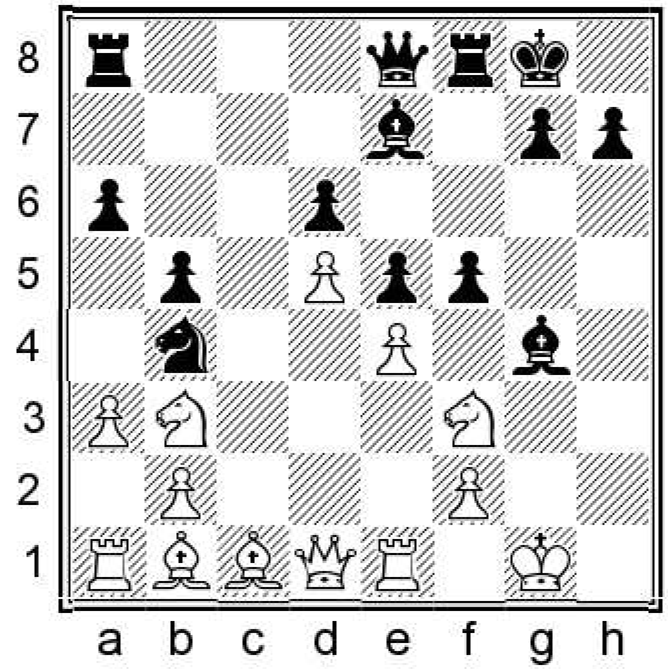
**1.e4 e5 2.♘f3 ♘c6 3.♗b5 a6 4.♗a4 ♘f6 5.O-O ♗e7 6.♖e1 b5 7.♗b3 d6 8.c3 ♘a5 9.♗c2 c5 10.d4 cxd4**

10...♕c7 - 51/371

**11.cxd4 ♗g4 12.♘bd2!?**

12.dxe5 ♗xf3 13.♕xf3 dxe5 14.♘c3±

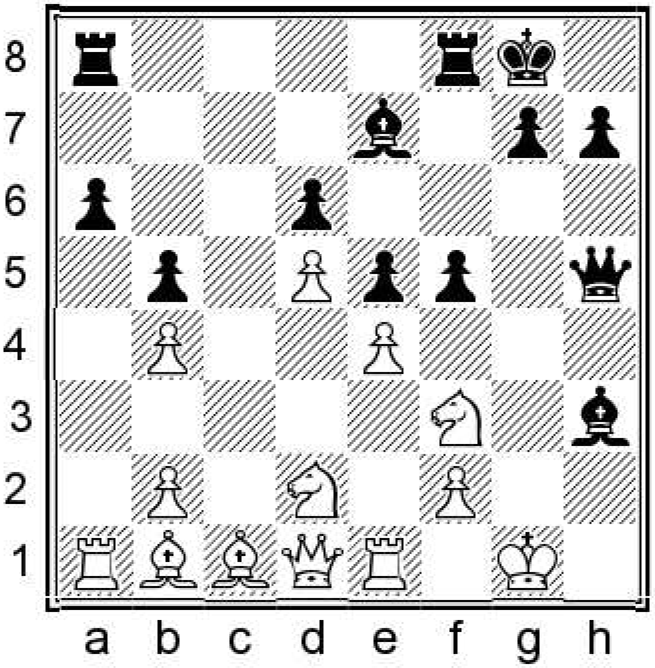
**12...♘c6 13.h3 ♗h5 14.g4 ♘xg4! 15.hxg4 ♗xg4 16.♘b3 O-O 17.d5 ♘b4 18.♗b1 f5! 19.a3 ♕e8**



**20.axb4N**

20.exf5 ♕h5 21.♗e4 (21.♘bd2 ♗g5! 22.♗e4 ♘d3-+) 21...♖xf5! 22.♘bd2 ♘d3! 23.♗xd3 (23.♗xf5 ♗xf5-+) 23...♖xf3-+

**20...♕h5 21.♘bd2 ♗h3**



**22.♘f1?**

22.♔h1!! ♗g4+ 23.♔g1 ♗h3 24.♔h1=

**22...♕g6+**

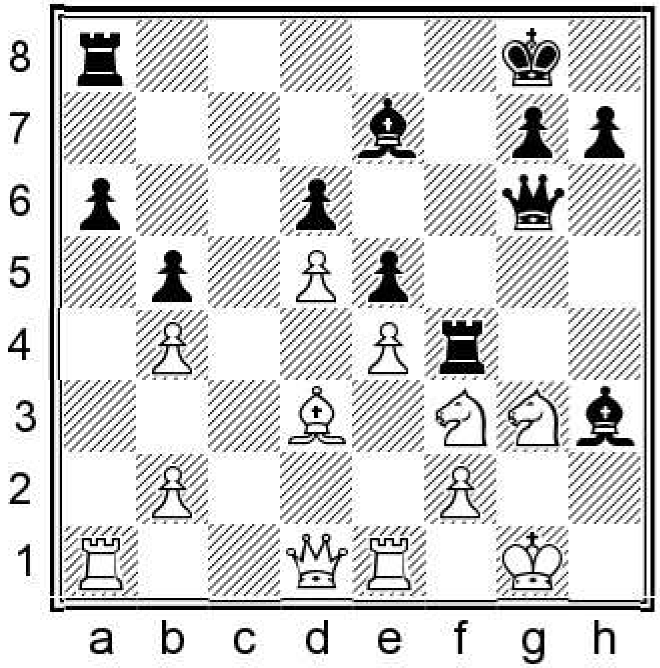
22...f4! 23.♘xe5 ♕xe5 24.♖a3 (24.♕f3 ♕g5+ 25.♔h1 ♗xf1 26.♖xf1 ♖f6-+) 24...♕g5+ 25.♘g3 (25.♖g3 fxg3! 26.♗xg5 gxf2+ 27.♔h2 fxe1=Q 28.♕xe1 ♖xf1-+) 25...♗g4 26.♕d4 ♖ac8 27.♖c3 ♖xc3 28.bxc3 ♗f6 29.♕d3 ♗e5-+

**23.♘g3?**

23.♗g5! ♗xg5 (23...f4 24.♔h1 ♗xg5 25.♘1h2 ♗d8 26.♖g1 ♕h6 27.♗d3 ♔h8 28.♖c1±) 24.exf5 ♗xf5 25.♗xf5 ♖xf5 26.♘g3 ♖f4 (26...♖f6 27.♘xg5 ♕xg5 28.♖e3 (28.♕h5 ♕f4 29.♖e2 ♖af8=∞) 28...♖af8 29.♕h5 ♕xh5 30.♘xh5 ♖xf2 31.♘g3 (31.♖xa6 ♖f1+ 32.♔g2 ♖8f2+ 33.♔h3 ♖h1+ 34.♔g4 g6 35.♖a8+ ♔f7 36.♖a7+ ♔g8 37.♘g7 ♖g1+ 38.♔h3 ♖h1+ 39.♔g3 ♖hh2=) 31...♖d2 (31...♖xb2 32.♖xa6 ♖f6∞) 32.♖xa6 ♖xd5∞) 27.♘xg5 ♕xg5 28.♕h5 ♕xh5 29.♘xh5 ♖xb4 30.♖ac1±

**23...f4 24.♗xf4 ♖xf4 25.♘h2**

25.♗d3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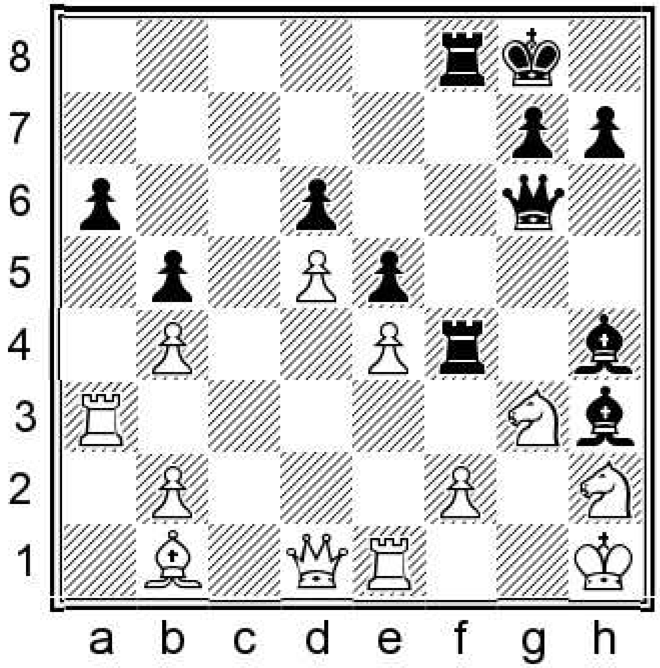
25...♗d8! 26.♖e3 ♗b6 27.♕d2 ♖af8 28.♗e2 ♗g4-+ (28...♖xe4-+)

**25...♗h4 26.♖a3 ♖af8 27.♔h1**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27.♖e2 ♗d8! 28.♕e1 ♗b6-+

**27...♗g2+!**

27...♖xf2 28.♖g1 ♗g4! 29.♘xg4 (29.♕xg4 ♖xh2+-+) 29...♗xg3 30.♖gxg3 ♖f1+-+

**28.♔xg2 ♖xf2+ 29.♔h3**

29.♔g1 ♗xg3 30.♘g4 ♗h2+! 31.♔h1 ♖8f4 32.♘xf2 ♖xf2-+

**29...♗xg3 30.♘g4**

30.♖xg3 ♕h6+-+

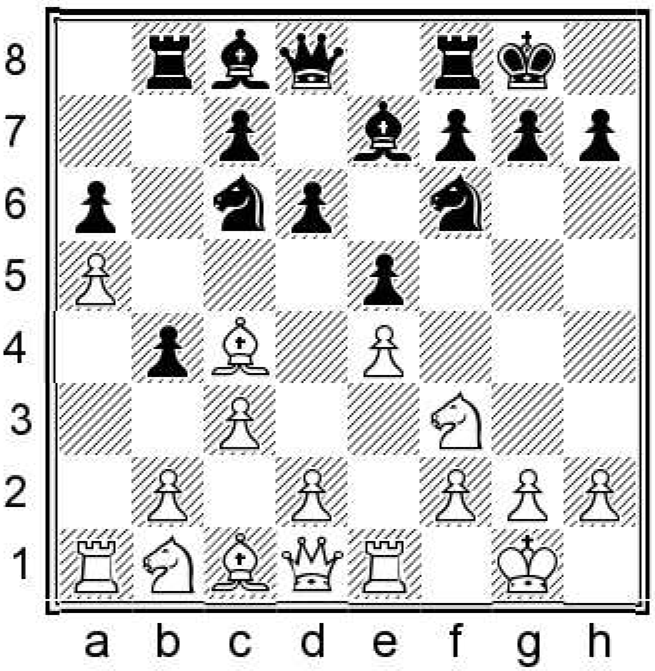
**30...♕g5 31.♔xg3 h5 32.♖h1 hxg4 33.♕c1**

33.♕xg4 ♖g2+-+

**33...♖d2 34.♖f1 ♖f3+ 0-1**

**121. * C90**
**Karjakin, Sergey (2752) - Chigaev, Maksim (2619)**
**Russia (ch) 147/121, 2020**

**1.e4 e5 2.♘f3 ♘c6 3.♗b5 a6 4.♗a4 ♘f6 5.O-O ♗e7 6.♖e1 b5 7.♗b3 O-O 8.a4 b4 9.a5 d6 10.c3 ♖b8 11.♗c4**



**11...h6!?**

11...♗e6 12.♗xa6 ♖a8 13.♕e2; 11...♘xe4 12.♗d5 ♘xf2 13.♔xf2 ♘xa5 14.cxb4 c6 15.♗a2 ♖xb4 - 131/127

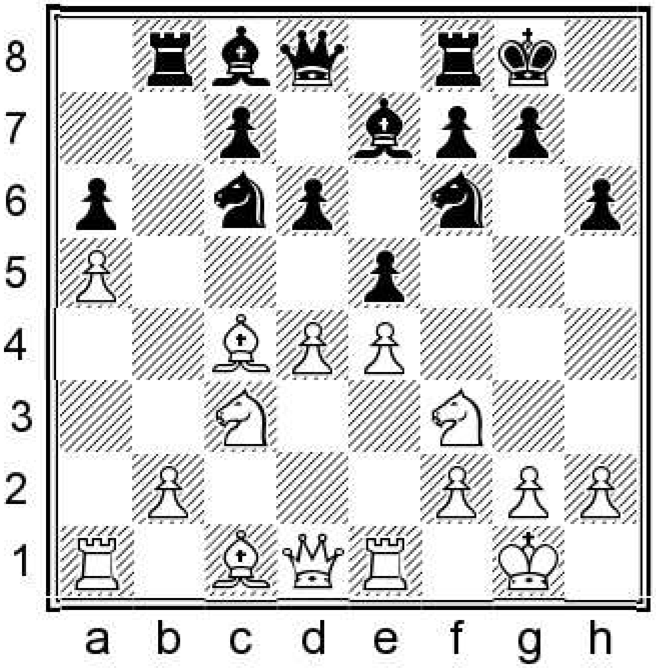
11...♗g4 12.h3 ♗h5 - 141/(119)

11...d5 - 146/123

**12.d4**

12.h3 ♘xe4 13.♗d5 ♘xf2 14.♔xf2 ♘xa5 15.cxb4 c6 16.♗a2 ♖xb4 17.d4 ♗h4+ (17...exd4 18.♔g1 d5 19.♗d2 ♖xb2 20.♖xe7 ♕xe7 21.♗xa5 ♕e4 22.♘bd2 ♕e3+ 23.♔h2 ♗d7 24.♗c7 ♖e8 25.♗b3 ♕d3 26.♖a2 ♖xa2 27.♗xa2±) 18.g3 ♗e7 19.♘a3 exd4 20.♘c2 ♖b6 21.♘cxd4 d5∞

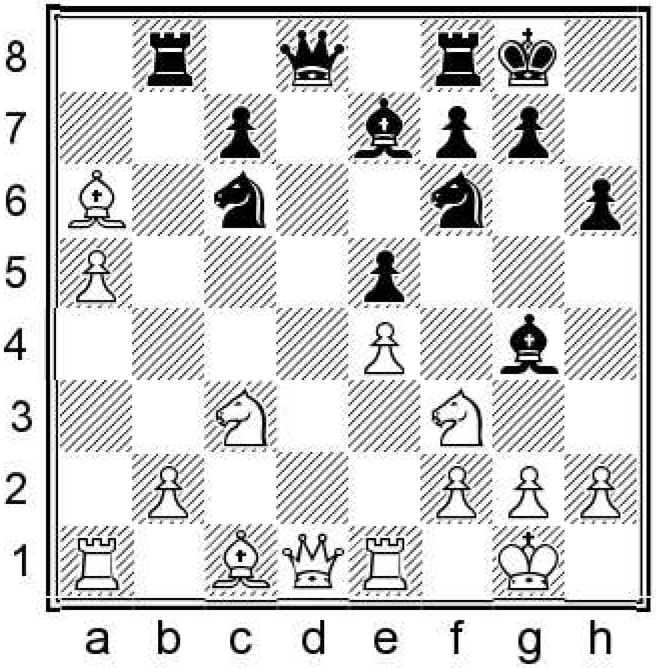
**12...bxc3 13.♘xc3**



**13...♗g4** - 147/121

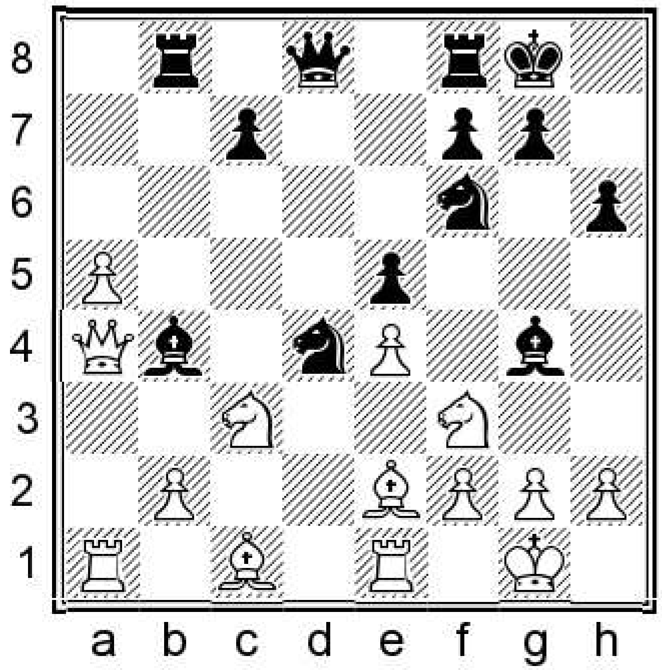
13...exd4N 14.♘xd4 ♘xd4 15.♕xd4 ♘g4 16.♘d5 ♗h4 17.g3 c6 18.♘b6 c5 (18...♗f6!? 19.♕d1 ♖xb6 20.axb6 ♕xb6=∞) 19.♕d1 ♗f6 20.♗e2 ♘e5 21.♗f4 ♗e6 22.♗xa6 ♖xb6 23.axb6 ♕xb6=∞ Doderer,H-Quevedo Garcia,V corr 147/(121) 2020

**14.dxe5 dxe5 15.♗xa6**



**15...♕xd1N**

15...♗b4 16.♕a4 ♘d4 17.♗e2



17...♕e7 (17...♗e6!? 18.♘xd4 exd4 19.♖d1 ♗d7 20.♗b5 ♗xc3 (20...♖xb5!? 21.♘xb5 c5∞) 21.♗xd7 ♗xa5=) 18.a6 c5 19.♗d2 ♘xe2+ 20.♖xe2 ♖b6 21.h3 ♗xf3 22.gxf3 ♖a8 23.a7 ♖b7 24.♕c6 ♖axa7 25.♖xa7 ♖xa7=

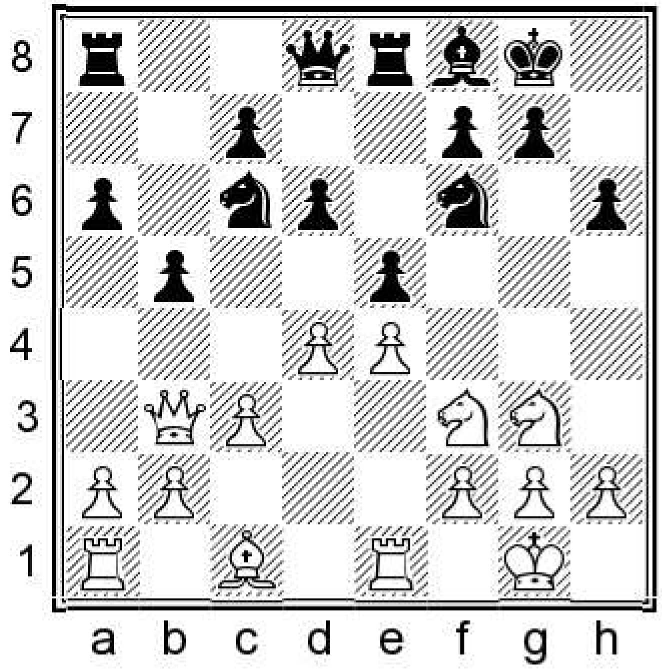
**16.♖xd1 ♖a8 17.♗b7 ♖xa5 18.♗e3 ♖xa1 19.♖xa1 ♘d8 20.♘d5 ♘xd5 21.♗xd5 ♗xf3 22.gxf3 ♘e6= 23.b3 ♗d6 24.♖a4 ♖b8 25.♗a7 ♖d8 26.♗e3 ♖b8 27.♗a7 ♖d8 28.♗e3 ♖b8 1/2-1/2**

**122. !N C90**
**Esipenko, Andrey (2686) - Chigaev, Maksim (2619)**
**Russia (ch) 147/122, 2020**

**1.e4 e5 2.♘f3 ♘c6 3.♗b5 a6 4.♗a4 ♘f6 5.O-O ♗e7 6.d3 d6 7.c3 O-O 8.♖e1 ♖e8 9.♘bd2 ♗f8 10.♘f1 h6 11.♘g3 b5 12.♗b3 ♗e6 13.d4**

13.♗xe6 ♖xe6 - 138/ 149

**13...♗xb3 14.♕xb3**



**14...d5!N**

14...♘a5

**15.dxe5**

15.exd5 ♘a5 16.♕d1 exd4 17.♖xe8 ♕xe8 18.♕xd4 ♕d8 (18...c5!? 19.dxc6 ♖d8 20.♕e3 ♖d1+ 21.♘f1 ♘xc6 22.♕xe8 ♘xe8=∞) 19.♘e4 ♘xe4 20.♕xe4 ♘c4 21.b3 ♘b6 22.c4 ♕f6 23.♖b1 bxc4 24.bxc4 ♕c3 25.♗f4 ♕xc4 26.♕xc4 ♘xc4 27.♗xc7 ♖c8 28.♗f4 ♖c5 29.♖d1 ♘b2 30.♖d4 g5 31.♗e3 ♗g7 32.♖d1 (32.♖b4 ♖xd5=) 32...♖a5 33.♖d2 ♘c4=

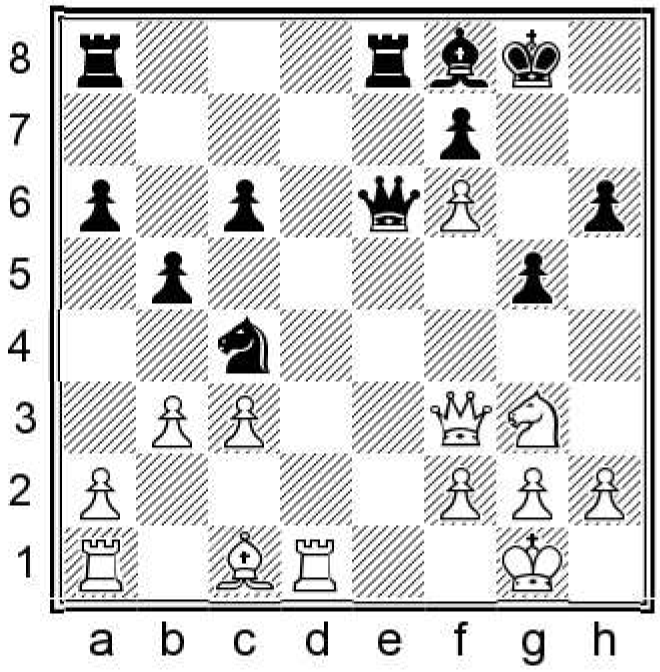
**15...dxe4 16.♖d1 ♕c8**

16...♘d7! 17.♘xe4 ♘cxe5 18.♗xh6 (18.♘xe5 ♖xe5 19.♘g3 c6 20.♗f4 ♖e6∞) 18...♘xf3+ 19.gxf3 ♖xe4! (19...gxh6? 20.♖xd7) 20.fxe4 ♕h4 21.♖xd7 ♕g4+ 22.♔f1 ♕xd7=∞

**17.exf6 exf3 18.♕d5**

18.fxg7! ♗xg7 19.gxf3 ♘e5 (19...♕h3 20.♕c2! Δ♘e5 21.♕f5±) 20.♔g2±

**18...♘e5 19.♗f4 c6 20.♕e4 ♘c4 21.♕xf3 g5! 22.♗c1 ♕e6 23.b3**



**23...♖ad8! 24.♖f1?!**

24.♖xd8 ♖xd8= (24...♕e1+? 25.♘f1 ♖xd8 26.♗b2+-)

**24...♘e5 25.♕f5 ♘g4 26.h3 ♕xf5 27.♘xf5 ♘xf6 28.c4 ♘e4 29.♗e3 ♘d6 30.♘xd6 ♖xd6 31.cxb5 cxb5 32.g4= f5 33.gxf5 ♖e5 34.♖ac1 ♖xf5 35.♖c8 ♖e6 36.♖d1 ♔f7 37.♖d7+ ♔g6 38.♖a7 ♖f7 39.♖xf7 ♔xf7 40.♔g2 ♗a3 1/2-1/2**

**123. C95**
**Macovei, Andrei (2453) - Bernadskiy, Vitaliy (2629)**
**chess.com (Internet) 147/123, 2020**

**1.e4 e5 2.♘f3 ♘c6 3.♗b5 a6 4.♗a4 ♘f6 5.O-O ♗e7 6.♖e1 b5 7.♗b3 d6 8.c3 O-O 9.h3 ♘b8 10.d4 ♘bd7 11.c4 c6 12.a3**

12.♘c3 - 146/124

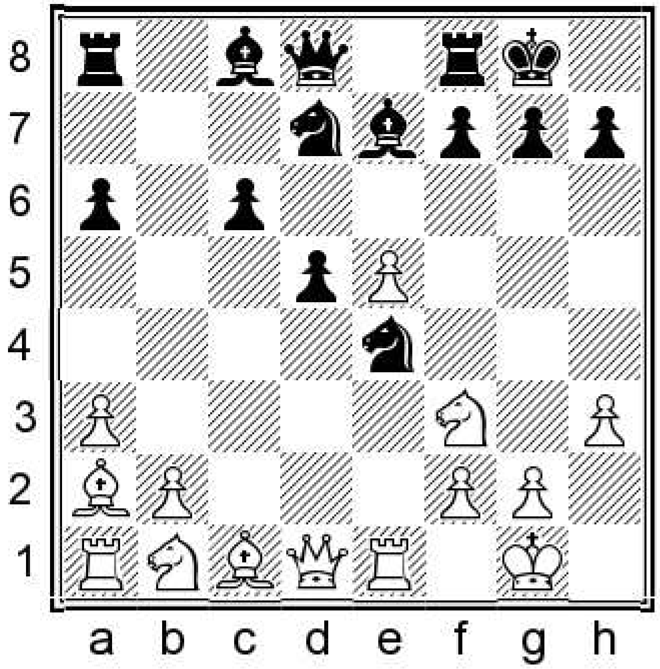
**12...bxc4 13.♗xc4 d5**

13...♘xe4 - 17/324

**14.dxe5**

14.exd5 - 58/(376)

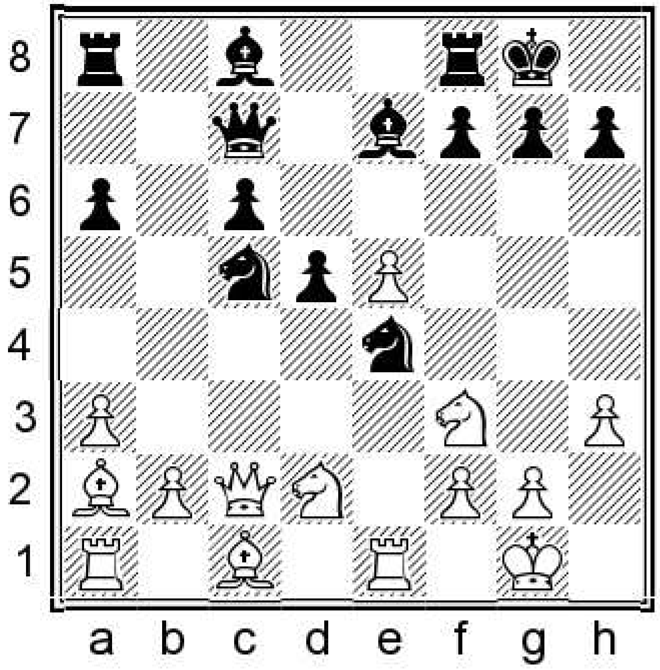
**14...♘xe4 15.♗a2**



15.♗xd5? cxd5 16.♕xd5 ♘xf2! (16...♖b8? - 1/224) 17.♕xa8 (17.♔xf2 ♗b7! 18.♕xb7 ♘c5 19.♕c6 ♖c8-+) 17...♕b6 18.♗e3 (18.♕d5 ♘xh3+ 19.♔h2 ♘f2 20.♘c3 ♘g4+ 21.♔h1 ♕g6 22.♘h2 ♘c5! 23.♕f3 ♘d3-+) 18...♗c5 19.♔xf2 ♗b7 20.♕xb7 ♗xe3+ 21.♖xe3 ♕xb7 22.b4 f6 23.e6 ♘e5-+

**15...♕b6**

15...♗b7 16.♘c3 ♘dc5 17.♘d4 Δ♕c7 18.♘f5!? ♕xe5 19.♘xe7+ ♕xe7 20.♘xe4 dxe4 21.b4 ♕e5 22.♗b2 ♕xb2 23.bxc5±; 15...♕c7 16.♘bd2 ♘dc5 17.♘xe4 (17.♕c2 17...♗f5! 18.♘d4 ♗g6 19.♘xe4 ♗xe4 20.♕c3 ♖fc8⇄) 17...♘xe4 18.♗e3 ♗d7 (18...♗b7 19.♕c2 c5 20.♖ad1 ♖fd8 21.♗f4 ♖ac8 22.♗b1 g6 23.♕c1↑) 19.♖c1 ♕b7 20.♗b1 ♖fb8 21.♗xe4 dxe4 22.♘d2 ♗e6



23.♘xe4 ♕xb2 24.♗c5 ♗xc5 25.♘xc5 ♗d5 26.♖e3 ♖e8 27.♘a4 ♕b8 28.♕d4±; 15...♘dc5 16.♕c2 ♗d7 17.♘c3 ♖b8 18.♗e3 Δ♘xc3 19.bxc3 g6 20.c4 ♗f5 21.♕c3 ♘e4 22.♕c1 ♕d7 23.♘d4±; 15...♔h8 16.♕c2 (16.♘c3 f5∞) 16...f5!? (16...♕b6 17.♗e3 ♗c5 18.♘c3 ♗xe3 19.♖xe3 f5 20.♖c1 Δ♕b8 21.e6 ♘df6 22.♘d4±) 17.♕xc6 ♖b8 18.♕c2 ♗c5 19.♗e3 d4!? 20.♘xd4 f4⇄ 21.♕xe4 fxe3 22.fxe3! ♘xe5!? 23.♕xe5 ♗d6 24.♕e4 (24.♕d5? ♗b7 25.♕e6 ♕h4-+) 24...♗b7 25.♕g4 ♕f6 26.♘d2!? ♕f2+ 27.♔h1 ♕xd2 28.♖ad1 ♕xb2 29.♖e2 ♕c3 30.♘e6! ♕e5 31.♕xg7+ ♕xg7 32.♘xg7 ♗xa3 33.♘e6 ♖fc8 34.e4 Δ Bd5±

**16.♕c2 ♗c5 17.♗e3 ♗xe3**

17...♖b8 18.b4 ♗xe3 19.♖xe3 ♖e8 20.♘c3 ♘xe5 21.♘xe5 ♖xe5 22.♕b2!± (22.♘xe4 ♗f5! 23.♖c1 ♗xe4 24.♕xc6 ♕xc6 25.♖xc6 d4! 26.♖e1 ♗xg2 27.♖xe5 ♗xc6 28.♗c4 ♖d8=)

**18.♖xe3 ♘dc5**

18...♖e8 19.♘c3 ♘xc3 20.♖xc3 ♗b7 21.♖e1 ♘f8 22.♘h4!? g6 23.♖g3 Δ♗c8 24.♔h2 ♖b8 25.♖e2 ♖b7 26.♕c1 (26.♕d2 ♕d8! 27.♕h6 f5) 26...♗d7 27.f4 f5 28.♘f3 ♘e6 29.♘g5±

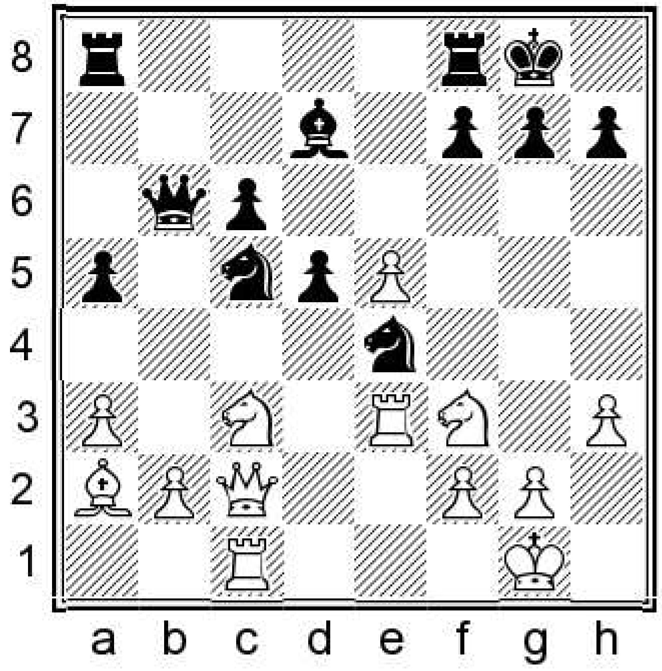
**19.♘c3**

19.♘bd2 ♘xd2 20.♕xd2 ♗d7 21.♖c1 ♖fb8! 22.b3 ♘e6 23.♗b1 g6 24.h4 ♕d8 25.h5 a5 26.♖ec3 ♕e7 27.♘d4 ♕h4!∞

**19...a5 20.♖c1**

20.♘xe4 ♘xe4 21.♖d1 ♗d7 22.♗b1 ♖ab8 23.b3 (23.♕c1 ♘c5! 24.♘g5 g6 25.♖c3 ♘e6 26.♘e4 dxe4 27.♖xd7 ♘d4∞) 23...g6 24.♕c1 ♘c5 25.♘d4 ♘e6 26.♘f5 ♘f4 (26...gxf5? 27.♖g3+ ♔h8 28.♗xf5+-) 27.♘h6+ ♔g7 28.♖ee1 (28.♖de1 ♘xg2! 29.♔xg2 ♔xh6 30.e6 fxe6 31.♖xe6+ ♔g7 32.♖e7+ ♔g8∓) 28...♔xh6 29.♕xf4+ ♔g7 30.h4 ♕d8 31.♖e3 ♕e7 32.h5 ♗e6 Δ c5∞

**20...♗d7**



**21.♗b1N**

21.♗xd5!? cxd5 22.♘xd5 ♕b7! (22...♕a7 23.b4 axb4 24.axb4±) 23.♖xe4 ♗f5 24.♕xc5 ♗xe4 25.♘e7+ ♔h8 26.♘g5 ♗d3 (26...h6 27.♘xe4 ♕xe4 28.♖c4 ♕b1+ 29.♔h2 ♕xb2 30.♖f4 ♔h7 31.♖g4 ♖ae8 32.f4∞) 27.b4 axb4 28.axb4 h6 29.♖c3 ♕d7 30.♘f3 ♖fe8 31.♘c6 ♗e4=

**21...♖ab8 22.♘xe4 ♘xe4 23.b3 f5**

23...g6 24.h4!? Δ♖fe8 25.h5 ♗g4 26.♘h2 ♗f5 27.♕b2↑

**24.exf6 ♖xf6**

24...♘xf6 25.♘e5 ♗e8 26.♕f5±

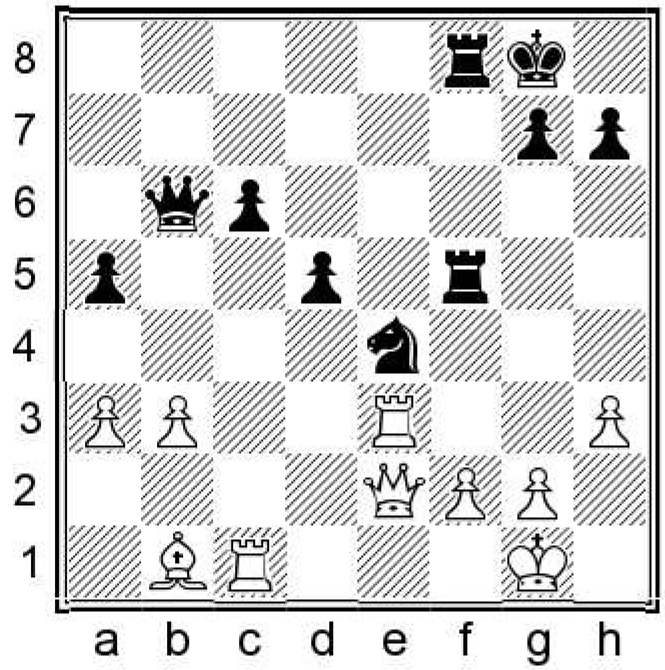
**25.♕e2 ♗f5 26.♘h4**

26.♗xe4 ♗xe4 27.♘g5! ♗g6 28.♖e6 ♖bf8 29.♖cxc6! ♕xf2+ 30.♕xf2 ♖xf2 31.♖cd6 ♖f1+ 32.♔h2 ♗f5 33.♖e7 h6 34.♘f3±

**26...♖bf8**

⌓26...♗e6 27.♗xe4 dxe4 28.♖xe4 ♗xb3 29.♖b1 ♕c5 30.♕d3!? a4 (30...♕xf2+? 31.♔h2 a4 32.♖xa4 ♕a2 33.♖g4 ♕xa3 34.♖g3+-) 31.♖xa4 ♖xf2! 32.♖d4 ♖f7 33.♔h1 ♖fb7 34.♖d8+ ♖xd8 35.♕xd8+ ♕f8 36.♕d3 ♕f7=

**27.♘xf5 ♖xf5**



**28.♗xe4**

28.f3! ♘g3 29.♕f2 ♘e4 30.♗xe4 dxe4 31.♖xe4 ♕xb3 32.♖e3 ♕d5 33.♕c2 c5 34.♖d1 ♕f7 35.♕a4±

**28...dxe4?**

28...♖xf2 29.♕d3 dxe4 30.♕xe4 ♖2f6 31.♖c3 ♖d8! 32.♔h2 ♕c7+ 33.♕e5 ♖dd6=

**29.♕c4+! ♔h8 30.♕xc6 ♕a7**

30...♕xc6 31.♖xc6 ♖xf2 32.♖xe4 ♖2f5 33.♖e7 ♖g5 34.♖c3±

**31.♕c7 ♕d4 32.♕c3± ♕d6 33.♖g3 ♖8f7 34.♕c8+ ♖f8 35.♕c3 ♖8f7 36.♖e1 ♖xf2 37.♖xe4 ♖f1+ 38.♔h2 ♕b8?**

38...h6 39.♖e5±

**39.♖c4 ♕a7 40.♕xg7+! 1-0**

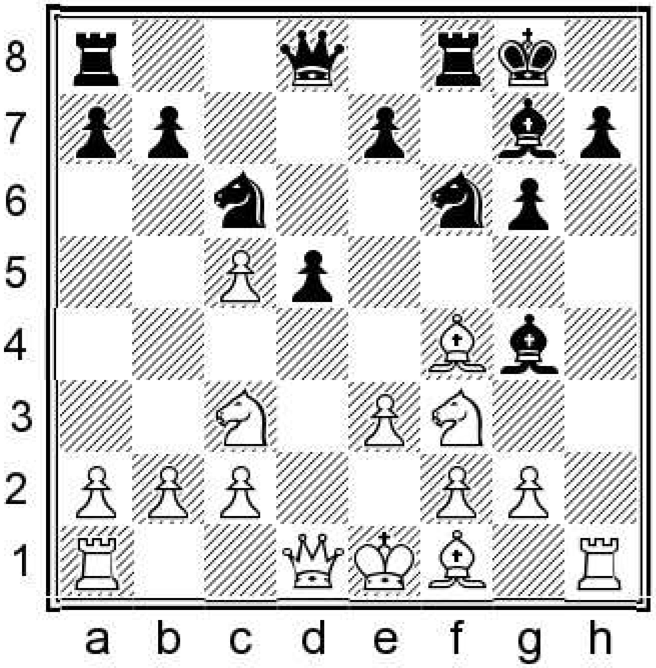
# D00-D24

**124. *** D01**
**Cabarkapa, Novak (2463) - Ivanisevic, Ivan (2608)**
**Srbija (ch) 147/124, 2020**

**1.d4 ♘f6 2.♘c3 d5 3.♗f4 g6 4.e3 ♗g7 5.h4 O-O 6.h5 c5**

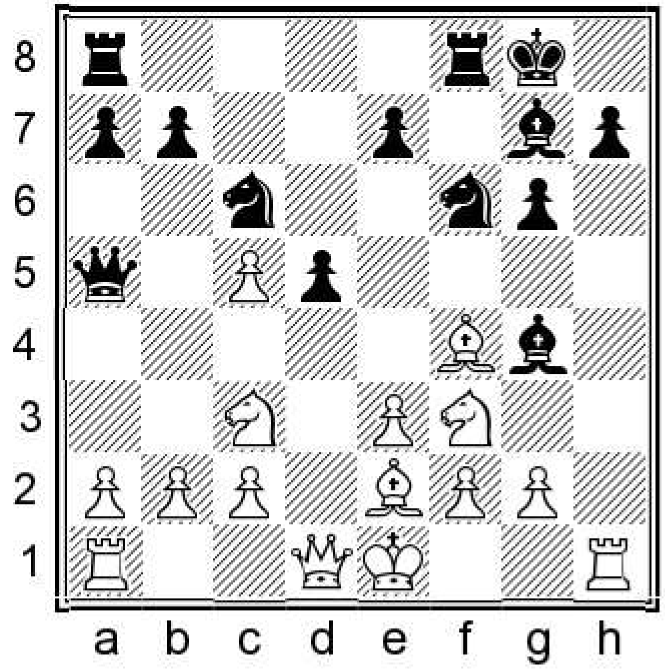
6...♘xh5 - 136/ (129)

**7.hxg6 fxg6 8.dxc5 ♘c6 9.♘f3 ♗g4**

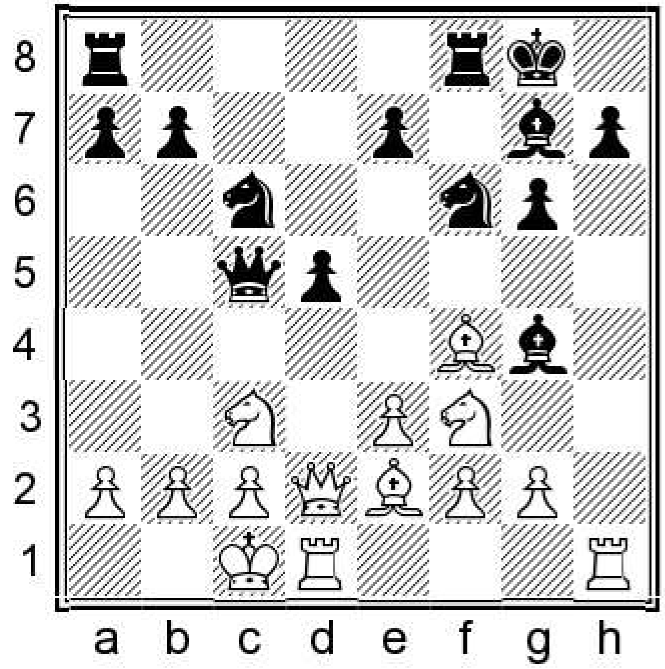


**10.♕d3N**

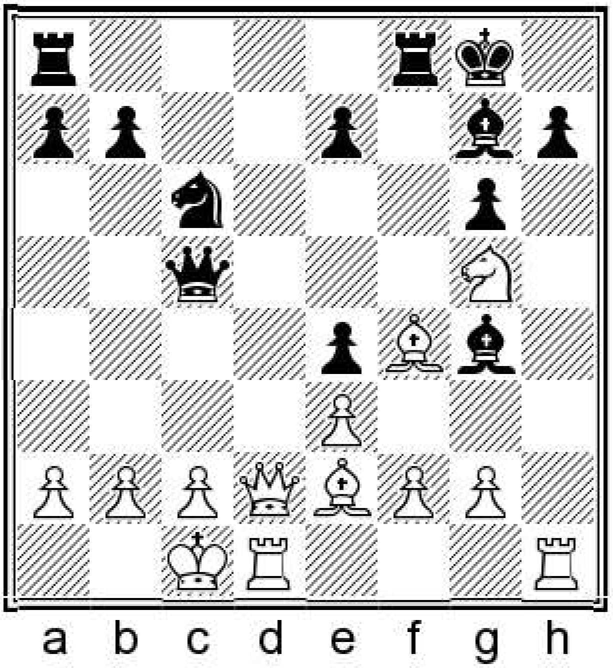
10.♗e2 - 147/ (124) 10...♕a5



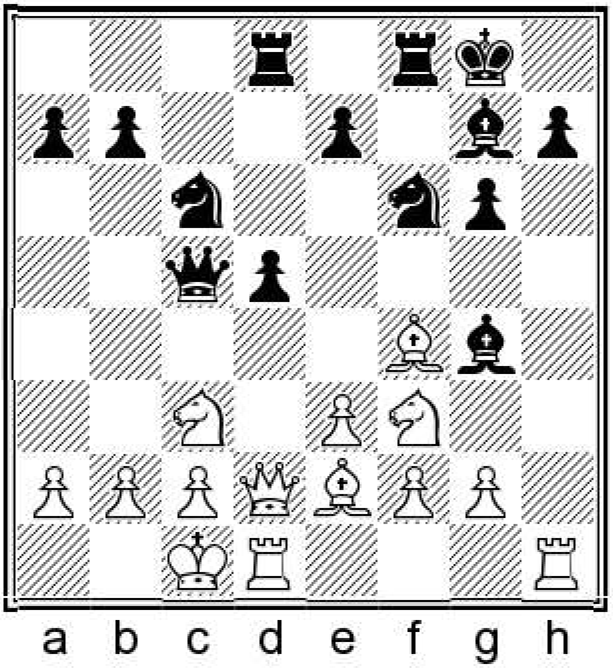
11.♕d2N (11.♘g5 ♗xe2 12.♕xe2 e5 13.♗g3 ♖ae8∞) 11...♕xc5 12.O-O-O



12...♗xf3 - 147/(124) (12...♘e4N - 147/(124) 13.♘xe4 dxe4 14.♘g5



14...♗f5? (14...♖fd8 15.♗xg4 ♖xd2 16.♗e6+ ♔f8 17.♘xh7+ ♔e8 18.♖xd2 ♖d8 19.♖hd1 ♗xb2+ (19...♖xd2 20.♖xd2 ♕b5∞) 20.♔xb2 ♕b4+ 21.♔c1 ♕a3+ 22.♔b1 ♕b4+=) 15.♕d5+ ♕xd5 16.♖xd5+- Bortnyk,O (2598)-Ivanisevic, I (2608) chess.com (Int.-blitz) 147/(124) 2020; 12...♖ad8?!N



13.♘a4 (13.♘d4! ♗xe2 14.♘e6 ♘e4 15.♘xc5 ♘xd2 16.♖xd2 ♗c4 17.♘e6±) 13...♕b4 14.♕xb4 ♘xb4 15.a3 ♘c6= Bortnyk,O (2598)-Ivanisevic,I (2608) chess. com (Int. -blitz) 147/(124) 2020) 13.♗xf3 e6= Novotny,D (1945) -Zdrazil, T (2124) Ceske Budejovice 147/(124) 2020

**10...b6**

10...♘h5!? 11.♗h2 (11.♕xd5+ ♕xd5 12.♘xd5 e6 13.♘c3 ♘xf4 14.exf4 ♖xf4∞) 11...♖xf3 12.gxf3

♗xf3 13.♖g1 ♕a5 14.a3 (14.♗g2 ♘b4 15.♕d2 ♗xg2 16.♖xg2 ♕xc5=∞) 14...♖d8=∞

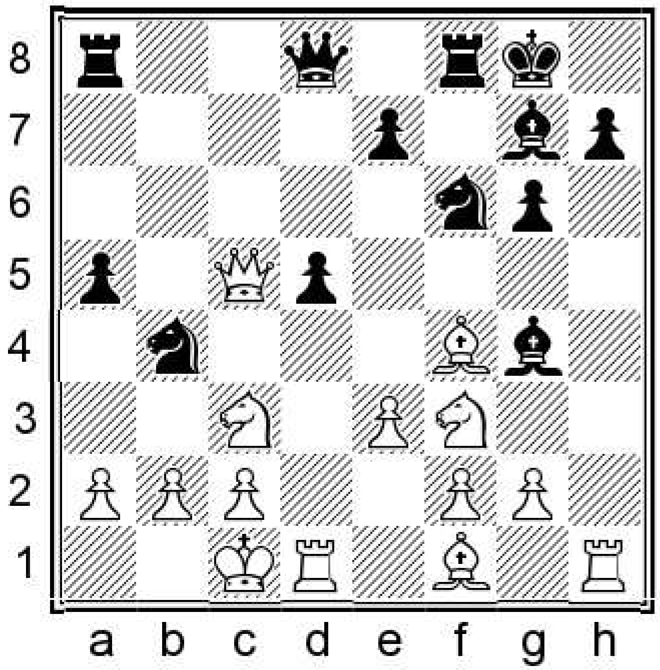
**11.O-O-O**

11.♕b5 ♖c8 12.O-O-O e6 13.cxb6 axb6=∞

**11...♘b4 12.♕b5 bxc5 13.♕xc5**

13.a3 a5 14.♗e2 (14.axb4 axb4 15.♘b1 ♖a1 16.♕xc5 ♕a8→) 14...♕c8 15.♘e5 ♗xe2 (15...♖b8? 16.♘xg6!±) 16.♕xe2 ♕e6∞

**13...a5**



**14.♕c7??**

14.♗c7 ♕c8 15.a3 ♘d7 (15...e6!?; 15...♕b7!?) 16.♘xd5 (16.♕xe7 ♕xc7 17.axb4 axb4 18.♘xd5 ♗xb2+! 19.♔d2 ♗c3+ 20.♔d3 ♗f5+ 21.e4 ♗xe4+! 22.♔xe4 ♖ae8 23.♘xc7 ♖xe7+ 24.♔d5 ♘f6+ 25.♔d6 ♖ff7 26.♘d5 ♘e4+ 27.♔c6 ♖e6+ 28.♔b5 ♖b7+ 29.♔c4 ♖c6+ 30.♔b3 ♘c5+ 31.♔c4 ♘e4+=) 16...♘xc5 17.♘xe7+ ♔f7 18.♘xc8 ♖fxc8 19.♗c4+ ♔e8 20.♗b5+ ♔f7 21.♘g5+ (21.axb4 axb4∞) 21...♔f6 22.♘xh7+ ♔f7 23.♘g5+ ♔f6 24.♗f4 ♗xd1 25.♖xd1 ♘xc2! 26.♖d6+ ♔e7 27.♖xg6 ♗f6 28.♔xc2∞

**14...♕xc7 15.♗xc7 ♖fc8-+ 16.♗e5**

16.♘b5 ♗d7 17.a3 (17.♗e5 ♖xc2+ 18.♔b1 ♖xf2-+) 17...♘e4 18.axb4 axb4 19.♔b1 ♗xb5 20.♗xb5 ♖xc7-+

**16...♘e4 17.♗xg7 ♔xg7 18.♘xe4**

18.a3 ♖xc3! 19.axb4 (19.bxc3 ♘a2+ 20.♔b2 ♖b8+ 21.♔xa2 (21.♔a1 ♘axc3 22.♖e1 ♘xf2 23.♖g1 ♘fd1-+) 21...♘xc3+ 22.♔a1 ♘xd1-+) 19...♖cc8 20.b5 ♘xf2-+

**18...dxe4 19.♖d4 ♖xc2+ 20.♔b1 ♖ac8 21.♗b5 ♗e6 0-1**

**125. * D02**
**Predke, Alexandr (2690) - Fedoseev, Vladimir (2687)**
**chess24.com (Int.-rapid) 147/125, 2021**

**1.d4 ♘f6 2.♘f3 g6 3.♘bd2 d5 4.e3 ♗g7 5.♗e2**

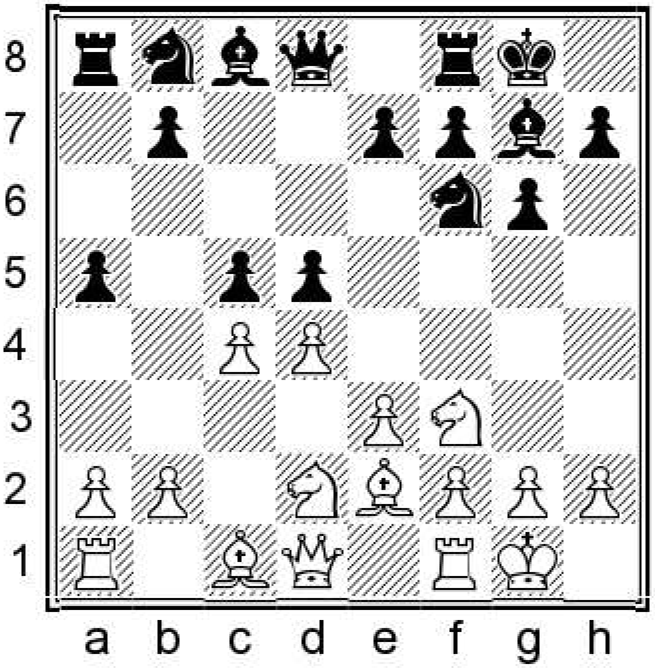
5.b4 - 128/129

**5...O-O 6.O-O a5 7.c4**

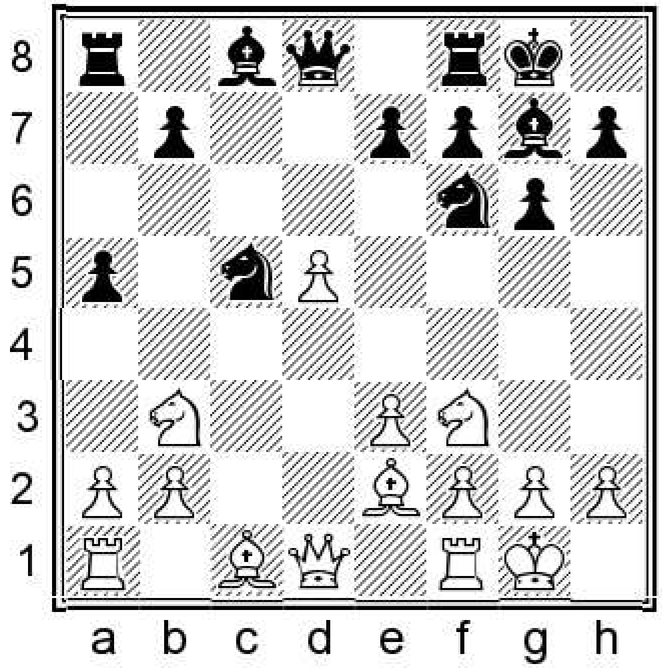
7.b3 a4 8.♗a3!?

**7...a4**

7...c5

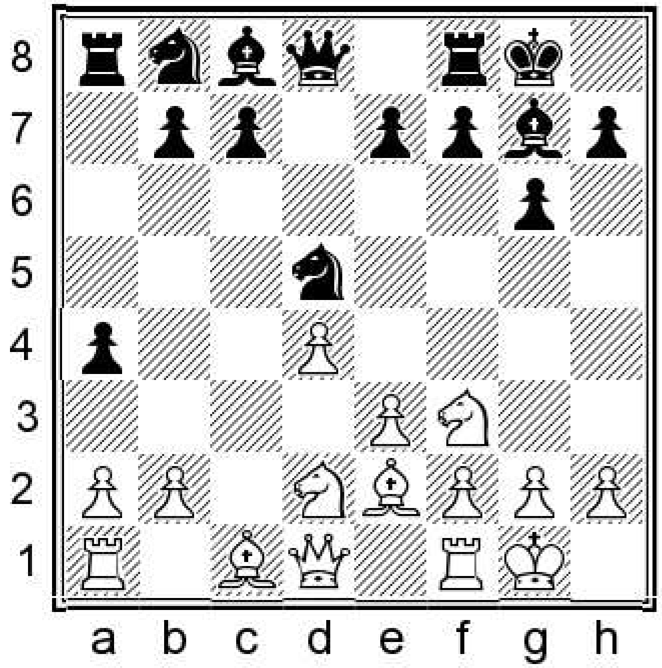


8.dxc5N (8.cxd5) 8...♘a6 9.cxd5 ♘xc5 10.♘b3



10...♘xb3 (10...♘ce4!? 11.♘bd2 ♘d6 12.♘b1!?∞) 11.axb3 ♕xd5 12.b4 ♕xd1 13.♖xd1 a4∞ Yang,K (2481)-Rathanvel,V (2445) lichess.org (Int.-blitz) 147/(125) 2020

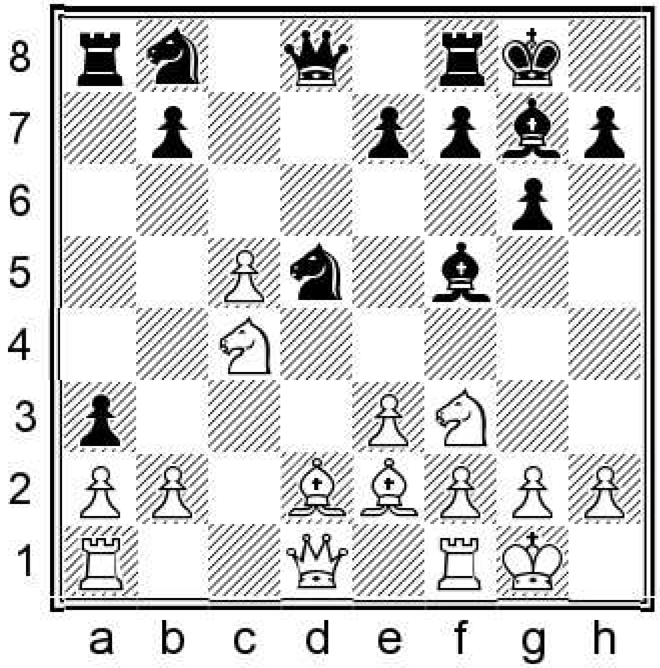
**8.cxd5 ♘xd5**



**9.♘c4N**

9.a3

**9...♗f5 10.♗d2 c5 11.dxc5 a3?!**



11...♘d7 12.c6 (12.♗a5 ♖xa5 13.♘xa5 ♕xa5 14.♕xd5 ♗xb2 15.♖ad1 ♘xc5 16.♘d4 ♗e4 17.♕c4 a3!? 18.♗f3 (18.f3 ♗c6 19.♘xc6 bxc6=∞ ×a2) 18...♗xf3 19.gxf3 (19.♘xf3 ♘a4=∞) 19...♘a6=∞ ×a2 (19...♘a4?! 20.♕b5 ♕a7 21.♘e2±)) 12...bxc6 13.♘d4 ♘c5 14.♘xf5 (14.♘xc6 ♕d7 15.♘d4 ♗d3 16.♗xd3 ♘xd3 17.♕c2 ♘3b4 18.♗xb4 (18.♕b1 ♖ab8=∞) 18...♘xb4 19.♕d2 ♕b7=∞) 14...gxf5 15.♖c1±

**12.bxa3?!**

12.b4! b5 (12...♗xa1? 13.♕xa1 ♘c6 14.b5 ♘cb4 15.♗xb4 ♘xb4 16.♘b6 ♖b8 (16...♗e6 17.♖b1 ♘xa2 18.♘d4 ♗d5 19.♘xa8! ♕xa8 20.♗f3 ♕d8 21.♖d1+-) 17.♖d1 ♕c7 18.♕c3 ♘xa2 19.♕xa3+-) 13.cxb6 ♘xb6 (13...♗xa1? 14.♕xa1 ♘xb6 15.e4! ♗xe4 16.♗h6 f6 17.♖d1 ♕c7 18.♘xb6 ♕xb6 19.♗c4+ ♔h8 (19...♖f7 20.♘g5+-; 19...e6 20.♗xf8+-) 20.♗xf8+-) 14.♘d4 ♗xd4 (14...♗e4? 15.b5+-) 15.exd4 ♘c6 16.♗h6 ♖e8 17.♗f3 ♖c8 18.♗xc6 ♖xc6 19.♘e3±

**12...♗xa1**

12...♘d7 13.♘d4 ♘xc5 (13...♘f4? 14.♗b4 ♘xe2+ 15.♕xe2 ♕c7 16.♘xf5 gxf5 17.♖ac1+-) 14.♘xf5 gxf5 15.♖b1±

**13.♕xa1 ♘c6**

13...♘d7 14.♕d4 ♘5f6 15.♗b4±

**14.♘d4?!**

14.♖d1 ♕c7 15.e4!? ♗xe4 16.♗h6 f6 17.♘d4! (17.♗xf8? ♘f4! 18.♗f1 ♔xf8∞) 17...♘f4! (17...♖fe8? 18.♘b5 ♕d7 19.f3 ♗c2 20.♖d2+-) 18.♗f1 ♘xg2! (18...♖fd8 19.♘b5 ♖xd1 20.♕xd1 ♕b8 (20...♕d8 21.♕xd8+ ♖xd8 22.♗xf4+-) 21.♘b6+-) 19.♘e6 (19.♗xg2?! ♗xg2 20.♔xg2 (20.♘e6 ♕c8 21.♖e1 (21.♘xf8?? ♕h3 22.♘e3 ♗f3-+) 21...♘e5! 22.♘xe5 ♕xe6 23.♗xf8 ♗d5 24.♗xe7 ♕h3 (24...♕xe7? 25.♘g4+-) 25.f3 fxe5 26.♕xe5 ♕xf3 27.♕g3 ♕xg3+ 28.hxg3 ♖xa3 29.♗d6 ♖xa2∓) 20...♖fd8

21.♗e3∞) 19...♕c8 20.♘b6 ♕xe6 21.♗c4 ♕xc4 22.♘xc4±

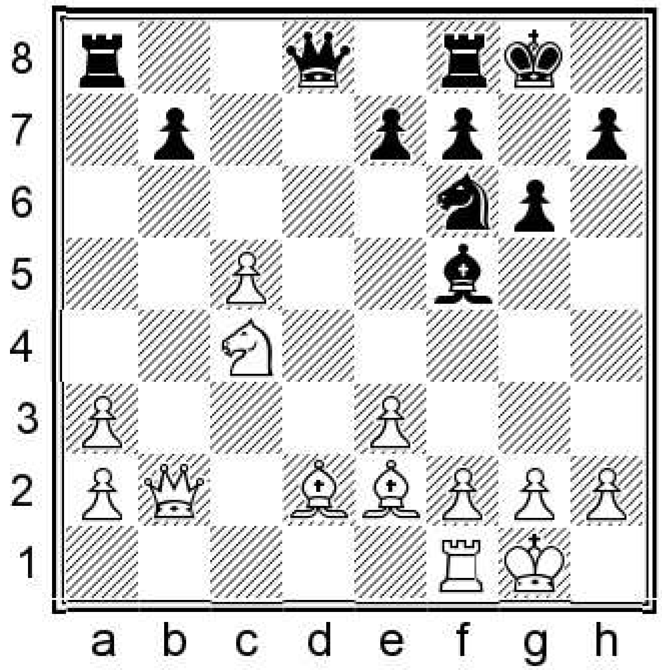
**14...♘xd4?**

14...♘f4! 15.♗f3 (15.exf4?? ♘xd4 16.♕d1 (16.♖e1 ♘c2-+) 16...♘xe2+ 17.♕xe2 ♗d3-+) 15...♗d3 16.♘b6 (16.♘xc6 bxc6 17.exf4 (17.♘e5 ♗xf1 18.♘xc6 ♕c7 19.♕xf1 ♘e6∓) 17...♗xc4 18.♖d1 ♖xa3∓; 16.♖c1 ♗xc4 17.♖xc4 ♘e5 18.♖c2 ♘xf3+ 19.♘xf3 ♘e6∓) 16...♗xf1 17.♔xf1 (17.♘xa8?? ♗xg2 18.♗xg2 ♘xg2 19.♔xg2 ♕d5+ 20.♔g1 ♖xa8-+) 17...e5 18.♘xa8 exd4 19.exf4 ♕xa8∓

**15.♕xd4?!**

15.exd4!? b5 (15...♗e6 16.♗h6 ♖e8 17.♖b1 ♖a7 18.♕b2±) 16.cxb6 ♘xb6 17.♗a5 ♖xa5 18.♘xa5 ♕a8 19.♘c4 ♘xc4 20.♗xc4 ♕xa3 21.♗b3±

**15...♘f6∞ 16.♕b2**



16.♗b4

**16...♗d3!? 17.♗b4 ♗xe2 18.♕xe2 ♕c7 19.e4 ♖fd8 20.f3?!**

20.♘b6 ♖ab8 (20...♖a6 21.f3=∞) 21.f3=∞

**20...♘d7∓ 21.♕e3?!**

21.♕f2 ♖dc8 22.♕h4!? ♘xc5 23.♘e3 f6∓

**21...♖a6?!**

21...♖dc8 22.♕h6 ♘xc5 23.♘e3 ♕e5 24.♘d5 ♘d3 25.♗xe7 (25.♘xe7+? ♔h8 26.♔h1 (26.♘xc8?? ♕d4+-+) 26...♖e8-+) 25...♕d4+ 26.♕e3 ♕xe3+ 27.♘xe3 ♖c1∓

**22.♕g5?!**

22.♖d1 ♖c8 (22...b5 23.♗a5 ♖xa5 24.♘xa5 ♕xa5 25.♕d4 ♕c7 26.h4∞) 23.♖d5 e6 24.♖d4 ♘xc5 25.e5=∞ ×Kg8

**22...♘f8?!**

22...f6 23.♕e3 (23.♕d5+ ♔g7 24.♘e3 (24.♖d1? ♖aa8-+) 24...e6 25.♕d4 ♘e5 26.♕c3 ♖d3 27.♕c1 ♕d7-+) 23...♘xc5 24.♕xc5 (24.♗xc5 ♖c8 25.♗b4 ♕xc4 26.♗xe7 ♕xa2-+) 24...♕xc5+ 25.♗xc5 ♖c8 26.♗xe7 ♖xc4∓

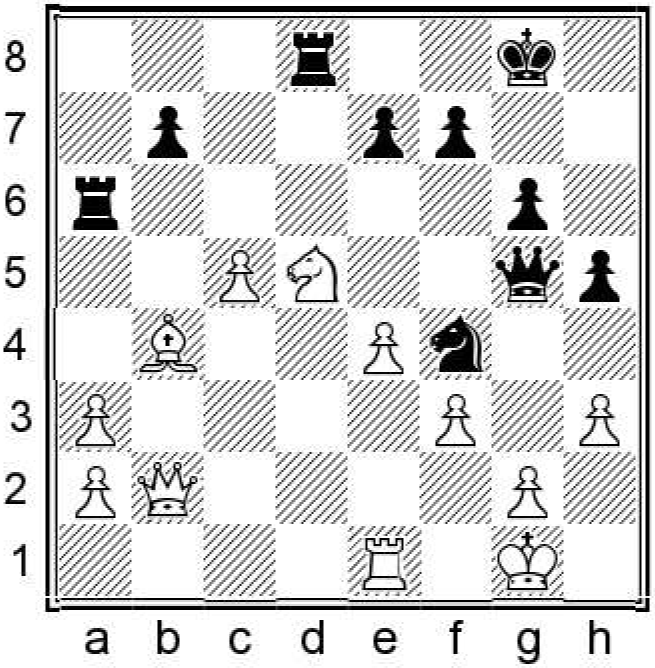
**23.♘e3 ♘e6 24.♕h4 ♕f4 25.♕f2 ♘c7 26.♖e1 h5 27.h3 ♖d7 28.♕b2 ♕g5 29.♘c4?!**

29.♕f2∓

**29...♘e6 30.♘b6 ♖d8?**

30...♖d3!? 31.♕f2 ♘f4 32.♔h1 (32.h4 ♕f6∓) 32...h4∓

**31.♘d5∞ ♘f4**



**32.♘xf4?**

32.c6□ ♘xd5 (32...♘xh3+?? 33.♔f1+-) 33.exd5 ♕xd5 34.♗xe7□ ♕a5!? (34...♖xc6 35.♗xd8 ♕xd8 36.♕xb7 ♖c2 37.♔h1 ♕d2 38.♖g1 ♖xa2=; 34...♖b8 35.c7 ♖c8 36.♗d8 ♖e6 37.♖xe6 ♕xe6 38.♕d2∞) 35.♕b4 ♕xb4 36.axb4 ♖c8 37.cxb7 ♖b8 38.b5 ♖xa2 39.♗f6 ♖a7 40.♗e5!? ♖bxb7 41.b6! ♖a4 (41...♖xb6?? 42.♗d4+-) 42.♗c7=

**32...♕xf4-+ 33.♕f2 ♕e5 34.f4 ♕d4 35.f5 e5 36.♕xd4 ♖xd4 37.g4 ♖d3 38.♔g2 h4 39.♖e2 ♔g7 40.♖f2 g5 41.♖f3 ♖d4**

41...♖xf3 42.♔xf3 ♖a8

**42.♖e3 f6 43.♔f3 ♖a8 44.♖c3 ♖ad8 45.c6 bxc6 46.♖xc6 ♖8d7 47.♔e2**

47.♖c2 ♖d3+ 48.♔g2 ♖g3+ 49.♔h2 ♖dd3 50.♖c7+ ♔g8 51.♖c8+ ♔f7 52.♖c7+ (52.♖f8+ ♔g7) 52...♔e8 53.♖e7+ ♔d8

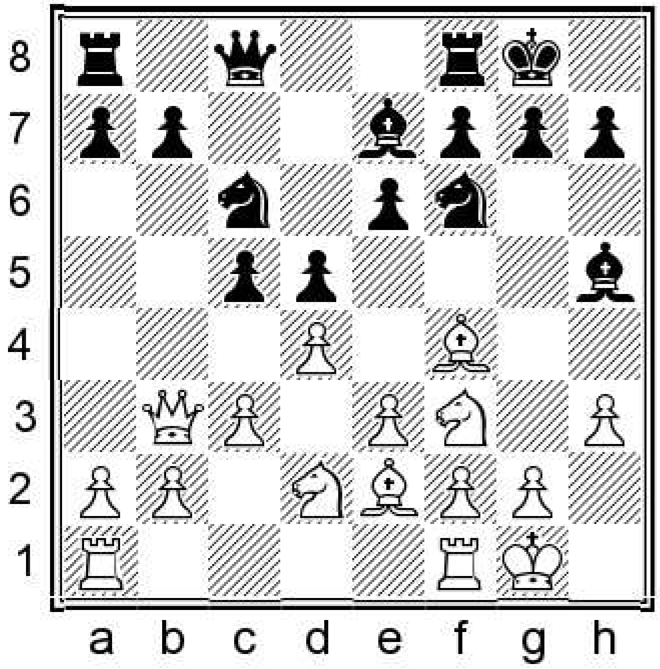
**47...♖xe4+ 48.♔f2 ♖ed4 49.♖e6 ♔f7 50.♔e2 ♖e4+ 51.♔f3 ♖c4 52.♔e3 ♖c2 53.♖b6 ♖h2 54.♗d6 ♖xh3+ 55.♔e4 ♖h2 0-1**

**126. D02**
**Giri, Anish (2764) - Wojtaszek, Radoslaw (2705)**
**Wijk aan Zee 147/126, 2021**

**1.d4 ♘f6 2.♗f4 d5 3.e3 c5 4.♘f3 ♘c6 5.♘bd2 ♗g4**

5...cxd4 - 139/(42)

**6.c3 e6 7.♕b3 ♕c8 8.h3 ♗h5 9.♗e2!? ♗e7 10.O-O O-O**



**11.♕d1N**

11.♖ac1

**11...♘d7 12.♖e1 ♕d8 13.dxc5 ♘xc5 14.b4 ♘d7 15.a3 ♘b6**

15...e5? 16.♘xe5!±; 15...♗f6 16.♖c1 (16.♕b3 a5 17.e4 (17.♖ac1 axb4 18.cxb4 ♗g6∞) 17...axb4 18.axb4 ♖xa1 19.♖xa1 d4∞) 16...e5 17.♗h2 e4 18.♘d4 ♗xe2 19.♘xc6 (19.♕xe2 ♘ce5∞) 19...bxc6 20.♖xe2 ♗e5∞

**16.♖c1 f6!? 17.e4**

17.c4 dxc4 18.♘xc4 e5 19.♗g3 ♕xd1 20.♖exd1 ♖fd8=

**17...e5**

17...dxe4 18.♘xe4 ♕xd1 19.♖exd1 ♖fd8 20.c4 (20.♗d6 ♗g6 21.♗xe7 ♖xd1+ 22.♖xd1 ♗xe4 23.♗d6 ♘d5∞) 20...♗xf3 21.♖xd8+ (21.♗xf3 ♘d4∞) 21...♖xd8 22.♗xf3 ♘d4 23.♗d1 f5 (23...♘a4!?) 24.♘g5 ♖c8 25.c5 ♘d5 26.♗d2 b6 27.cxb6 ♖xc1 28.♗xc1 axb6±

**18.♗e3 ♗f7**

18...♔h8 19.♘h4 (19.♗xb6 axb6 20.exd5 ♕xd5 21.♕c2 ♗g6 22.♕b2 ♖ad8∞; 19.exd5 ♘xd5 20.♘f1 ♗f7∞) 19...♗xe2 20.♕xe2 d4 21.cxd4 exd4 22.♗f4 g5 23.b5 ♘e5 24.♗xe5 fxe5 25.♘f5 ♗xa3∞

**19.♗xb6 axb6 20.exd5 ♗xd5 21.a4 f5 22.b5 e4 23.bxc6 exf3 24.♗xf3 bxc6 25.♗xd5+ cxd5 26.♘f3 ♗f6 27.♖e6 ♔h8 28.♕b3**

28.♖b1 ♕d7 29.♖exb6 ♕xa4 (29...♖xa4?? 30.♖b7 ♕c6 31.♖1b6 ♕c4 32.♘d2+-; 29...♗xc3 30.♖1b5±) 30.♕xd5 ♖ad8 31.♕xf5 ♗xc3±

**28...♕d7 29.♖xb6 ♖xa4**

29...♕xa4 30.♕xd5 (30.♕xa4 ♖xa4 31.♖d6 ♖c4=) 30...♗xc3=

**30.♖d1 ♖aa8 31.♖xd5 ♕c7 32.g3 ♕xc3 33.♕xc3**

33.♖xf5 ♖a1+ 34.♔g2 ♕c1 35.g4 ♕h1+ 36.♔g3 ♖g1+ 37.♘xg1 ♕xg1+ 38.♔f3 ♕h1+ 39.♔e2 (39.♔g3 ♕g1+=) 39...♕e4+ 40.♕e3 ♕c4+ 41.♔f3 ♕f1∞

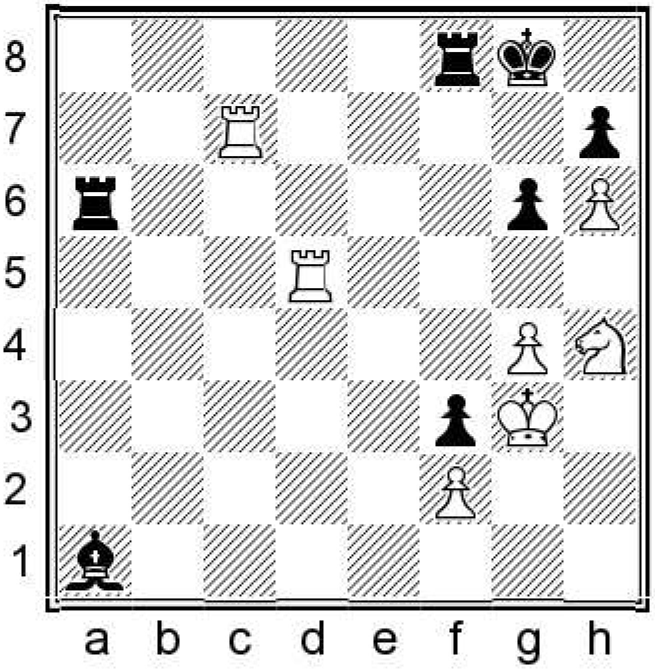
**33...♗xc3 34.h4± ♔g8 35.♖b7 ♖ad8 36.♖c5 ♖c8 37.♖d5 ♖cd8 38.♖db5 ♖d6 39.♖c7 ♗a1 40.♔g2 ♖a6 41.h5 ♖a2**

41...♖h6 42.♖c1 ♖a6 43.♘h4 g6 44.h6 (44.hxg6 hxg6 45.♘xg6 ♖xg6 46.♖xa1 f4=) 44...♗f6 45.♖c7 f4! 46.♘f3 fxg3 47.fxg3 ♖fa8 48.♖bb7 ♖a2+ 49.♔h3 ♖2a5=

**42.♖d5 ♖a6 43.♘h4 g6**

43...♖af6±

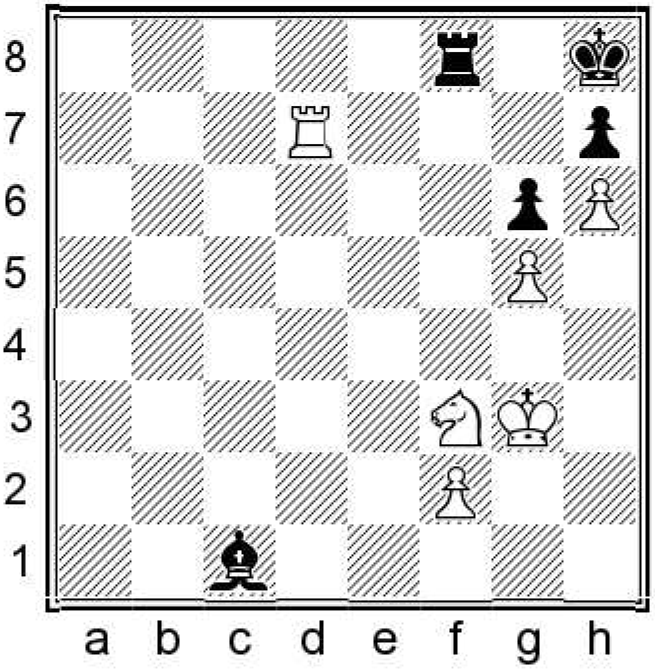
**44.h6 f4 45.g4 f3+ 46.♔g3**



46.♘xf3 ♖a4 47.♘g5 (47.♘h2 ♖a2 48.♘f3 ♖a4=) 47...♖xg4+ 48.♔h3 ♖g1 49.♘xh7 ♖a8=

**46...♖b6?**

46...♖d6! 47.♖xd6 (47.♖a5 ♖a6=; 47.♖dc5 ♖d2 48.g5 ♗d4 49.♖xh7 ♗xf2+ 50.♔h3 ♖d6 51.♖g7+ ♔h8 52.♖cc7 (52.♖c1 ♗e3 53.♖d1 f2 54.♔g2 ♗xg5 55.♘xg6+ ♖xg6 56.♖xg6 ♗e3=) 52...♗d4 53.♖cf7 (53.♖xg6 f2 54.♖c1 ♖d5=) 53...♖xf7 54.♖xf7 f2 55.♔g2 ♖d5! 56.♘xg6+ ♔g8=) 47...♗e5+ 48.♔h3 ♗xd6 49.♖g7+ ♔h8 50.g5 ♗c5 51.♔g3 ♗d6+ 52.♔g4 ♖f4+ 53.♔h3 ♖f8 54.♖d7 ♗f4 55.♘xf3 ♗c1 56.♔g3



56...♖xf3+! 57.♔xf3 ♗xg5=

**47.♖cd7 ♖b3 48.g5 ♗b2??**

48...♖f7 49.♖xf7 (49.♖7d6 ♖f8±) 49...♔xf7 50.♖d7+ ♔g8 51.♘xf3±

**49.♖xh7! 1-0**

**127. D02**
**Aronian, Levon (2773) - Lupulescu, Constantin (2656)**
**chess.com (ol-rapid) 147/127, 2020**

**1.d4 d5 2.♘f3 ♘f6 3.♗f4 c5 4.e3 ♘c6 5.♘bd2 cxd4 6.exd4 ♗g4**

6...♕b6 7.♘b3 ♗g4 8.♗e2 e6 9.h3 ♗h5 10.O-O ♗e7 11.a4 a6 12.a5 ♕d8 13.♘e5 ♗xe2 14.♕xe2 ♖c8 (14...♘xe5 15.dxe5 ♘d7 16.c4±) 15.♘d3!? (15.♘xc6 ♖xc6 16.♗e5 O-O 17.♗xf6 ♗xf6 18.c3 ♗e7 19.♘c1 ♗d6 20.♘d3 ♖e8 21.f4 ♖c7 22.g4 ♖ce7 23.g5 f6⇄) 15...O-O 16.c3 ♘e4 17.f3 ♘d6 18.♗xd6 ♕xd6 19.f4 g6 (19...♖fe8 20.f5↑) 20.♘bc5 ♕c7 21.b4 ♘a7 22.g4 ♘b5 23.♖ac1 ♘d6 24.♘e5 ♗h4 25.♖c2 Δ Qd3, Rg2↑

6...♗f5 - 147/128

**7.h3**

7.♗e2 e6 8.c3 ♗d6 9.♗xd6 ♕xd6 10.h3 ♗h5 11.O-O O-O 12.♖e1 ♖fe8=

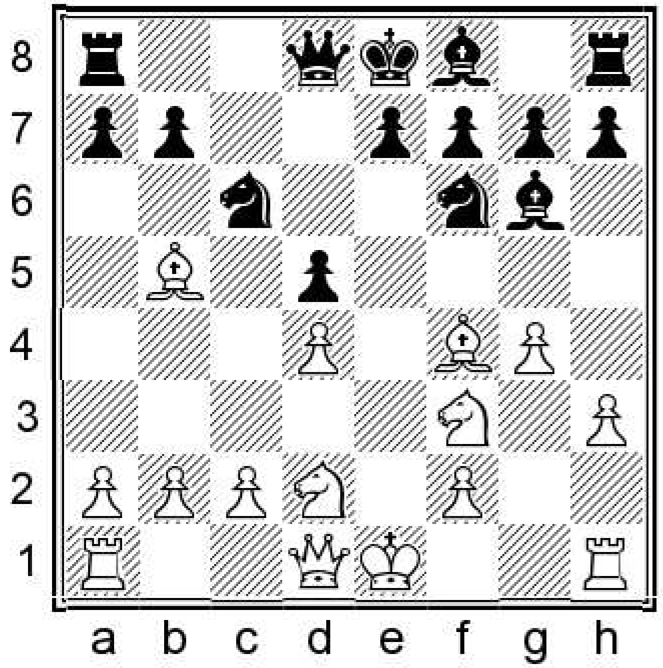
**7...♗h5**

7...♗xf3 8.♘xf3 e6 9.c3 ♗d6 10.♗xd6 ♕xd6 11.♗d3 O-O 12.O-O ♖fe8 13.♖e1±

**8.g4!?**

8.c3 e6 9.♕b3 ♕c8 10.♗d3 ♗e7 11.O-O ♗g6 12.♗xg6 hxg6 13.♖ae1!? O-O 14.♘e5 ♘xe5 15.♗xe5 ♕c6⇄ Δ b5

**8...♗g6 9.♗b5**



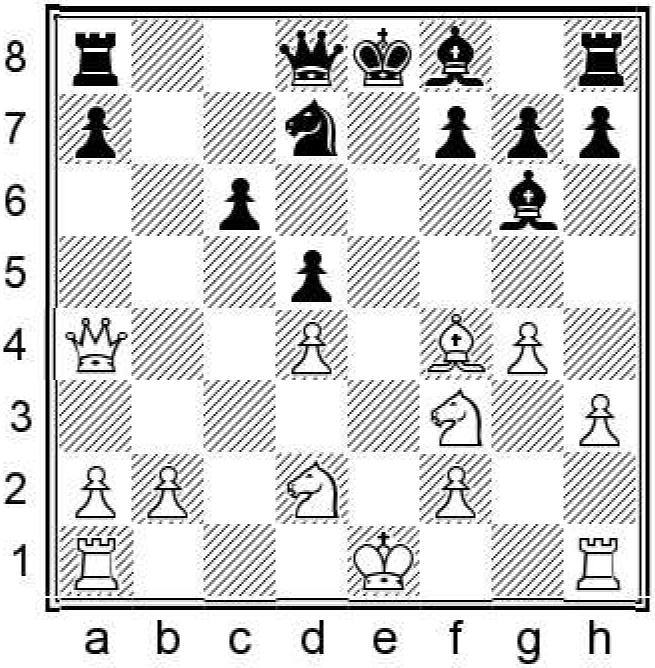
**9...♘d7N**

9...♕b6!? 10.c4 dxc4 11.a4 (11.♕a4 a6 12.♗xc6+ ♕xc6 13.♕xc6+ bxc6 14.♘xc4 ♘d5 15.♗g3 f6=) 11...♗d3! 12.♖c1 e6 13.♘xc4 ♗b4+ 14.♗d2 ♗xd2+ 15.♕xd2 ♗xc4 16.♖xc4 O-O 17.♗xc6 bxc6 18.♘e5 ♘d5 19.♕c2 (19.O-O ♕b3⇄) 19...♕a5+ 20.♔f1 ♘b6 21.♖c5 ♕xa4 22.♘xc6 ♕a6+ 23.♔g2 ♘d5⇄

**10.c4 e6**

10...dxc4 11.d5 a6 12.dxc6 axb5 13.cxd7+ ♕xd7 14.♘e5±; 10...♗d3 11.♕b3 dxc4 12.♘xc4 ♗xc4 13.♗xc4 e6 14.d5 ♘a5 (14...♘c5? 15.♕e3+-) 15.♕a4 ♘xc4 16.dxe6!±; 10...a6 11.♗xc6 bxc6 12.O-O e6 13.♕a4 ♖c8 (13...♗d3 14.cxd5 cxd5 15.♖fc1 ♗b5 16.♕b3 ♕b6 17.♗c7 ♕b7 18.♗g3±) 14.♕xa6 ♗d3 15.♖fe1 h5 (15...♗e7 16.♖ac1 dxc4 17.♘xc4 ♗xc4 18.♖xc4 ♘b6 19.♖c2±) 16.b3 ♗b4 17.♖e3 hxg4 18.hxg4 ♗h7 (18...♗g6 19.cxd5 cxd5 20.♖xe6+!±) 19.♕b7 ♗xd2 20.♘xd2 ♘f6 21.♗g5±

**11.cxd5 exd5 12.♗xc6 bxc6 13.♕a4**



13.♖c1 ♗b4 (13...♗d3 14.♕b3 ♕e7+ 15.♗e3 ♗a6 16.♖xc6 ♘b6 17.♔d1! Δ Re1±) 14.♕e2+ (14.O-O O-O 15.♖xc6 h5 16.♕b3 ♗xd2 17.♗xd2 hxg4 18.hxg4 ♖b8 19.♕c3 ♖e8 20.♗g5 f6 21.♗f4±) 14...♕e7 15.♕xe7+ ♔xe7 16.♔d1!? (16.♖xc6 ♖hc8=∞; 16.O-O ♖hc8 17.a3 ♗xd2 18.♘xd2 ♘f8 19.♖fe1+ ♘e6 20.♗g3 ♔f8 21.f4 ♗d3 22.♖c3 ♗b5 23.♘b3±) 16...f6!? (16...♖hc8 17.a3 ♗a5 18.♖e1+ ♔f8 19.b4 ♗b6 20.♗d6+ ♔g8 21.♖e7 ♘f8 22.a4±) 17.♖xc6 (17.♖e1+ ♔f7 18.♖e3 ♖hc8 19.♖b3 a5 20.a3 ♗e7 21.♖b7 ♔e8 22.♘h4 c5 23.♘b3 c4 24.♘d2 ♖c6 25.♘xg6 hxg6 26.♖b5 ♖b6 27.♖xd5 ♖xb2⇄) 17...♖hc8 18.♖xc8 ♖xc8 19.a3 ♗c2+ 20.♔e2 ♗d6 21.♗xd6+ ♔xd6 22.♘e1 ♘f8 23.f3 ♘e6=∞

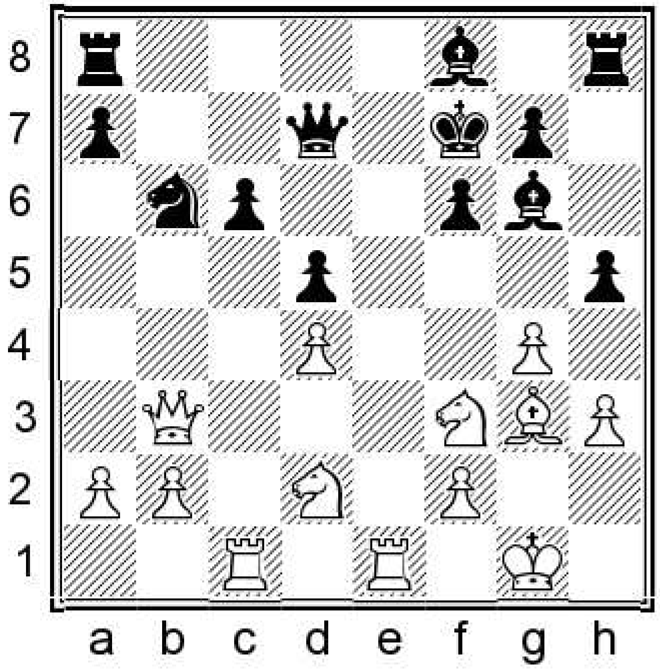
**13...♕f6**

13...♗d3! 14.♕xc6 (14.O-O-O ♗e7 15.♖de1 O-O 16.♖e3 ♘b6 17.♕b3 ♗g6⇄; 14.♕b3 ♗b5 15.O-O-O ♗e7 16.♖he1 O-O 17.♗c7 ♕xc7 18.♖xe7 ♖fe8=) 14...♖c8 15.♕xd5 ♗b4=∞ 16.♘e5 (16.♗d6 ♗xd6 17.♕xd6 ♕a5 18.♘e5 ♘xe5 19.♕xe5+ ♕xe5+ 20.dxe5 h5⇄) 16...♘xe5 17.♕xd8+ (17.♕xe5+?! ♗e7 18.♗g5 f6 19.♕e3 ♗a6 20.♗f4 g5 21.♗g3 ♔f7∓) 17...♔xd8 18.dxe5 (18.♗xe5? ♖c2 19.♖d1 f6-+) 18...h5 (18...♖c2 19.♖g1) 19.gxh5 ♖xh5 20.h4 ♖f5 21.♖h3 ♖xf4 22.♖xd3+ ♔e7 23.♔e2 ♖c2=

**14.♗e5**

14.♗g3 ♘b6 (14...♗e4 15.O-O! ♗xf3 16.♘xf3 ♕xf3 17.♕xc6 ♖d8 18.♖fe1+ ♗e7 19.♖xe7+! ♔xe7 20.♖e1+ ♔f8 21.♗d6+ ♔g8 22.♕xd7+-) 15.♕b3 ♕d8 (15...♗d6 16.♕e3+ ♔f8 17.O-O ♖e8 18.♕c3 ♗xg3 19.fxg3 ♕d6 20.♘e5±) 16.O-O f6 17.♖ac1 ♕d7 18.♖fe1+ ♗e7 19.♕e3 ♔f7 20.♕f4 ♔g8 21.♕c7 ♕xc7 22.♗xc7 ♔f7 23.♖xc6 ♖hc8 24.♖ec1±

**14...♘b6 15.♕b3 ♕e6 16.O-O f6 17.♖fe1 ♔f7 18.♖ac1 ♕d7 19.♗g3 h5!?**



19...♖c8 20.♘h4 c5 21.dxc5 ♗xc5 22.♘df3 ♖he8 23.♘xg6 hxg6 24.♖xe8 ♕xe8 25.♔g2 ♗f8=

**20.a4?**

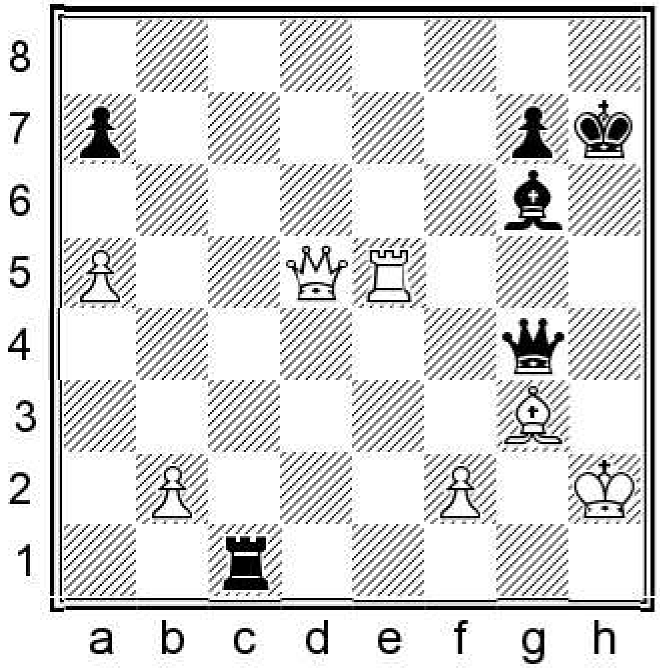
20.g5! h4 21.♘xh4 ♕xh3 22.♘df3! ♖c8 23.gxf6 gxf6 24.♘g5+! fxg5 25.♕f3+ ♔g8 26.♘xg6 g4 27.♕g2 ♖h6 28.♕xh3 gxh3 29.♘xf8 ♖xf8 30.b3 ♘d7 31.♖e3±

**20...hxg4 21.hxg4 ♗d6?!**

21...♔g8! 22.♘h4 (22.a5 ♘c4 23.♘xc4 dxc4 24.♕xc4+ ♗f7 25.♕xc6 ♕xc6 26.♖xc6 ♗d5 27.♖c3 ♗b4∓; 22.g5 ♖c8 23.♕e3 ♗f7 24.gxf6 gxf6 25.♘h2 ♕h3 26.♗f4 ♘xa4 27.b3 ♘b2∓) 22...♗f7 23.♕f3 ♗b4 24.♖e2 ♘c4 25.♘f1 ♗e6 26.♘f5 Δg6 27.b3 gxf5 28.♖xe6 ♕xe6 29.gxf5 ♕e7 30.bxc4 ♕e4 31.♔g2 ♖h5∓

**22.♘e5+! fxe5 23.dxe5 ♗xe5 24.♖xe5 ♕xg4 25.♖xc6 ♖ac8 26.♖xb6?**

26.♖xc8 ♖xc8 27.a5 ♖c1+ 28.♔g2 ♘c4 29.♕b7+ ♔g8 30.♕xd5+ ♔h7 31.♘xc4 ♖xc4 32.♔h2 ♖c1



33.♕e6! ♕d1 34.♕h3+ ♔g8 35.♕g2±

**26...♖c1+ 27.♔g2**

27.♘f1? ♖h1+!-+

**27...♕h3+ 28.♔f3 ♗h5+?**

28...♕h1+ 29.♔g4 (29.♔f4 ♖h4+! 30.♔g5 ♖h5+ 31.♔f4 axb6-+) 29...axb6 30.♕xd5+ (30.♖xd5 ♕d1+ 31.♔f4 ♕xb3 32.♘xb3 ♖c4+ 33.♘d4 ♖e8∓) 30...♕xd5 31.♖xd5 ♖d1 32.♖d7+ ♔e8 33.♖d4 ♖f8∓

**29.♔e3 ♖e1+ 30.♔d4+- ♖xe5**

30...♕g4+ 31.♔xd5 axb6 32.♖xe1 ♕d7+ 33.♗d6+-

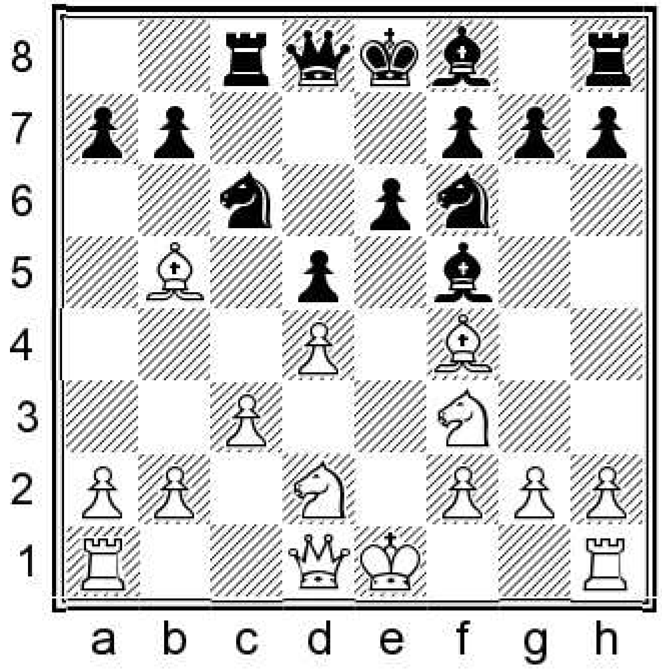
**31.♖b7+ ♖e7 32.♖xe7+ ♔xe7 33.♗d6+ 1-0**

**128. D02**
**Firouzja, Alireza (2749) - Anton Guijarro, David (2679)**
**Wijk aan Zee 147/128, 2021**

**1.d4 ♘f6 2.♘f3 d5 3.♗f4 c5 4.e3 ♘c6 5.♘bd2 cxd4 6.exd4 ♗f5 7.♗b5**

7.c3 - 128/(130)

**7...♖c8 8.c3 e6**



**9.♕e2N**

9.♕a4

**9...♘d7 10.h4!? a6 11.♗d3 ♗xd3 12.♕xd3 ♗e7 13.♔f1 ♕b6 14.♖b1 ♕b5 15.♕xb5 axb5= 16.a3**

16.h5 b4 17.h6 g6 18.g4 f6↑

**16...h5 17.♘b3 f6 18.♖e1 ♔f7 19.♘c1 ♘f8**

19...♖he8!?

**20.♘d3 ♘g6 21.♗g3**

21.g3!?

**21...♘a5 22.♔g1 ♘c4 23.♖e2 ♖he8 24.♔h2 ♗f8**

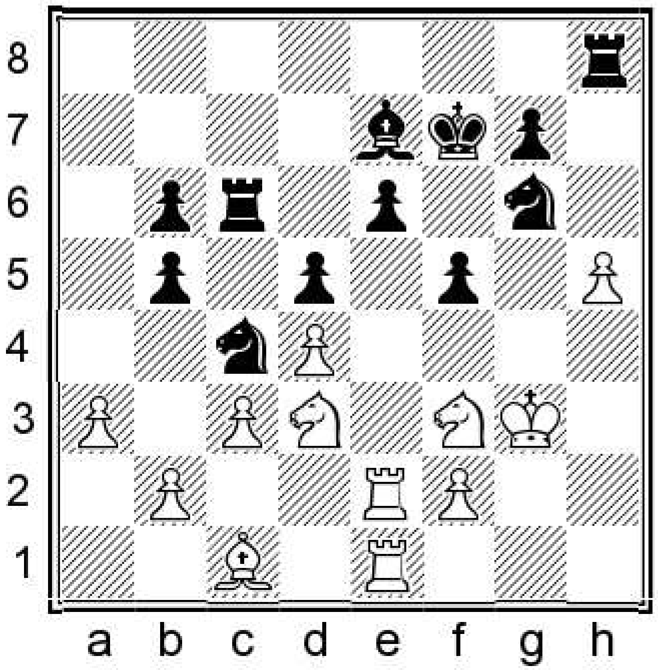
24...♗d8!?

**25.♖he1 b6 26.♔g1 ♖a8 27.♗f4 ♖ac8 28.g3 ♖c6 29.♔g2 ♗e7 30.♘g1 ♗f8 31.♘h3 ♗e7 32.♘g1 ♗f8 33.♘f3 ♗e7 34.♔h3 ♖a8 35.♗c1 ♖e8 36.g4 hxg4+**

36...♖h8?! 37.g5±

**37.♔xg4 ♖h8 38.h5 ♘f8**

38...f5+ 39.♔g3

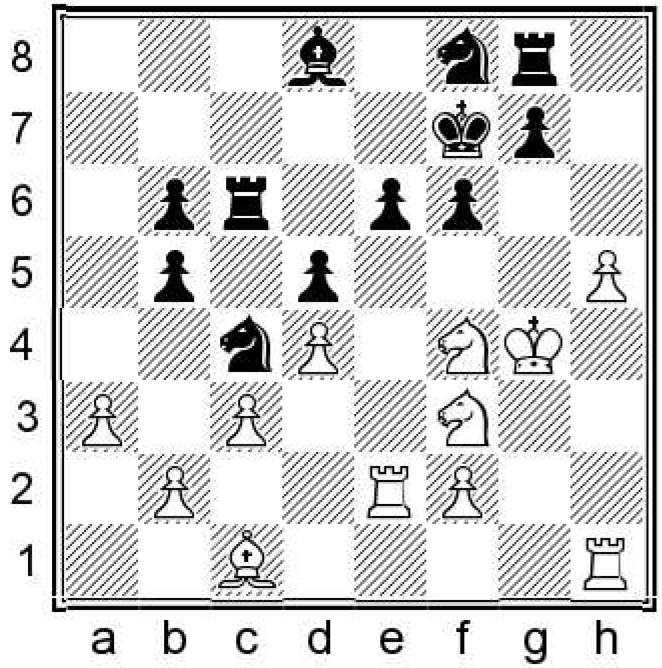


39...♖xh5! 40.b3 ♗d6+ 41.♔g2 ♘a5 42.♖xe6 ♘h4+! 43.♘xh4 ♖xh4 44.b4 (44.♖6e5 g6=) 44...♘b3 45.♗f4 (45.♖xd6 ♖xd6 46.♗e3 (Δ Rb1) 46...♖e6! 47.♖b1 (47.♘e5+ ♔f6 (Δ f4) 48.f4 ♖e8 49.♖b1 ♖eh8 50.♖xb3 (50.♘f3 ♖g4+ 51.♔f2 ♖h3 52.♖xb3 ♖gg3 53.♘g5 ♖xe3 54.♘xh3 ♖xh3 55.♖b1 ♖xc3 56.♖e1 ♖xa3 57.♖e5 ♖b3 58.♖xd5 ♖xb4-+) 50...♖h2+ 51.♔f1 ♖c2 52.♖b1 ♖h1+ 53.♗g1 g5 54.fxg5+ ♔xg5 55.♖e1 ♖h3↑) 47...♖xe3 48.fxe3 ♘d2 49.♘e5+! ♔e6 50.♖a1 g5 51.a4 bxa4 52.♖xa4=) 45...♖xc3 46.♖xd6 ♖xd3=

**39.♘f4**

39.b3 ♘a5 40.♘fe5+ fxe5 41.♘xe5+ ♔e8 42.b4 ♖xc3 43.bxa5 bxa5=

**39...♗d8 40.♖h1 ♖g8?**



40...♗c7! 41.♘g6 (41.♘d3 ♗d8=) 41...f5+ 42.♔g5 ♗d8+ 43.♔f4 ♗c7+=

**41.♘h4!± ♗c7 42.♘fg6 ♘d7?!**

42...♘xg6 43.hxg6+! (43.♘xg6 ♘d6±) 43...♔e7 44.f4 (44.♘f3!?) 44...♔d7 45.f5 e5 46.♘g2±; 42...♗d8!?

**43.♖he1 ♖e8 44.♗f4**

44.♔h3!?

**44...♗xf4?!**

44...f5+

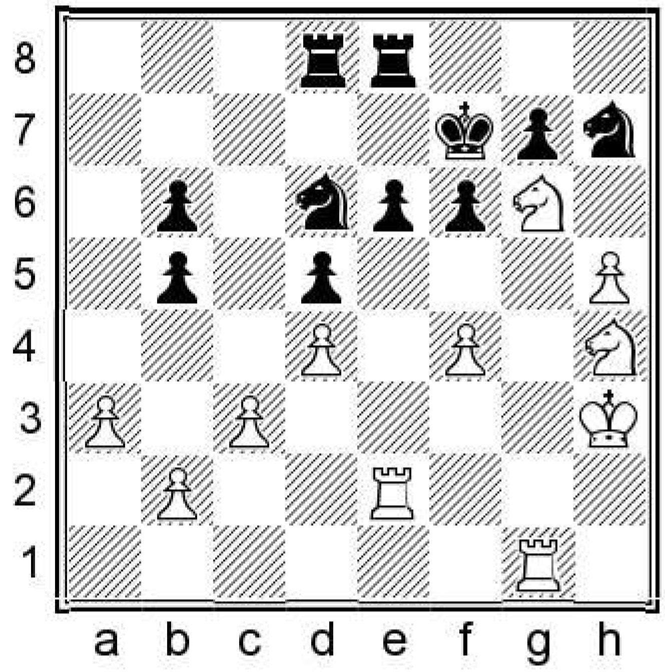
**45.♘xf4 ♖d6 46.♔h3**

46.f3!?

**46...♘f8 47.♘fg6**

47.♔h2

**47...♘h7 48.f4 ♖dd8 49.♖g1 ♘d6**



⌓49...♖d7

**50.♖eg2! ♖g8?!**

50...♔g8 51.♘e5 (51.♔g3!? ♖d7 52.♔f2 ♖c7 53.♔e2) 51...fxe5 (51...♘g5+ 52.fxg5 fxe5 53.dxe5+-) 52.♖xg7+ ♔h8 53.♖a7 ♘f8 54.fxe5 ♘f5 55.♘xf5 exf5 56.♖f7+-

**51.♘e7!+- ♘g5+**

51...♖de8 52.♘xg8 ♖xg8 53.♔g3 ♘e8 54.♔f3

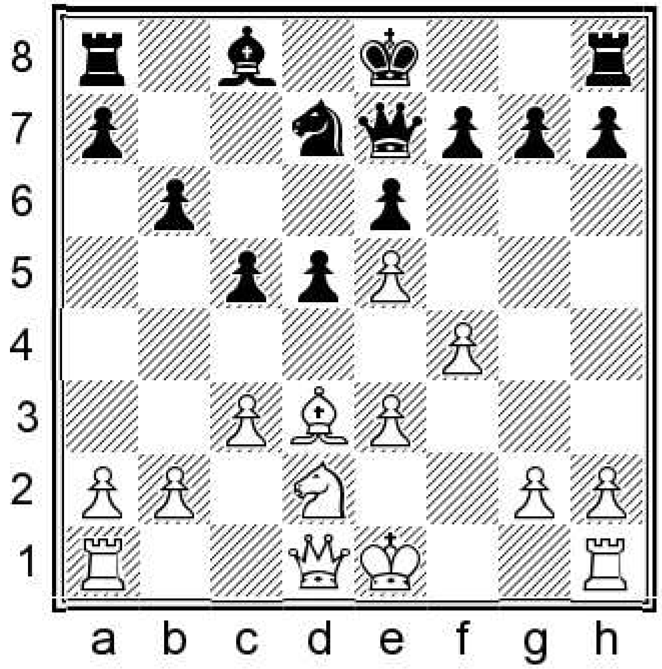
**52.fxg5 ♔xe7 53.gxf6+ ♔xf6 54.♖g6+ ♔f7 55.♘f3 ♖df8 56.♘e5+ ♔e7 57.♖xg7+ ♖xg7 58.♖xg7+ ♔f6 59.h6 ♖h8 60.♔g4 ♖xh6 61.♖d7 1-0**

**129. * D03**
**Fedoseev, Vladimir (2674) - Goganov, Aleksey (2594)**
**Russia (ch) 147/129, 2020**

**1.d4 ♘f6 2.♗g5 d5 3.e3 e6 4.♗d3 c5 5.c3 ♘c6 6.♘f3 ♗e7 7.♘bd2 b6**

7...♘d7 - 51/376

**8.♘e5 ♘xe5 9.dxe5 ♘d7 10.♗xe7 ♕xe7 11.f4**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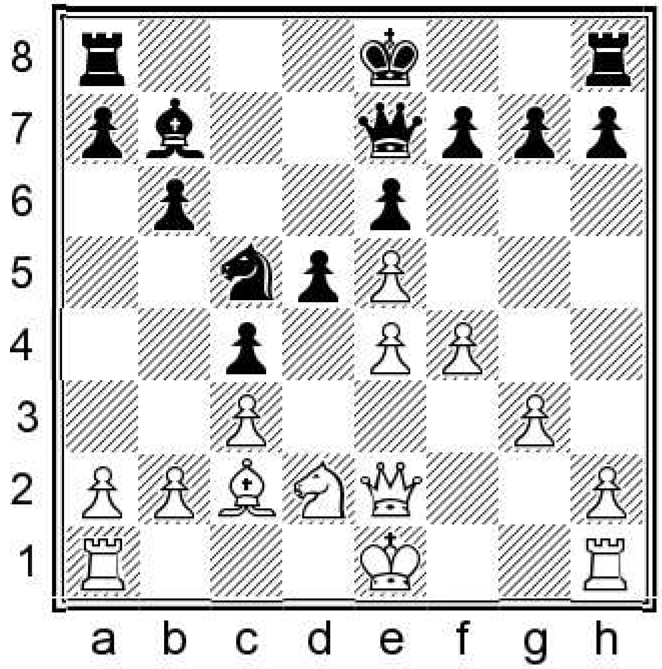
**11...♕h4+!?**

11...♗b7

**12.g3 ♕e7 13.e4** - 147/129

13.♕g4N f6 14.♘f3 ♗b7 15.♕h5+ ♕f7 16.♕xf7+ ♔xf7 17.♖f1 ♔e7∞ Yu,Y (2709)-Mons,L (2543) ProChessLeague (Int. -rapid) 147/(129) 2020

**13...c4 14.♗c2 ♗b7 15.♕e2 ♘c5**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15...O-O 16.O-O b5 17.exd5 ♗xd5 18.♘e4 f6∞

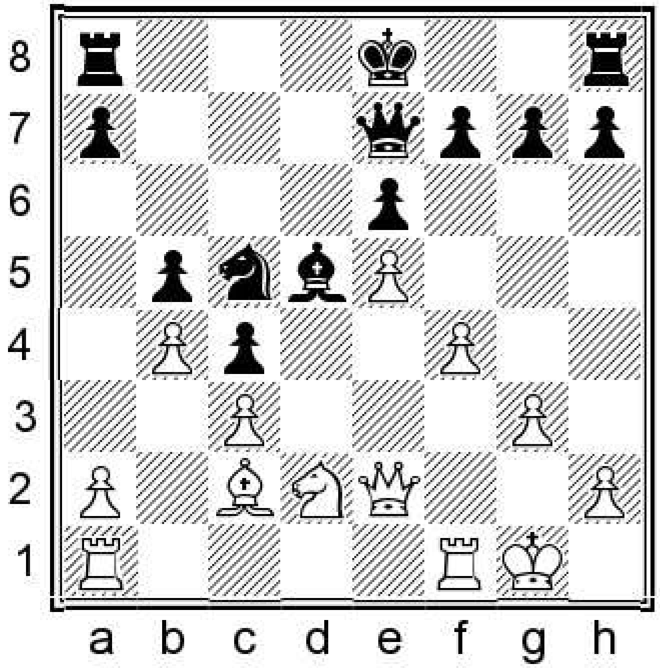
**16.O-ON**

16.exd5 ♗xd5 17.O-O

**16...b5**

16...♘d3!? 17.♗xd3 cxd3 18.♕xd3 O-O-O 19.♕e3 h5 20.h4 ♕d7⯹

**17.exd5 ♗xd5 18.b4**



**18...♘d3!**

18...♘d7?! 19.a4 a6 20.axb5 axb5 21.♘f3 O-O 22.♘d4±

**19.♗xd3**

19.a4 a5! 20.♕e3 axb4 21.axb5 ♖a3! 22.♘xc4 (22.♖xa3 bxa3 23.♕d4 O-O 24.♘xc4 ♗xc4 25.♕xc4 ♕a7+ 26.♕d4 ♘c5∞) 22...♗xc4 23.cxb4 (23.♖xa3 bxa3 24.♗xd3 ♗xd3 25.♕xd3 O-O∞; 23.♗xd3 ♗xd3 24.cxb4 ♕b7! 25.♖xa3 ♗xf1 26.♔xf1 O-O∞) 23...♕xb4 24.♗xd3 g6 25.♖xa3 ♕xa3 26.♖c1 ♗xd3 27.♖d1 O-O 28.♕xd3 ♕c5+ 29.♔g2 ♖a8∞

**19...cxd3 20.♕xd3 O-O?!**

20...a6⯹

**21.♕xb5 ♖fc8 22.♕d3 ♕c7 23.c4**

23.♖ac1 ♖ab8 24.c4 (24.a3 ♗a8 25.♘f3 a5⩲; 24.a4 ♖d8 25.♕e3 ♗a8⩲) 24...♗a8 (24...♕b6+? 25.♖f2 ♕xb4 26.♖b1 ♗xc4 27.♕c2+-) 25.a3 a5 26.♕c3 (26.b5?! ♖xb5!⩱) 26...axb4 27.axb4 ♕b7 28.♘f3 ♕xb4 29.♕xb4 ♖xb4 30.♘d2 ♖b2 31.♖f2⩲

**23...♗xc4 24.♘xc4 ♕xc4 25.♕xc4 ♖xc4 26.a3 ♖ac8⩲ 27.♖f3 ♖d8 28.♖a2 h5 29.♔g2 ♔h7 30.♖ff2**

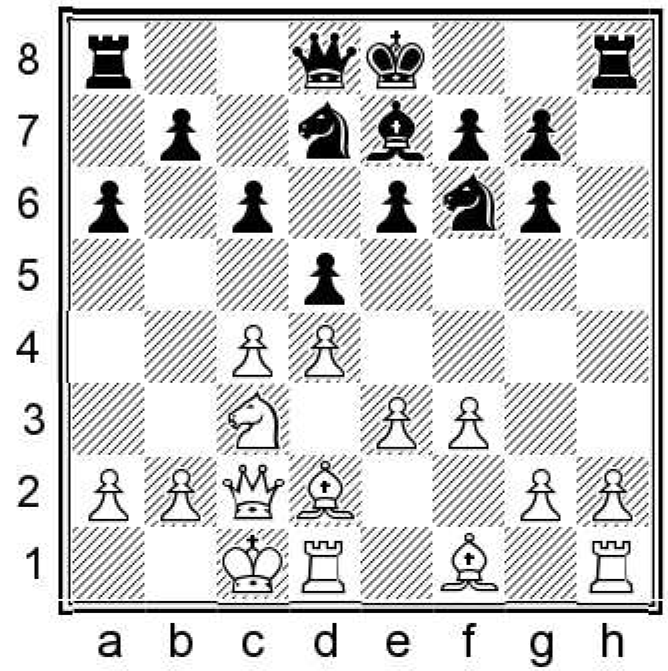
**♔g6**

30...♖d3±

**31.♖ac2 ♖xc2 32.♖xc2 ♖d3 33.a4 ♖d4 34.♖b2 ♔f5 35.a5 a6 36.♔f3 ♖d3+ 37.♔e2 ♖a3 38.♖c2 h4 39.gxh4 ♔xf4 40.♖c7 ♔xe5 41.♖xf7 ♖h3 42.♖xg7 ♖xh4 43.♖a7 ♖xb4 44.♔f3 ♔f5 45.♖xa6 ♖b3+ 46.♔f2 ♖b2+ 47.♔g3 ♖b3+ 48.♔f2 ♖b2+ 49.♔g3 ♖b3+ 50.♔f2 1/2-1/2**

**130. D12**
**Donchenko, Alexander (2668) - Caruana, Fabiano (2823)**
**Wijk aan Zee 147/130, 2021**

**1.d4 d5 2.c4 c6 3.♘f3 ♘f6 4.e3 ♗f5 5.♘c3 e6 6.♘h4 ♗e4 7.f3 ♗g6 8.♗d2 ♗e7 9.♘xg6 hxg6 10.♕c2 ♘bd7 11.O-O-O a6**



11...♘b6 - 144/122

**12.g4N**

12.♗e1

**12...dxc4 13.♗xc4 b5 14.♗e2 c5 15.d5**

15.♔b1 cxd4 (15...b4?! 16.♘e4 ♘xe4 17.♕xe4 O-O 18.h4 ♘f6 19.♕d3±) 16.exd4 ♖c8 17.♕d3 ♘b6=; 15.dxc5 ♘xc5 16.♔b1 ♖c8=

**15...♘xd5**

15...exd5?! 16.g5 d4 17.gxf6 dxc3 18.♗xc3 gxf6 19.♕e4±

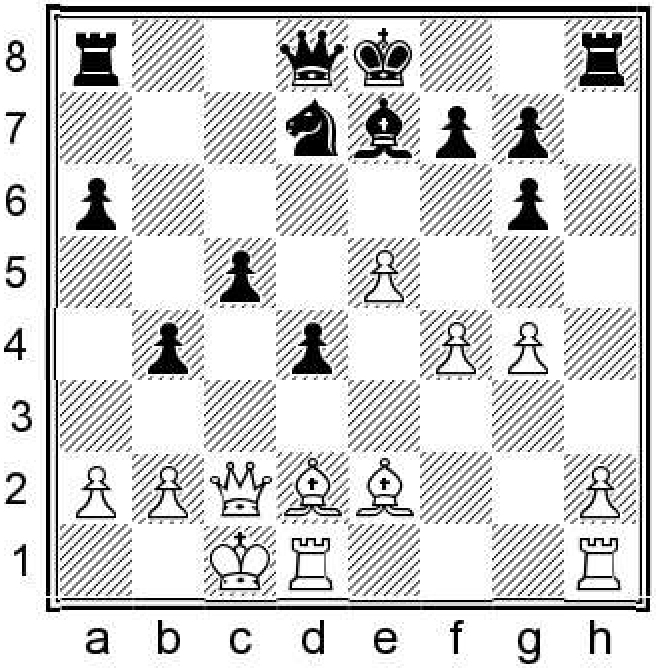
**16.♘xd5 exd5 17.f4**

17.♗c3 O-O 18.♖xd5 ♕c8=; 17.♔b1!?

**17...b4 18.e4 d4**

18...c4!? 19.♔b1 (19.exd5? c3 20.♗e3 ♖h3! 21.♗d4 ♔f8∓) 19...c3 20.♗e3 ♖h3 21.♗d4 ♔f8 22.g5⯹

**19.e5?**



19.♔b1

**19...♘b6**

19...c4! 20.♗xc4 ♘b6 21.♔b1 ♖c8 22.b3 (22.♗xf7+ ♔xf7 23.e6+ ♔g8 24.♕xg6 ♕e8-+) 22...♘xc4 23.bxc4 ♖h3-+

**20.e6**

20.♕e4

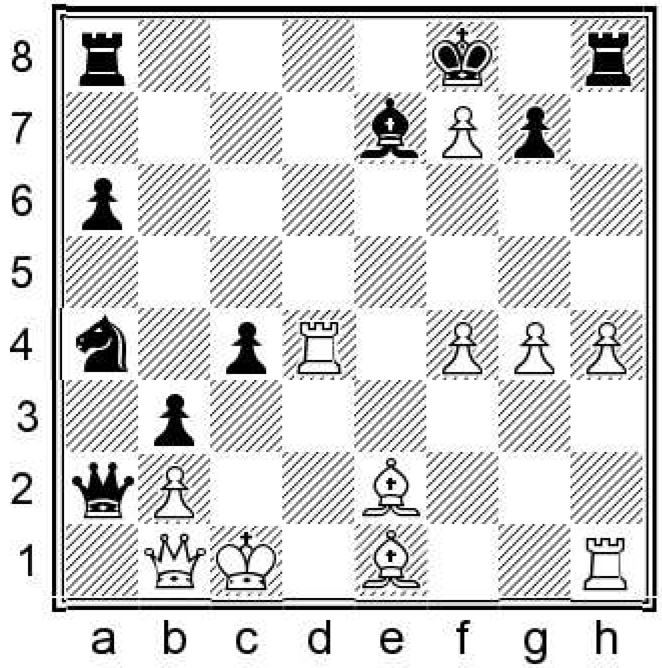
**20...♕d5-+ 21.exf7+ ♔f8 22.h4**

22.♕xg6 ♖h6 23.♕f5 ♕xf5 (23...♕xa2!? 24.♕b1 b3) 24.gxf5 c4

**22...♕xa2**

22...c4!?

**23.♕xg6 b3 24.♗e1 c4 25.♖xd4 ♘a4 26.♕b1**



**26...♗a3! 27.♕xa2**

27.bxa3 b2+ 28.♔c2 ♕b3+ 29.♔d2 c3+

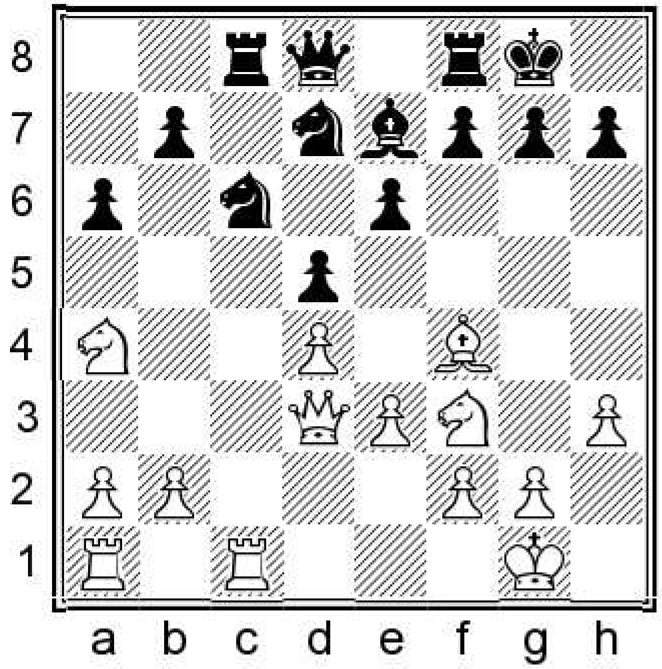
**27...bxa2 28.♔c2 ♖b8 29.♖d8+ ♖xd8 30.bxa3 c3 31.♗g3 ♖d2+ 32.♔b3 ♘c5+ 0-1**

**131. D14**
**Johansson, Linus (2492) - Kollars, Dmitrij (2588)**
**Bremen 147/131, 2020**

**1.d4 d5 2.c4 c6 3.♘f3 ♘f6 4.cxd5 cxd5 5.♘c3 ♘c6 6.♗f4 ♗f5 7.e3 e6 8.♗d3 ♗xd3 9.♕xd3 ♗e7 10.h3 O-O 11.O-O ♖c8**

11...♘d7 - 34/452

**12.♖fc1 a6 13.♘a4 ♘d7**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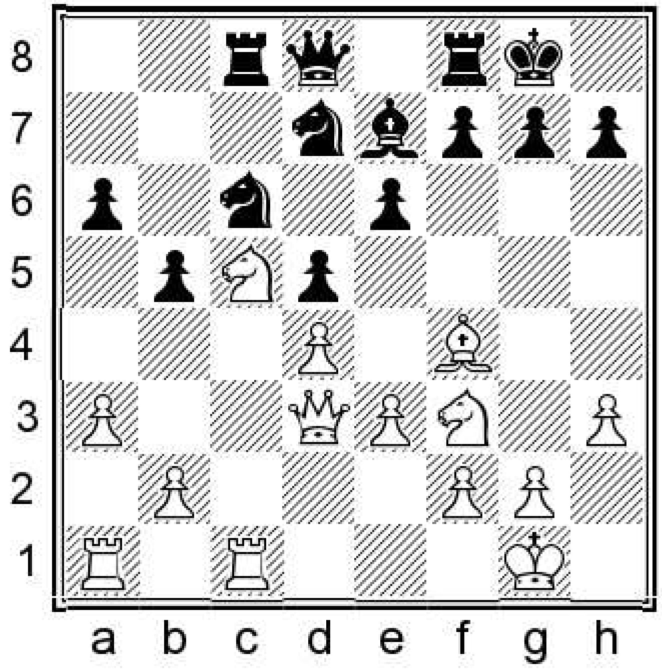
**14.a3N**

14.♘d2; 14.♕e2

**14...b5 15.♘c5**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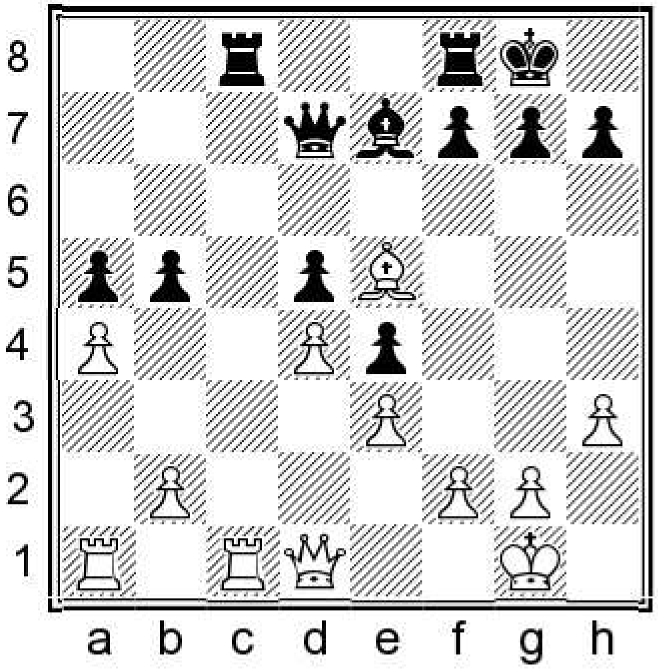
**15...e5! 16.♘xd7 e4 17.♕d1 ♕xd7 18.♘e5 ♘xe5 19.♗xe5 a5**

19...♖c4 20.a4 f6 21.♗g3 ♖fc8 (21...b4 22.♖xc4 dxc4 23.♖c1 ♕d5 24.♕e2 ♖c8 25.b3 c3 26.♕xa6 ♖a8

27.♕b5 ♕xb5 (27...♕xb3?! 28.♖xc3 ♕d1+ 29.♔h2 bxc3 30.♕d5+ ♔f8 31.♕xa8+ ♔f7 32.♕d5+ ♔g6 (32...♔f8 33.♗d6 ♕xa4 (33...c2 34.♕a8+ ♔f7 35.♕b7 c1=Q 36.♕xe7+ ♔g6 37.♕e8+ ♔h6 38.♗f4+ g5 39.♕f8+ ♔g6 40.♕g8+ ♔f5 41.g4+ ♕xg4 42.♕xh7+ ♔e6 43.hxg4 gxf4 44.♕xe4+ ♔d7 45.♕xf4+-) 34.♗xe7+ ♔xe7 35.♕c5++-) 33.♕xe4+ ♔f7 34.♕d5+=) 28.axb5 ♖a7 29.b6 ♖b7=) 22.axb5 ♕xb5 23.♖xc4 ♖xc4 24.♖c1 g6 25.b3 ♖c6 26.♖xc6 ♕xc6 27.♕e1 ♔f7=

**20.a4?!**



20.♕g4 ♕xg4 21.hxg4 ♖c4 22.♖xc4 bxc4 23.f3 exf3 24.gxf3 c3 25.bxc3 ♖c8 26.♖b1 f6 27.♗g3 ♖xc3 28.♖b8+ ♔f7 29.♖b7 ♖xe3 (29...♖xa3 30.♔f2 ♖a2+ 31.♔e1 ♔e6 32.♖b6+ ♔d7 33.♖b7+ ♔e8 34.♖b8+=) 30.♔f2 ♖e6 31.♖a7 ♖b6 32.♖xa5 ♔e6=

**20...bxa4! 21.♖xc8 ♖xc8 22.♖xa4**

22.♕xa4 ♕xa4 23.♖xa4 f6 24.♗g3 ♖c1+ 25.♔h2 ♗b4 26.b3 ♖c2 27.♔g1 ♔f7 28.♖a1 h5 29.♔f1 ♔e6 30.♗b8 ♔d7∓

**22...f6**

22...♕b5 23.♖a2 ♖c4 24.♔h2 f6 25.♗f4 g6∓

**23.♗g3 ♗b4**

23...♕b5!∓

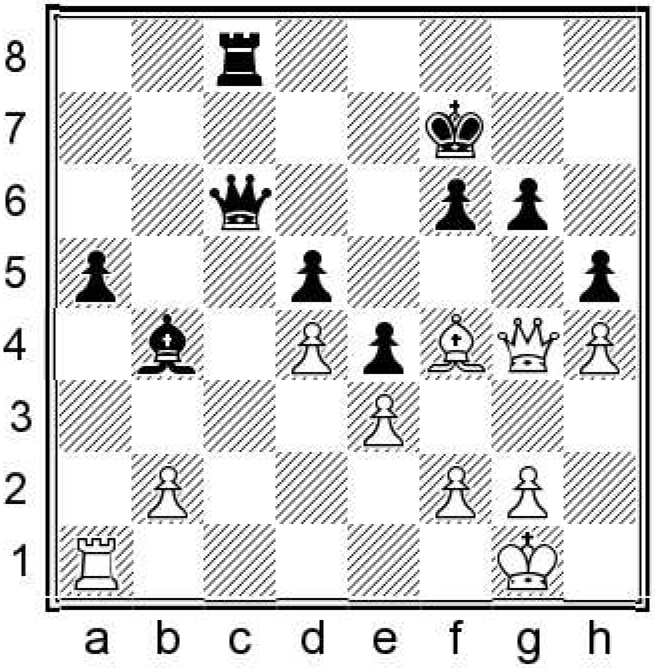
**24.♖a1 ♕c6 25.♕g4 g6 26.h4 ♔f7**

26...♔g7 27.h5 ♕b7 28.hxg6 hxg6 29.♕d1 ♕c6 30.♕g4 ♕e8∓

**27.♗f4?!**

27.h5 ♔g7 28.♗f4 ♕e8 29.♕h4 ♖c6 30.b3∓

**27...h5∓**



**28.♕g3?**

28.♕e2 ♕c4 29.♕xc4 ♖xc4 30.f3 exf3 31.gxf3 ♗d2 32.b3 ♖c2 33.♖f1 ♖b2 34.♖f2 ♖b1+ 35.♔g2 ♗c3

**28...♕e6?**

28...♕c2-+

**29.b3 ♕g4 30.♕h2?**

30.♕xg4 hxg4 31.♖a2 ♖c1+ 32.♔h2 ♔e6 33.♔g3 ♔f5∓

**30...♖c6 31.♖f1**

31.♗h6 ♖c2 32.♕b8 ♕e2 33.♕g3 ♗e7 34.♗f4 ♕d2 35.♖f1 ♕b4 36.♕h3 ♕b7 37.♖a1 f5 38.♕g3 ♕xb3 39.♗d6 ♕c3 40.♖f1 ♗xd6 41.♕xd6 ♕c6 42.♕b8 a4 43.♕a7+ ♔f6 44.♕b8 ♔g7 45.♕a7+ ♔f8 46.♕h7 ♖c1 47.♖xc1 ♕xc1+ 48.♔h2 ♕c6∓

**31...♕e2-+ 32.f3 ♗d2 33.♕g3 ♗xe3+ 34.♗xe3 ♕xe3+ 35.♕f2 ♕xb3 36.fxe4 dxe4 37.♕f4 ♕d5**

37...♕d3

**38.♖d1 ♔g7 39.♕b8 ♖d6 40.♔h1 ♖d8 41.♕f4 ♖d7 42.♖e1 ♕xd4 43.♖xe4 ♕d1+ 44.♔h2 ♕d6 45.♕xd6 ♖xd6 46.♖e7+ ♔f8 47.♖a7 ♖d4 48.♔g3 a4 49.♖b7 ♔e8 50.♖g7 ♖g4+ 51.♔h3 ♔d8 52.♖f7 f5 53.g3 ♔c8 54.♖e7 ♔b8 55.♖d7 a3 56.♖d8+ 0-1**

**132. D20**
**Harvey, Marcus (2440) - Raetsky, Alexander (2386)**
**Great Britain (Int.-playoff) 147/132, 2020**

**1.d4 d5 2.c4 dxc4 3.e3 c5 4.♗xc4 cxd4 5.exd4 ♕c7 6.♗b3 ♗g4 7.f3 ♗d7 8.d5**

8.♘c3 - 61/(397)

8.♘e2 - 61/397

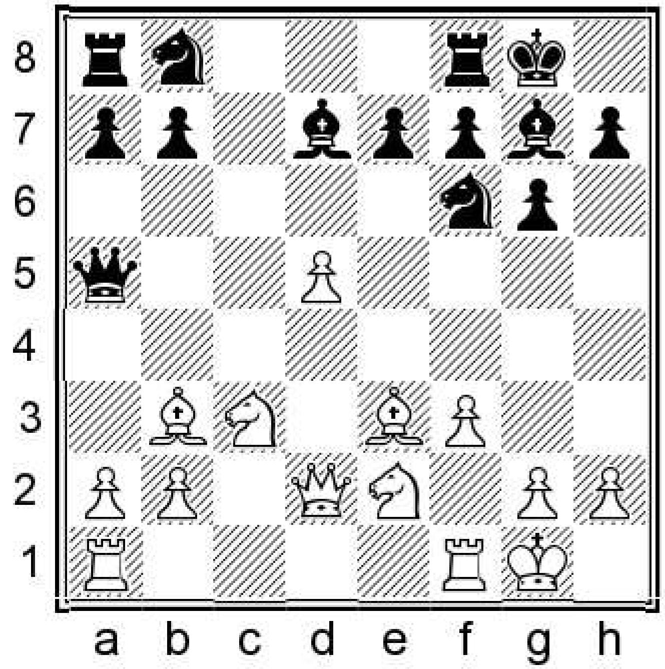
**8...g6 9.♘e2 ♗g7 10.♘bc3**

10.♗f4

**10...♘f6 11.♗f4 ♕b6 12.♕d2**

12.♕d4

**12...O-O 13.♗e3 ♕a5 14.O-O**



**14...♖d8N**

14...♘a6

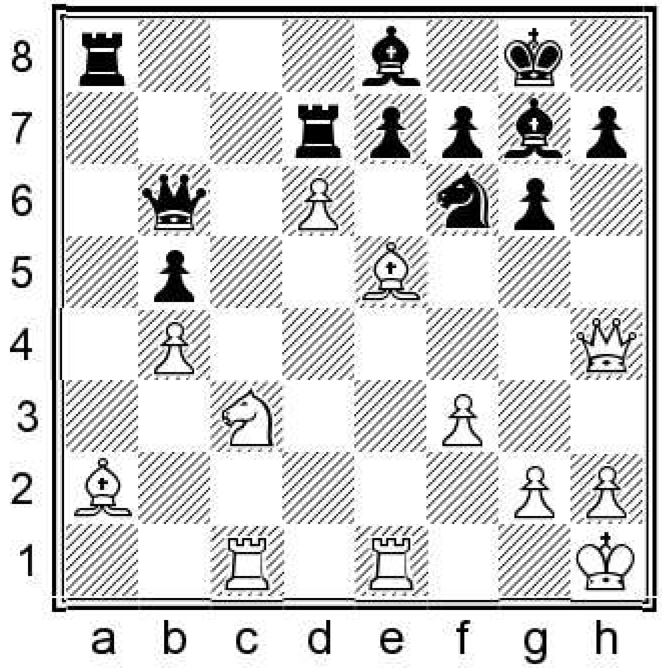
**15.♖fd1 ♘a6 16.a3 ♗e8 17.♕e1 ♘c7 18.♗a2 ♖ac8 19.♖ac1 ♘b5 20.♕f2 ♘xc3 21.♘xc3 b6 22.♕h4 ♕a6 23.♗g5 b5 24.♖e1 ♖c7 25.♕b4 ♕b6+ 26.♗e3 ♕b7 27.♗f4 ♖cd7 28.♗e5 a6 29.♕h4 a5 30.b4 axb4 31.axb4 ♖a8?!**

31...♕a7+ 32.♔h1 (32.♗d4 ♕a3) 32...♘h5 33.♗xg7 ♘xg7=

**32.d6!?**

32.♗b3!± Δ♘h5 33.♗xg7 ♘xg7 34.♘e4±

**32...♕b6+ 33.♔h1**



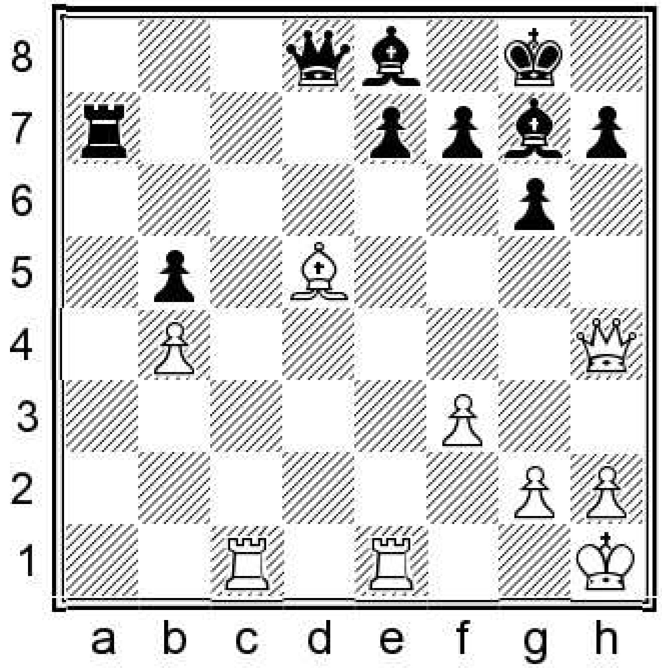
**33...♖xd6!?**

33...♕d8!=

**34.♗xd6 ♕xd6 35.♖cd1± ♕c7 36.♘d5 ♘xd5 37.♗xd5 ♖a7**

37...♗f6! 38.♕g3 ♕xg3 39.hxg3 ♖a4±

**38.♖c1 ♕d8**



**39.♗c6**

39.♕f2! ♖d7 (39...♖a6 40.♗b7 ♖d6 41.♖c8 ♕d7 42.♕a7 ♗f8 43.f4+-; 39...♕b8 40.♕c5 ♗f8 41.♕c8

♕xc8 42.♖xc8 ♗d7 43.♖a8 ♖xa8 44.♗xa8 ♗f5 45.♖d1±) 40.♗c6 ♖d2 41.♕c5 ♗xc6 42.♕xc6 ♗b2 43.♖b1 ♕d3 44.♕e8+ ♔g7 45.♕xe7 ♕c2 46.♕c5 ♖xg2 47.♕xc2 ♖xc2 48.♖e7± Paunovic,Tomislav

**39...♗f6??⊕**

39...♗xc6 40.♖xc6 ♗f6 41.♕h6 ♖a4 42.♖ec1 ♖a8=

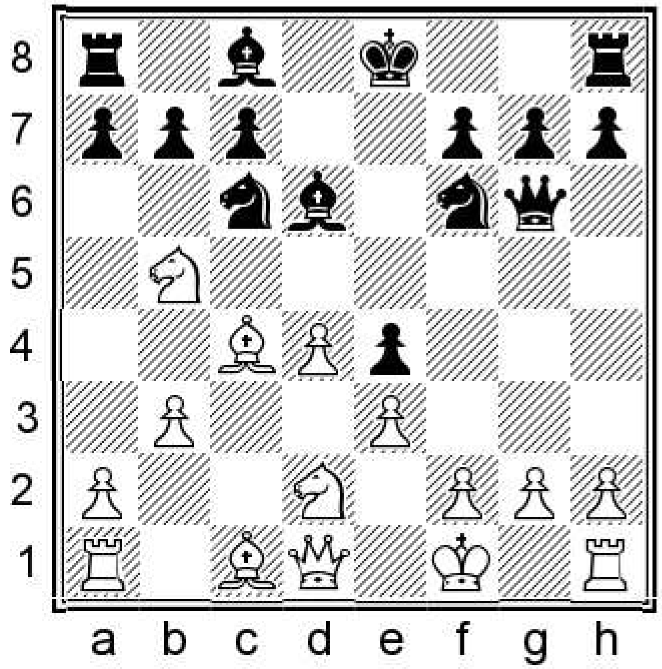
**40.♕xf6! 1-0**

**133. !N D20**
**Johansson, Linus (2492) - Papp, Gabor (2602)**
**Bremen 147/133, 2020**

**1.d4 d5 2.c4 dxc4 3.e3 e5 4.♗xc4 ♘c6 5.♘f3**

5.d5 - 127/143

**5...e4 6.♘fd2 ♕g5 7.♔f1 ♘f6 8.♘c3 ♕g6 9.♘b5 ♗d6 10.b3**



**10...♗g4!N**

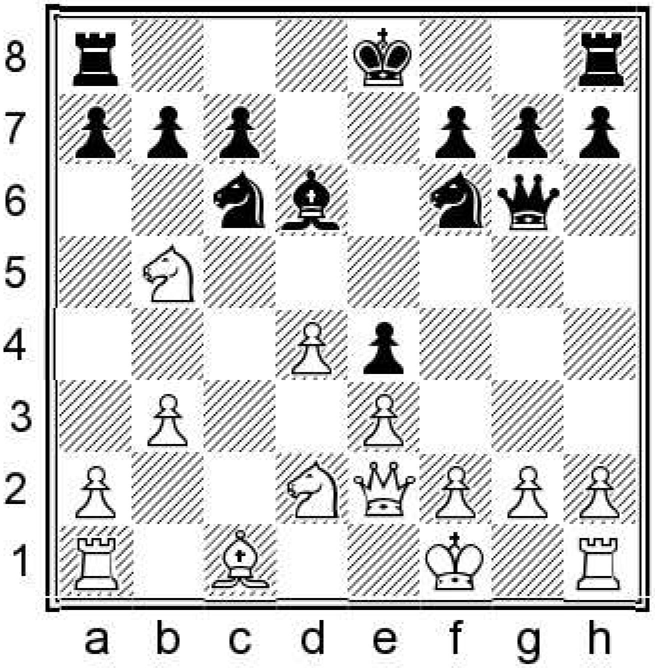
10...O-O

**11.♗e2**

11.♕e1 O-O 12.♘xd6 cxd6 13.♗a3 ♖fd8 14.h3 ♗f5 15.♔g1 h5 16.♔h2 a5 17.♘b1 (17.f3?! d5 18.♗e2 ♘b4 19.fxe4 (19.♗xb4 axb4 20.fxe4 ♗xe4 21.♘f3 ♖dc8 22.♕xb4 ♖c2 23.♖he1 h4 24.♕xb7 (24.♘xh4 ♕h6-+) 24...♕g3+ 25.♔h1 ♖axa2-+) 19...♗xe4 20.♕g3 ♖e8 (20...♕xg3+ 21.♔xg3 ♘c2 22.♗e7 ♖e8 23.♗xf6 ♘xa1 24.♘xe4 ♘c2 25.♖c1 ♖xe4 26.♖xc2 gxf6 27.♔f2 ♖ae8 28.♖c3 ♖4e6 29.♗xh5 ♖c6 30.♖xc6 bxc6 31.♗g4 ♖e7 32.♗f5∓) 21.♗xb4 axb4 22.♖hc1 h4 23.♕xg6 ♗xg6 24.♘f1 ♖ec8 25.♖xc8+ ♖xc8 26.♗f3 ♗e4∓) 17...♗d7! (17...d5 18.♗e2 ♗d7 19.♕d2 ♕f5 20.♖f1 ♖ac8=) 18.♕d2 (18.♗xd6

♘g4+ 19.hxg4 ♕xd6+ 20.♔g1 ♗xg4 21.♘c3 ♕g6 22.a3=) 18...h4 19.♖c1 ♕g5 20.♗f1 ♗e8∓

**11...♗xe2+ 12.♕xe2**



**12...O-O**

12...O-O-O!↑ 13.♔g1 ♗b4 14.a3 ♗xd2 15.♗xd2 a6 16.♘c3 h5 17.h4 ♘g4 18.♖h3 ♖d6 19.♘a4 ♖f6 20.♖f1 ♖d8 21.♘c5 ♘e7

**13.g3**

13.♘xd6 cxd6 14.h4 h5 15.♗a3 ♖fd8 16.♖c1 (16.♕b5 d5 17.♕xb7 ♘g4 18.♔g1 a5 19.♗c5 ♘b4 20.♖h3 ♘d3 21.♖f1 ♕e6 22.f4 ♖ab8 23.♕a7 ♖a8 24.♕b7 ♖db8 25.f5 ♖xb7 26.fxe6 fxe6 27.a3 e5 28.♖g3 ♖c8 29.b4 exd4 30.exd4 e3 31.♘f3 axb4 32.axb4 ♘xb4 33.♗xb4 ♖xb4 34.♘h2 ♘xh2 35.♔xh2 ♖xd4-+) 16...♖ac8 17.♕b5 ♘e7 18.♕xb7 ♖xc1+ 19.♗xc1 ♘ed5 20.g3 ♕g4 21.♕xa7 ♕d1+ 22.♔g2 ♕e2-+

**13...♘d5∓**

13...♖fd8 14.♘c4 ♗e7 15.♔g2 a6 16.♘c3 b5 17.♘d2 h5∓

**14.♕c4?!**

14.a3 a6 15.♘xd6 cxd6 16.♗b2 ♖ac8 17.♖c1 f5 18.h4 h5 19.b4 ♘ce7∓

**14...♘cb4-+ 15.♗a3 ♕f5 16.♔g2**

16.♕e2 ♗e7 17.♗xb4 ♗xb4 18.a4 (18.a3 ♘xe3+ 19.♕xe3 ♗xd2 20.♕xd2 ♕xb5+ 21.♔g2 ♕xb3) 18...a6 19.♘a3 c5 20.♘c2 ♗c3 21.♖e1 ♖ad8

**16...♘d3 17.♖hf1 a6 18.♘xd6 cxd6 19.♗xd6 ♖fc8 20.♗c5 b5 21.♕c2 ♕xf2+! 0-1**

# D25-D49

**134. D27**
**Sielecki, Christof (2431) - McPhillips, Joseph (2425)**
**Great Britain (Int.-playoff) 147/134, 2020**

**1.♘f3 ♘f6 2.c4 e6 3.♘c3 d5 4.e3 dxc4 5.♗xc4 a6 6.d4 b5 7.♗e2 ♗b7 8.O-O ♘bd7 9.a3 c5 10.dxc5 ♘xc5**

⌓10...♗xc5 - 56/496

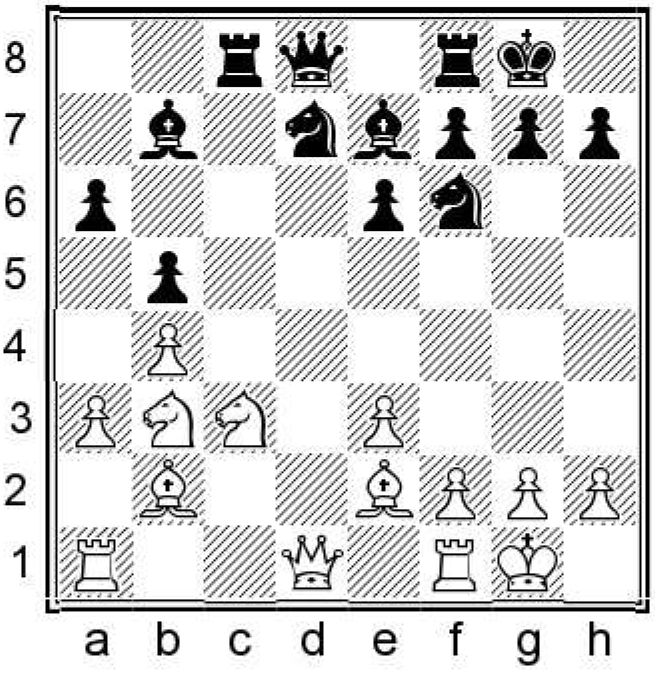
**11.b4 ♘cd7 12.♗b2**

12.♕b3!?

**12...♗e7 13.♘d4**

13.h3 O-O 14.♕d2 ♕b6 15.♕d4 ♖fd8 16.♕xb6 ♘xb6 17.a4 bxa4 18.♘xa4 ♘xa4 19.♖xa4 ♘d5=

**13...O-O 14.♘b3 ♖c8**



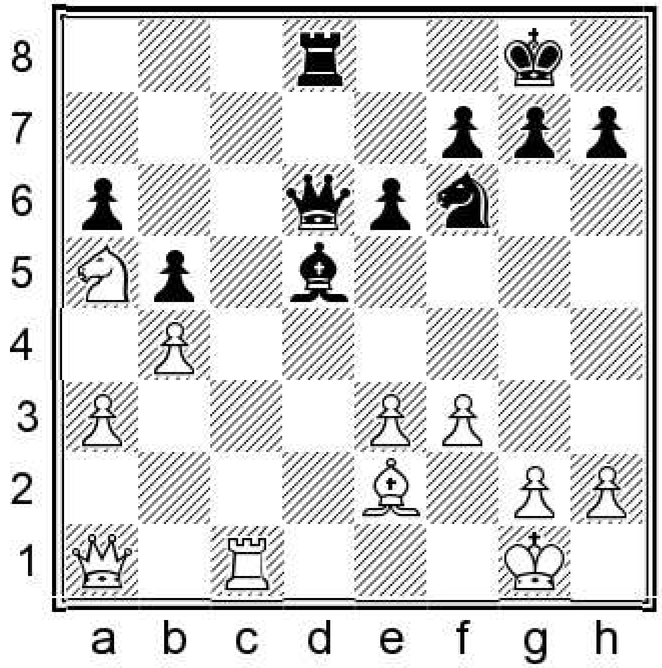
**15.♘a5N**

15.♖c1 ♕b6 16.♘a5 ♗a8 17.♗f3 ♕b8 18.♗xa8=

**15...♗a8 16.♕b3 ♘c5 17.♕a2 ♘ce4 18.♖ad1 ♕c7 19.♘xe4 ♗xe4 20.♖c1 ♕b8 21.♕a1 ♗d5 22.♗e5 ♗d6 23.♗xd6 ♕xd6 24.♖xc8 ♖xc8 25.♖c1 ♖d8**

25...♖xc1+ 26.♕xc1 h6 27.f3 e5 28.e4 ♗e6=

**26.f3**



**26...♕b6**

26...e5! 27.♕c3 (27.e4? ♗xe4! 28.fxe4 ♕b6+ 29.♔h1 ♘xe4 30.♖c6! ♕e3 31.♕f1 g6∓) 27...e4=

**27.♕c3 ♗a8**

27...♘e8! Δ f5

**28.♕c5 ♕xc5**

28...♘d7!±

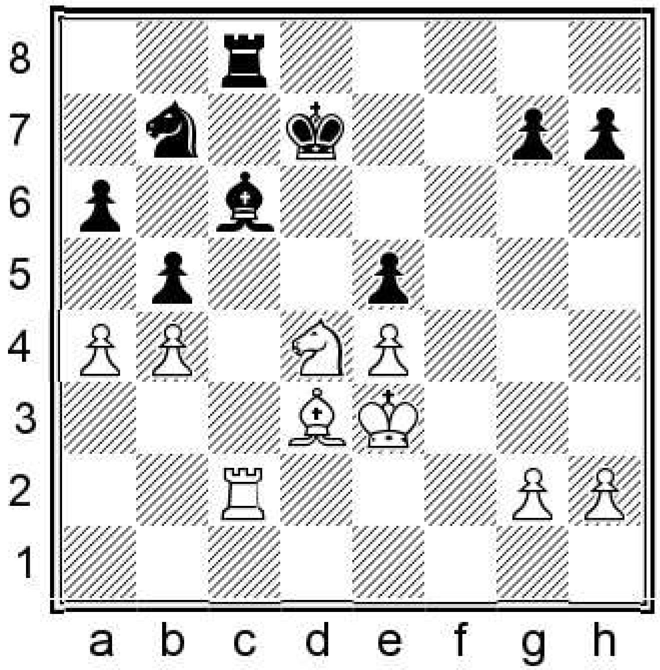
**29.♖xc5 ♘e8 30.e4± ♔f8 31.♔f2 ♔e7 32.♔e3 f6 33.f4 ♔d7**

33...f5!±

**34.♘b3 ♘d6 35.♗d3 ♗c6 36.♖c2 ♘b7 37.♘d4 ♖c8 38.a4!?**

38.e5! fxe5 (38...h6 39.f5!+-; 38...f5 39.♘xf5!+-) 39.fxe5 h6 (39...g6 40.♖xc6 ♖xc6 41.♘xc6 ♔xc6 42.♗e4+ ♔c7 43.♔f4+-) 40.♘f5! ♖g8 41.♖xc6 ♔xc6 42.♘e7++-

**38...e5 39.fxe5 fxe5**



**40.♘xb5?!**

40.♘f3±

**40...axb5?**

40...♗xb5! 41.♖xc8 ♔xc8 42.axb5 axb5 43.♗xb5 ♘d6

**41.axb5 ♗xe4?**

41...♘d6 42.bxc6+ ♖xc6 43.♖a2±

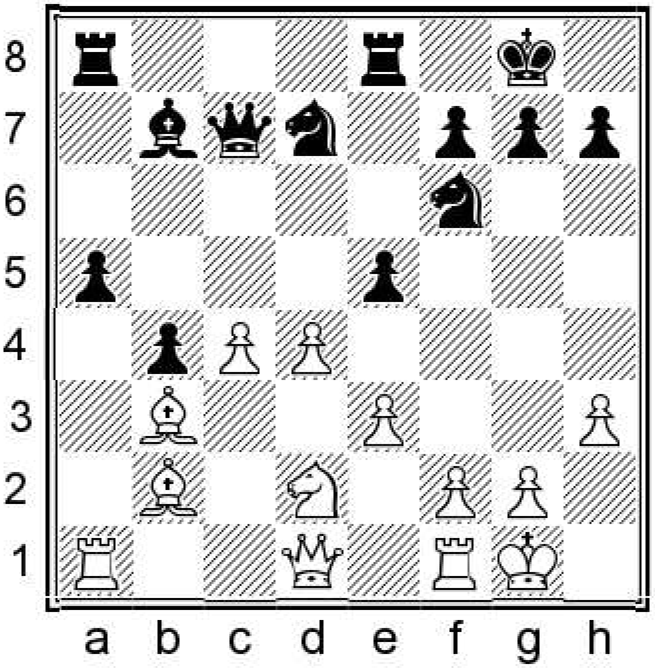
**42.♖xc8 ♗xd3 43.♖b8 ♔c7 44.♖xb7+ ♔xb7 45.♔xd3+- ♔b6 46.♔e4 ♔xb5 47.♔xe5 ♔xb4 48.♔e6 ♔c4 49.g4 ♔d4 50.♔f7 ♔e4 51.♔xg7 ♔f4 52.h3 1-0**

**135. D31**
**Donchenko, Alexander (2668) - Firouzja, Alireza (2749)**
**Wijk aan Zee 147/135, 2021**

**1.d4 d5 2.c4 e6 3.♘c3 ♗b4 4.♘f3 dxc4 5.e3 b5 6.a4 c6 7.♗d2 a5 8.axb5 ♗xc3 9.♗xc3 cxb5 10.b3 ♗b7 11.bxc4 b4 12.♗b2 ♘f6 13.♗d3 O-O 14.O-O ♘bd7 15.♘d2 e5 16.♗c2 ♕c7 17.h3**

17.d5 - 133/141

**17...♖fe8 18.♗b3**



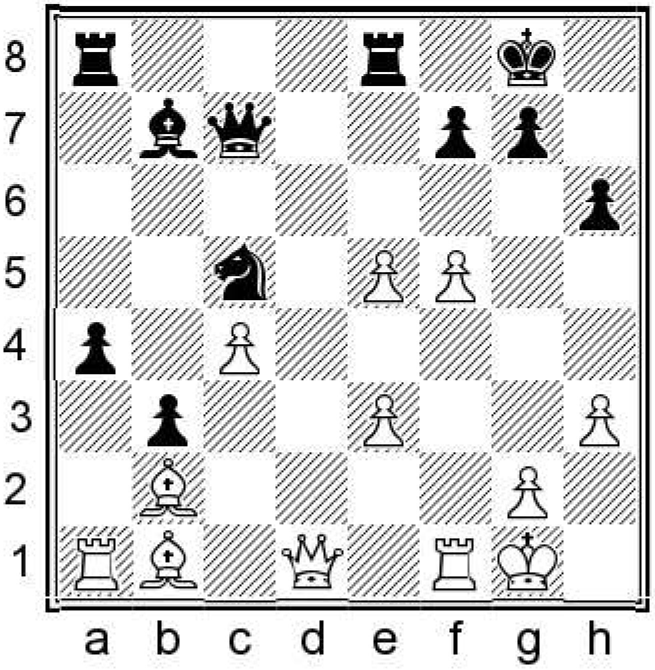
**18...h6N**

18...♘e4

**19.♘f3?! ♖a6! 20.♘xe5 ♘xe5 21.dxe5 ♘d7 22.f4 ♘c5 23.♗c2 a4**

23...♖d8!? 24.♕g4 b3 25.♗f5 (25.e6? ♘xe6 26.♗xb3 ♖d2 27.♖f2 ♖xf2 28.♔xf2 ♕b6 29.♖a3 ♕b4-+; 25.♗b1 a4 26.♖d1 ♖xd1+ 27.♕xd1 ♖a8∓) 25...a4 26.♗a3∞

**24.f5! b3 25.♗b1 ♖aa8?!**



25...a3 26.♖xa3 ♖xa3 27.♗xa3 ♕xe5∞

**26.e6! ♕g3**

26...fxe6? 27.f6!+-; ⌓26...f6±

**27.♖f2?**

27.♕e2+- Δ Rf4

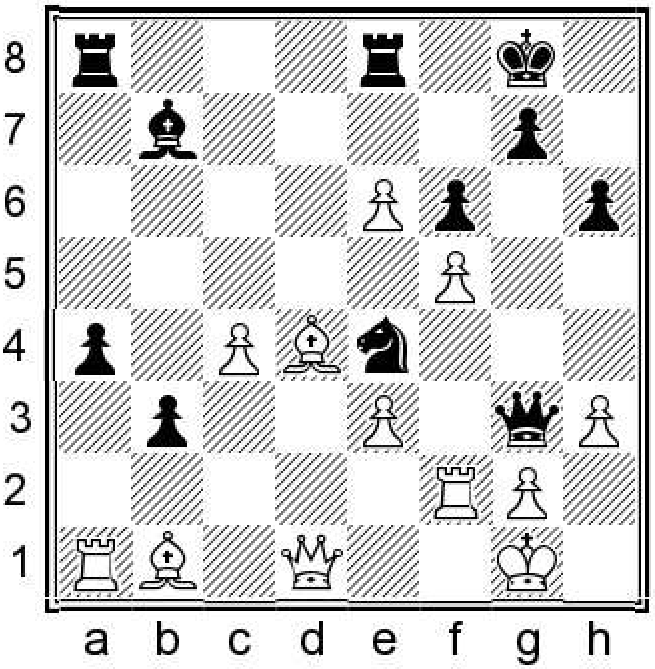
**27...f6**

27...♕xe3? 28.exf7+ ♔xf7 29.♕h5+ ♔e7 30.f6+ gxf6 31.♗g6+-; 27...fxe6 28.f6 gxf6∓

**28.♗d4**

28.♕e2!?

**28...♘e4?!**



28...♖ec8∞

**29.♗xe4?**

29.♖f3! ♕g5 (29...♕c7 30.♖f4±) 30.♖f4±

**29...♗xe4∓ 30.♖a3?!**

30.♗c5

**30...♖ec8**

30...♖eb8!?

**31.c5 ♔h7 32.♕d2 b2?**

32...♖d8 33.♕e2 ♗c6∓

**33.♕xb2??**

33.♗xb2 ♖xc5 34.♕d4 ♖xf5 35.♕xe4 ♕xf2+ 36.♔h2 ♕xb2 37.♕xf5+ ♔g8=

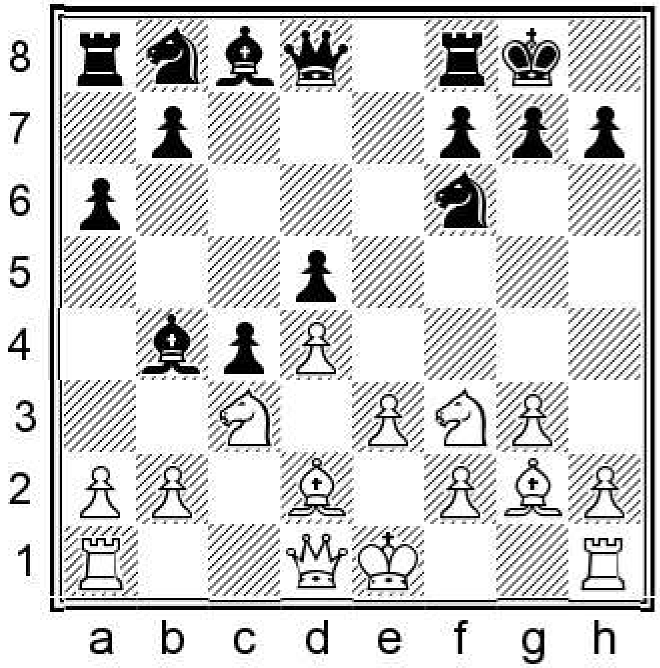
**33...♖ab8-+ 34.♕a2 ♖b1+ 35.♖f1 ♖cb8 36.♕f2 ♖xf1+ 37.♔xf1 ♖b1+ 38.♔e2 ♕b8 39.♕f4 ♕b5+ 40.♔d2 ♕b4+ 41.♗c3 ♕xa3 42.♕xe4 ♕c1+ 43.♔d3 ♕f1+ 0-1**

**136. D32**
**Caruana, Fabiano (2823) - Van Foreest, Jorden (2671)**
**Wijk aan Zee 147/136, 2021**

**1.c4 e6 2.♘c3 d5 3.d4 c5 4.e3 ♘f6 5.♘f3 a6 6.cxd5 exd5 7.g3 c4 8.♗g2 ♗b4 9.♗d2**

9.♘e5 - 145/122

**9...O-O**



**10.b3N**

10.O-O

**10...♗f5 11.O-O ♗d3 12.♖e1 ♘c6 13.♘e5 ♘xe5 14.dxe5 ♗xc3 15.♗xc3 ♘e4 16.♗b4 ♖e8 17.f3 a5**

17...♕b6!? 18.fxe4 ♕xb4 19.exd5 b5 (19...♖xe5? 20.bxc4 ♗e4 (20...♗xc4? 21.♕d4 ♖ee8 22.♖ab1 ♕a4 23.♖xb7+-) 21.♕d4 ♕e7 22.♗h3±) 20.♗f1 ♖xe5 (20...♗xf1 21.♔xf1 ♖xe5 22.♕d4 ♕d6 23.bxc4 bxc4 24.e4 f5=) 21.♗xd3 cxd3 22.♕xd3 ♖d8 23.e4 f5=

**18.♗a3?!**

18.fxe4 axb4 19.exd5 b5 (19...♕g5!? 20.♕d2 ♕xe5 21.♕xb4 c3=∞) 20.♕d2 ♖xe5 21.♕xb4 ♕b6

22.bxc4 ♗xc4=

**18...♘c3 19.♕d2 ♘b5 20.♗b2 a4**

20...♘c7!?

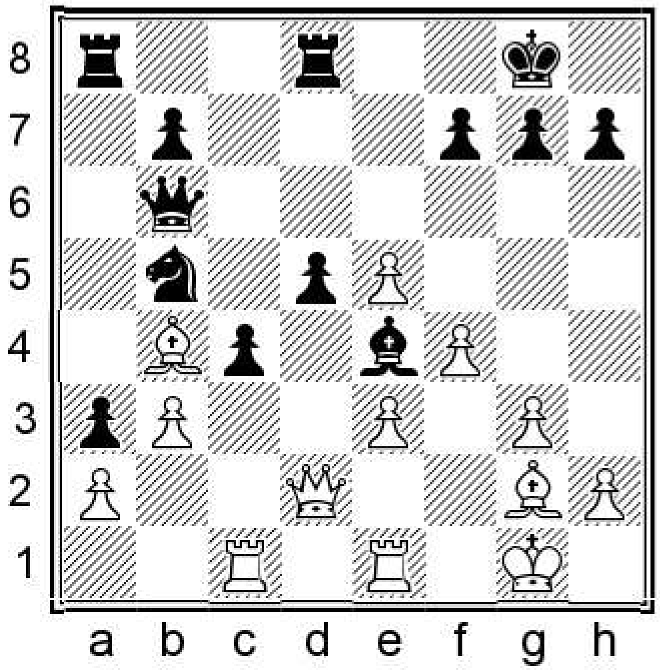
**21.f4**

21.♖ac1 axb3 22.axb3 ♘c7∓

**21...a3 22.♗c3 ♕b6**

22...♘xc3!? 23.♕xc3 ♕a5∓

**23.♗b4 ♖ed8 24.♖ac1 ♗e4?!**



24...♗f5∓

**25.♗e7! ♖e8**

25...c3!? 26.♖xc3 ♘xc3 27.♗xd8 ♖xd8 (27...♕xd8 28.♕xc3 ♖c8 29.♕b4 ♗xg2 30.♔xg2 ♖c2+ 31.♔f3 ♕c8 32.♖e2=; 27...♕c6 28.♗a5 ♘xa2 29.♗xe4 dxe4 30.♖a1 ♕b5 31.b4 b6 32.♗xb6 ♕xb6 33.♖xa2 h5⩱) 28.♕xc3 d4 29.exd4 ♖xd4 30.♕e3 ♗f5=

**26.♗xe4 dxe4 27.bxc4 ♖xe7 28.♕b4 ♖c7 29.♕xb5 ♕xb5 30.cxb5 ♖ac8 31.♖xc7 ♖xc7⩱ 32.♖d1 g5**

⌓32...♔f8

**33.b6**

33.fxg5

**33...♖c6 34.♖d8+ ♔g7 35.♖a8 ♖c1+**

35...♖xb6 36.♖xa3 ♖b1+ 37.♔g2 g4 38.♖b3 ♖a1 39.♖b2 ♔g6=∞

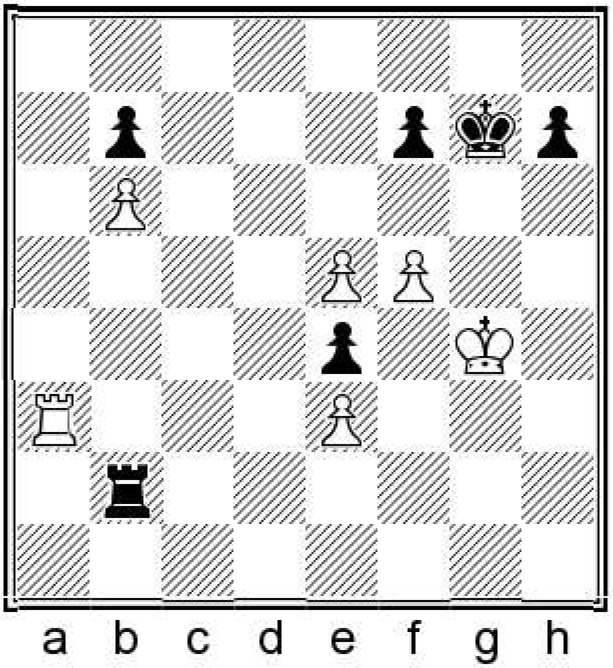
**36.♔g2 ♖c2+ 37.♔h3 gxf4 38.gxf4 ♖xa2 39.♔g4 ♖xh2**

39...h5+! 40.♔f5 ♖xh2 41.♖xa3 ♖b2 42.♔g5 ♖b5=

**40.♖xa3 ♖b2?**

40...♖g2+! 41.♔f5 ♖b2 42.♖c3 ♖xb6 43.♖c7 ♔g8=

**41.f5?**



41.♖a8! ♖g2+ (41...♖xb6 42.f5 h5+ 43.♔xh5 ♖b5 44.f6+ ♔h7 45.♖e8+-) 42.♔f5 h5 43.♖a1! ♖g6 44.♖b1 h4 45.♔xe4 h3 46.♖h1 ♖xb6 47.♖xh3+-

**41...♖g2+!! 42.♔f4 h5= 43.♔xe4 h4 44.♖a1 h3 45.♔f3 ♖b2 46.♖h1 h2 47.♔g3 ♖b5! 48.♔f4 ♖b2 49.♔f3 ♔h6 50.♔f4 ♖f2+ 51.♔g4 ♖e2 52.♔f3 ♖b2 53.♔g3 ♔g5 54.e6 fxe6 55.fxe6 ♖xb6 56.♖xh2 ♖xe6 1/2-1/2**

**137. D37**
**Tin, Jingyao (2464) - Lupulescu, Constantin (2656)**
**chess.com (ol-rapid) 147/137, 2020**

**1.d4 d5 2.c4 e6 3.♘f3 ♘f6 4.♘c3 ♘bd7 5.♗f4 dxc4 6.e4 ♗b4 7.♗xc4**

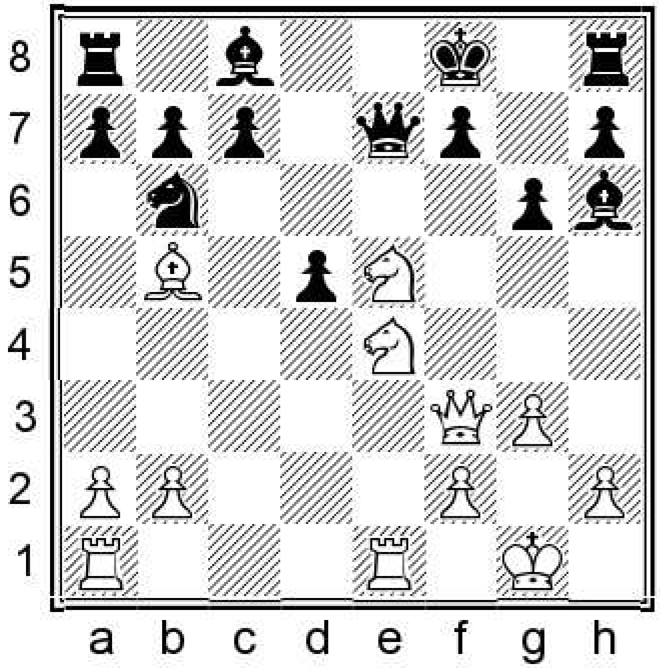
7.♕c2 - 61/438

**7...♘xe4 8.O-O**

8.♕d3 ♘b6 (8...♘xc3 9.bxc3 ♗d6 10.♗g5 ♗e7 11.♗f4 O-O 12.h4 ♖e8 13.h5=∞) 9.♕xe4 (9.♗b3 ♘c5∓) 9...♗xc3+ 10.bxc3 ♘xc4 11.O-O ♘d6∓

**8...♘xc3**

8...♗d6 9.♘xe4 (9.♘e5?! ♘xc3 10.bxc3 ♕f6! 11.♕f3 ♗xe5! (11...O-O?! 12.♕g3 ♗xe5 13.dxe5 ♕g6 14.♕h3 ♘b6 15.♗d3 f5 16.♗e2 ♕e8 17.c4∞) 12.dxe5 ♘xe5 13.♗xe5 ♕xe5 14.♖fe1 ♕g5 15.♖e4 O-O 16.h4 ♕e7 17.♕g3 ♔h8∓) 9...♗xf4 10.d5 ♘b6 11.♗b5+ ♔f8 12.g3 ♗h6 13.♘e5!? exd5 (13...♘xd5 14.♕h5 ♕e7 15.♗c4=∞) 14.♖e1=∞ f6 (14...g6 15.♕f3 ♕e7



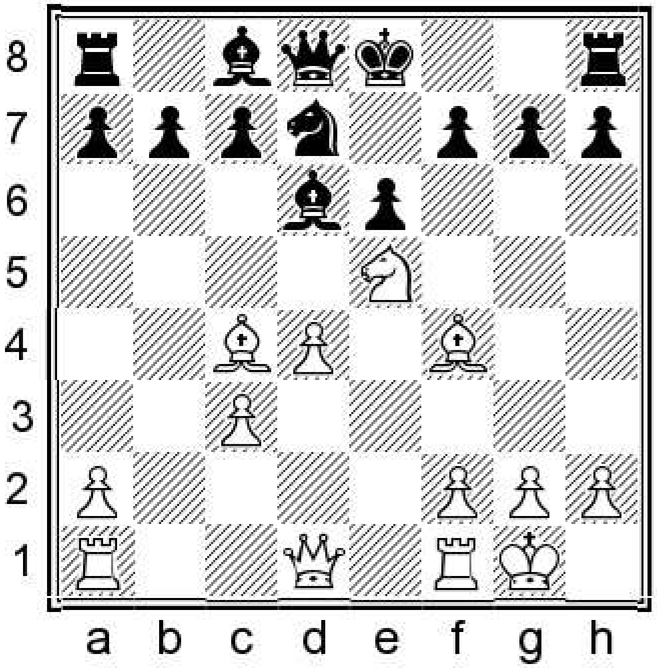
16.♘d6! cxd6 17.♘xf7 ♗g4□ 18.♕c3 ♕xf7 19.♕xh8+ ♕g8 20.♕f6+ ♕f7 21.♕h4!? (21.♕h8+=) 21...♗d2 22.♕xg4 ♗xe1 23.♖xe1 ♘c4 24.♗xc4 dxc4 25.♖e6↑) 15.♕f3 a6!? (15...dxe4 16.♖ad1 exf3 17.♖xd8+ ♔e7 18.♘c6+ ♔f7 19.♖xh8 bxc6 20.♗xc6 ♗b7 21.♗e8+ ♖xe8 22.♖hxe8 ♘d5∞) 16.♘c6!? bxc6 17.♗xc6 dxe4 18.♖ad1 ♗d2 19.♖xe4 ♔f7 20.♗xa8 ♘xa8 21.♕b3+ ♔g6 22.♕c2 f5 23.♖xd2 ♕f6∞

**9.bxc3 ♗d6**

9...♗xc3 10.♖c1 ♗b4 11.d5=∞

**10.♗g3**

10.♘e5?!



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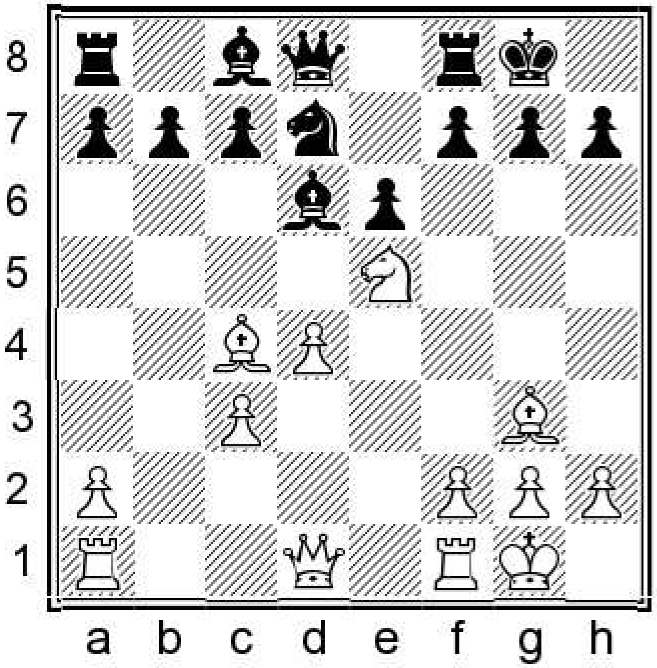
**10...O-O**

10...♗xg3 11.fxg3 O-O 12.♕c2 c5 13.♖ad1=∞

**11.♘e5**



**11...♕e7N**

11...♘f6 12.♕f3 ♗e7 13.♖fe1 ♘d5 14.♗b3=∞; 11...♖e8 12.♕h5 g6 13.♕g4=∞; 11...♘xe5 12.dxe5 ♗e7 13.♕g4 (13.♕f3 c5 14.♗f4 ♕c7 15.♕g3 ♔h8 16.♖fe1 ♗d7 Δ Bc6) 13...♕d7 (13...c5 14.♗f4 ♕c7 15.♖fe1 ♖e8 16.♖e3=∞) 14.♖fe1 b5 15.♖ad1 ♕c6 16.♗d3 ♗b7 17.♕h3 g6 18.♗e4 ♕b6 19.♗xb7 ♕xb7 20.♖d7 Δ♗g5 21.♗h4 ♖ad8 22.♖xd8 ♗xd8 23.♗f6 ♗xf6 24.exf6 h5 25.♕e3 ♔h7 26.♕c5=∞

**12.♖e1 ♖e8 13.♖e3!?**

13.♕h5 ♕f8 14.f4 ♘f6 15.♕h3!? h6 16.f5 ♘h7 17.f6 ♘xf6 18.♖f1 ♗xe5 19.♗xe5 ♘e4 20.♗d3 ♘g5 21.♕g3 f5 22.♗xc7 ♗d7 23.♗d6 ♕f6 24.♗e5 ♕f8=

**13...♘f8**

13...♘xe5 14.dxe5 ♗c5 15.♖d3 ♖b8!? 16.♕g4 ♕f8 17.♗b5 c6 18.♗a4 b5 19.♗c2 ♗e7 20.♗f4 g6 21.♖h3 ♕g7 22.♖e1=∞

**14.♕h5**

14.♗d3 f6!? 15.♗h4 g5 16.♖g3 ♘g6□ 17.♘xg6 hxg6 18.♗xg6 ♗d7 19.♕h5 ♗xg3 20.♗xg3 ♖f8 21.♗d3 ♕g7 22.♖e1 ♗e8 23.♕e2 ♗g6 24.♗c4 c6 (24...♖ae8 25.f4∞) 25.♕g4 ♗f7 26.h4 b5 27.♗b3 ♖fe8 28.hxg5 ♕xg5 29.♖e4 ♕xg4 30.♖xg4+ ♔h7 31.♗c2+ f5 32.♗e5 ♗g6 33.♖g3 a5∞

**14...♘g6**

⌓14...f6 15.♘d3 ♕f7 16.♕f3 ♖b8 17.♖ae1 b5 18.♗b3 a5∞

**15.♗d3↑ ♗d7 16.♖f3**

16.♗f4 ♗xe5 17.dxe5 h6 18.♗xh6! ♕h4□ 19.♗xg6 ♕xh5 20.♗xh5 gxh6 21.♖d1± Δ♗c6 22.♖d4! ♖ed8 23.♖g3+ ♔f8 24.♖f4 ♗e8 25.♖f6 ♖d5 26.f4 ♖ad8 27.♖xh6 ♖d3 28.♖h8+ ♔e7 29.♗f3 Δ h4±

**16...f5!?**

16...♗xe5 17.♗xe5 f5 18.♖h3 ♘xe5 19.♕xh7+ ♔f7 20.♖g3 ♘g4 21.♖xg4 ♕f6 22.♕h5+ g6 23.♕h7+ ♕g7 24.♖h4 ♖h8=

**17.♘xg6**

17.♘xd7 ♕xd7 18.♖b1 ♕c6 19.♗b5 ♕e4 20.♖d1 ♖e7 21.♖e3 ♘f4 22.♗xf4 ♕xf4 23.g3 ♕h6 24.♕xh6 gxh6 25.f4=

**17...hxg6 18.♕xg6 ♕f7 19.♕g5 ♗c6**

⌓19...♗e7 20.♕e3 ♗c6 21.♖e1 ♗xf3 22.♕xf3 a6!? (22...♗d6 23.♗b5 ♖f8 24.♗c4 ♖ae8 25.♗b5 ♗xg3 26.♗xe8 ♗xf2+ 27.♔xf2 ♖xe8 28.♕xb7 c5 29.♕c6 cxd4 30.cxd4 ♖d8=) 23.♗c4 ♗d6 24.♕e2 ♔f8 25.♗xe6 ♕f6 26.♗xd6+ cxd6 27.♕c4 ♖ac8 28.♕d5 g6 29.c4 ♖c6 30.g3 ♔g7 31.♖e3 ♖e7∞

**20.♗xd6 ♗xf3 21.♗e5 ♗h5**

21...♗e4 22.♗xe4 fxe4 23.♖e1±

**22.h3 ♕g6 23.♕e3!±**

23.♕f4 ♕h6=

**23...♕f7**

23...♕h6 24.♗f4 ♕h7 25.♗xc7 ♖ac8 26.♗e5 ♖xc3 27.♗xf5 ♖xe3 28.♗xh7+ ♔xh7 29.fxe3 ♖c8 30.♖f1 ♖c2 31.♖f4±

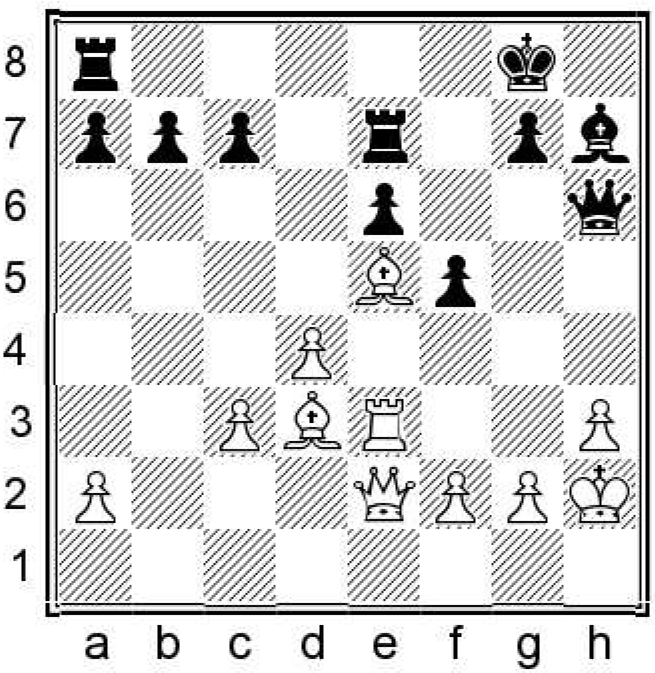
**24.♔h2**

24.♕f4 ♖ad8 25.♖e1 ♖d5 26.♖e3↑

**24...♗g6 25.♕g5 ♗h7 26.♖e1 ♕g6 27.♕d2 ♖e7 28.♖e3!?**

28.♗f4±

**28...♕h6 29.♕e2?!**



29.f4 ♗g6 30.♕b2 c6 31.♕a3 ♖d7 32.♖g3↑

**29...f4! 30.♗xh7+ ♔xh7 31.♖e4**

31.♖f3 g5 32.♕e4+ ♔g8 33.♕xb7 ♖f8 34.♔g1 ♕h7 35.g4 ♔f7∞

**31...♖f8∞ 32.♕g4?!**

32.♕b5 f3 33.♕d3 ♔g8 34.gxf3 ♖ef7 35.f4 a6 36.a4 ♕h5∞ 37.♖e1 ♖xf4 38.♗xf4 ♖xf4 39.♖xe6 ♕h4 40.♖g6 ♖xf2+ 41.♖g2 ♕f4+ 42.♕g3=

**32...g5∓ 33.♖e1 ♖f5 34.♔g1 ♖ef7 35.♕f3 c6 36.a4 a6 37.a5 ♔g8 38.♖b1 ♖d7 39.♔h2?⊕**

39.c4 ♕g6 40.♖b3 ♖ff7∓

**39...♔f7⊕**

39...♖h7! Δ Qg6∓

**40.♕e4**

40.c4

**40...♕g6**

40...g4! 41.c4 ♔g8 42.♖b3 ♖df7 Δ Rh5-+

**41.♕f3? ♖xe5-+ 0-1**

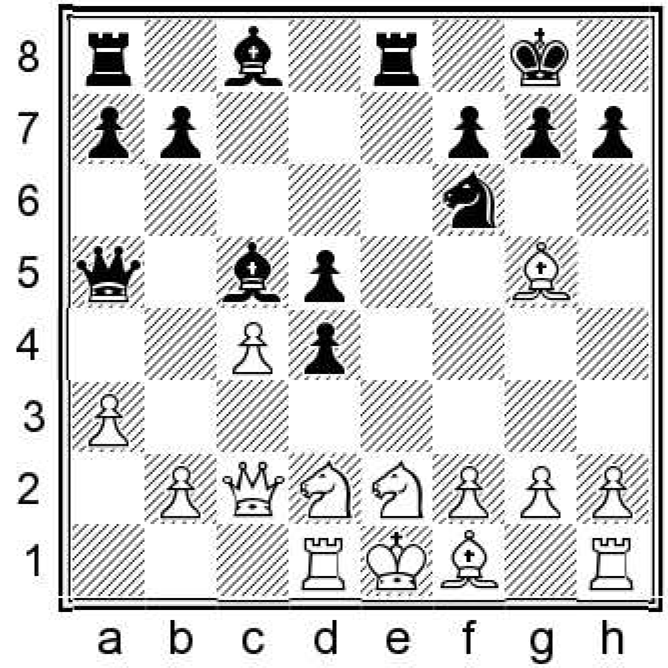
**138. !N D37**
**Ding, Liren (2791) - Wang, Hao (2763)**
**chess.com (Int.-rapid) 147/138, 2020**

**1.d4 d5 2.c4 e6 3.♘c3 ♗e7 4.♘f3 ♘f6 5.♗f4 O-O 6.a3 c5 7.dxc5 ♗xc5 8.e3 ♘c6 9.♕c2 ♕a5 10.♖d1 ♖e8 11.♘d2**

11.b4? ♘xb4 12.axb4 ♗xb4 13.♗e5 ♘e4 14.♖c1 f6! 15.♗d3 (15.♗d4 e5-+) 15...fxe5 16.♗xe4 dxe4 17.♘g5 ♗xc3+ 18.♕xc3 ♕xc3+ 19.♖xc3 b6-+

**11...e5 12.♗g5 ♘d4!? 13.♕b1**

13.exd4? exd4+ 14.♘e2



(14.♗e2 dxc3 15.♘b3 (15.♗xf6 cxd2+ 16.♖xd2 ♖xe2+! 17.♔xe2 gxf6-+) 15...♕a4 16.♗xf6 ♗g4! 17.f3 ♖xe2+!-+) 14...♘g4!! 15.♗h4 d3 16.♕b3 ♗f5! 17.♕b5 (17.♗g3 dxc4 18.♕xc4 ♕b6 19.♕f4

♕b5! 20.♕c4 dxe2 21.♗xe2 ♖xe2+ 22.♕xe2 ♖e8-+; 17.h3 dxc4 18.♕xc4 ♘e5 19.b4 ♕xa3 20.♕xc5 dxe2-+) 17...dxe2!! 18.♕xa5 ♗xf2+ 19.♗xf2 exd1=Q+ 20.♔xd1 ♘xf2+ 21.♔c1 ♖e1#

**13...♗f5 14.♗d3 ♗xd3 15.♕xd3 ♘e4 16.♘xd5**

16.b4? ♕xa3 17.♘db1 ♕xb4-+; 16.♘cxe4 dxe4 17.♕xe4 ♕b6 18.♖b1 (18.b4 ♗f8 19.♕d3 ♘e6=∞) 18...h6 19.♗h4 g5 20.b4 ♗f8 21.♗g3 ♖ad8 22.exd4 exd4 23.♗e5 ♗g7 24.♘f3 (24.O-O - 131/144) 24...♗xe5 25.♘xe5 ♕c7 26.O-O ♖xe5 27.♕d3 b6=; 16.♘dxe4 - 141/135

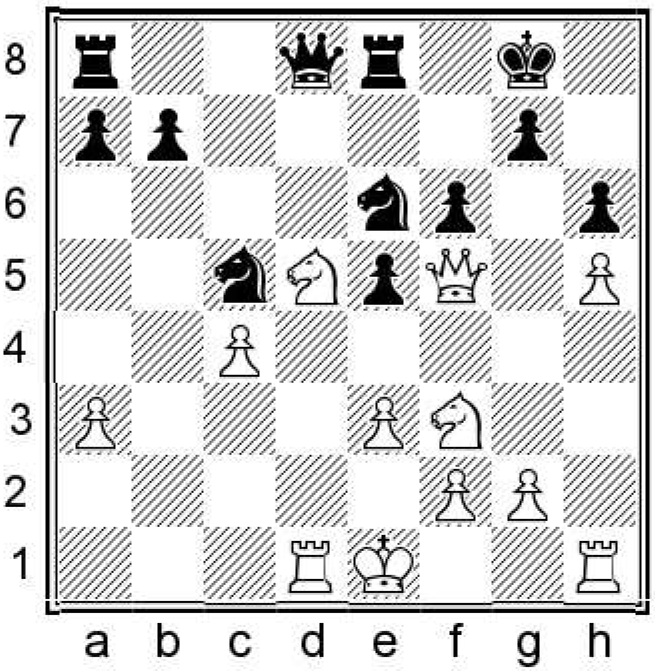
**16...♘xg5 17.b4 ♕d8 18.bxc5 ♘de6 19.h4**

19.♘b3 ♘xc5 20.♘xc5 ♕a5+ 21.♕c3 ♕xc5 22.O-O=; 19.♕f5 ♘xc5 20.h4 ♘ge6 - 19. h4

**19...♘xc5 20.♕f5 ♘ge6 21.♘f3 f6**

21...♕a5+ - 141/132

**22.h5 h6?**



22...♕a5+ 23.♘d2 ♕xa3 24.h6 ♕d3 25.♕xd3 ♘xd3+ 26.♔e2 ♘dc5 27.♘f1!? a5 28.♘g3 (Δ Nh5) 28...♘f4+! 29.exf4 exf4+ 30.♔f3 fxg3 31.♘c7 gxf2 32.♘xe8 ♖xe8 33.♔xf2∞

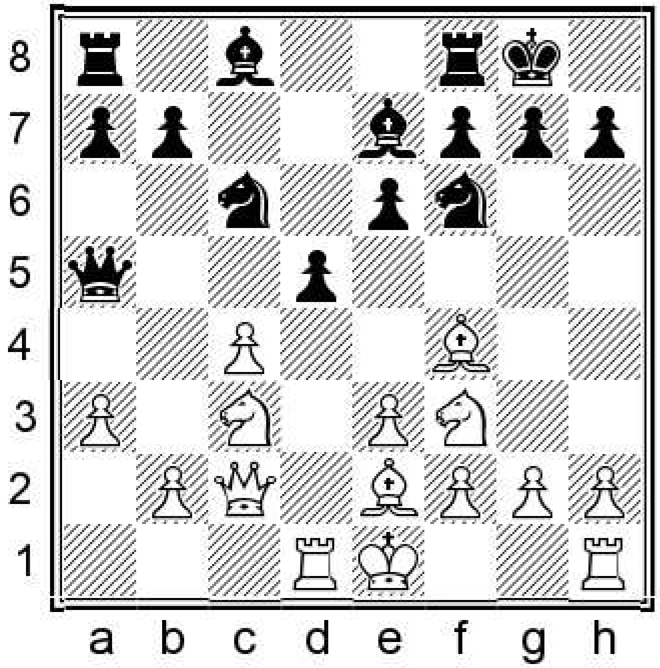
**23.O-O!N** +-

23.♖h4

**23...♕c8 24.♕g6 ♘d7 25.♘h4 ♘ef8 26.♕g4 ♔h8 27.♘f5 ♘e6 28.♘de7! ♕c7 29.♘g6+ ♔h7 30.♘xg7! 1-0**

**139. * D37**
**Ivanov, Viktor N - Weber, Karlheinz**
**corr 147/139, 2020**

**1.d4 d5 2.♘f3 ♘f6 3.c4 e6 4.♘c3 ♗e7 5.♗f4 O-O 6.e3 c5 7.dxc5 ♗xc5 8.♕c2 ♘c6 9.a3 ♕a5 10.♖d1 ♗e7 11.♗e2**



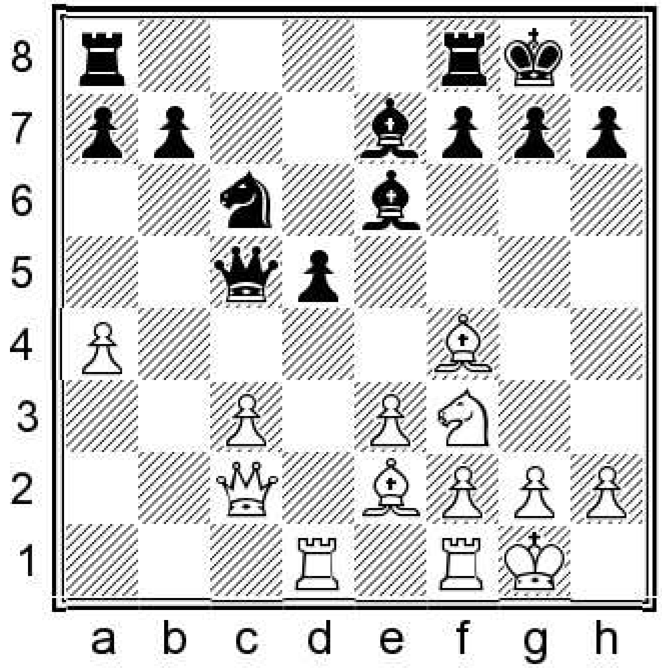
**11...♘e4!?**

11...dxc4?! 12.♗xc4 e5 13.♗g3 ♗g4 14.O-O ♖ac8 15.h3 ♗h5 16.♘d5 ♘xd5 17.♖xd5 ♗g6 18.e4↑

**12.cxd5 ♘xc3 13.bxc3**

13.♕xc3 ♕xc3+ 14.bxc3 exd5 15.♖xd5 ♗xa3 16.♘d4 a5 17.♔d2 a4 18.♔c2 ♗e7 19.♗f3 ♖a6 20.♖a1 a3∞

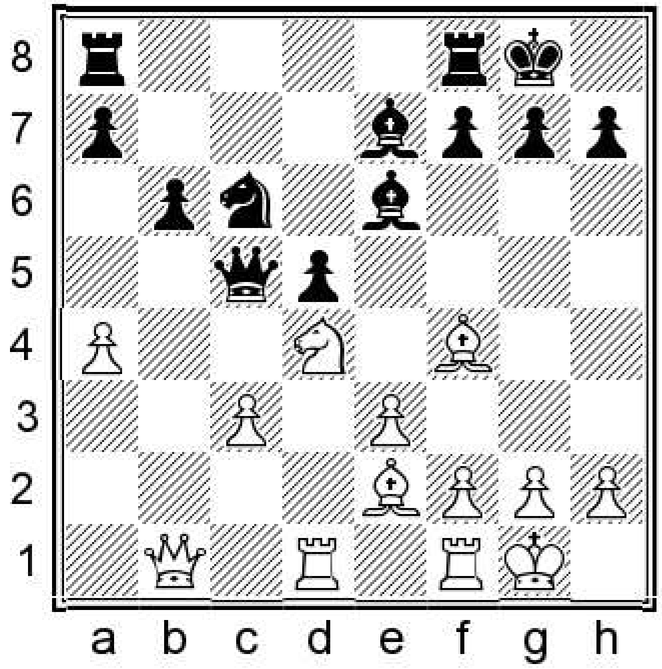
**13...exd5 14.O-O ♗e6 15.a4 ♕c5**



**16.♕b1N**

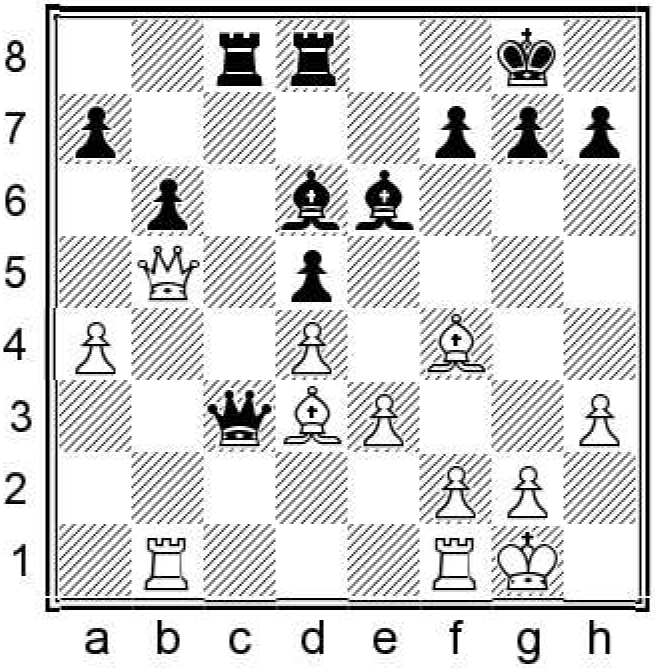
16.♖b1 - 107/(121)

**16...b6 17.♘d4**



**17...♗f6**

17...♘xd4N 18.cxd4 ♕a5 19.♕b5 ♖ac8 20.♖c1 ♕d2 21.♖b1 ♖fd8 22.♗d3 ♕c3 23.h3 ♗d6



24.♖bc1 (24.♗xd6 ♖xd6 25.♖bc1 ♕xc1 26.♖xc1 ♖xc1+ 27.♔h2 ♖d8 28.♕b4 ♖dc8∞) 24...♕a3 25.♖a1 ♕b4 26.♕xb4 ♗xb4 27.♗a6 ♖c3 28.♖fc1 ♗c8 29.♗b5 ♗b7 30.♖xc3 ♗xc3 31.♖b1± Suihko,K-Krutov,A corr 147/(139) 2020

**18.♘xe6 fxe6 19.c4 d4 20.♕e4 e5 21.♗d3**

21.exd4 ♘xd4 (21...exd4? 22.♗f3 ♖ac8 23.♕e6+ ♔h8 24.♗d6+-) 22.♗d3 exf4 23.♕xh7+ ♔f7= - 21.Bd3

21.♗g3 ♖ad8 22.♗d3 g6 23.h4 ♘b4 24.♗b1 ♕c6∞ (24...♕xc4 25.♗xe5 ♖fe8 (25...♗xe5 26.♕xe5 dxe3 27.♕xe3 ♕xh4 28.♖xd8 ♖xd8 29.f4⩱) 26.f4±)

**21...exf4 22.exd4 ♘xd4 23.♕xh7+ ♔f7 24.♖fe1 ♗e5 25.♗e4 ♖ad8 26.♕g6+ 1/2-1/2**

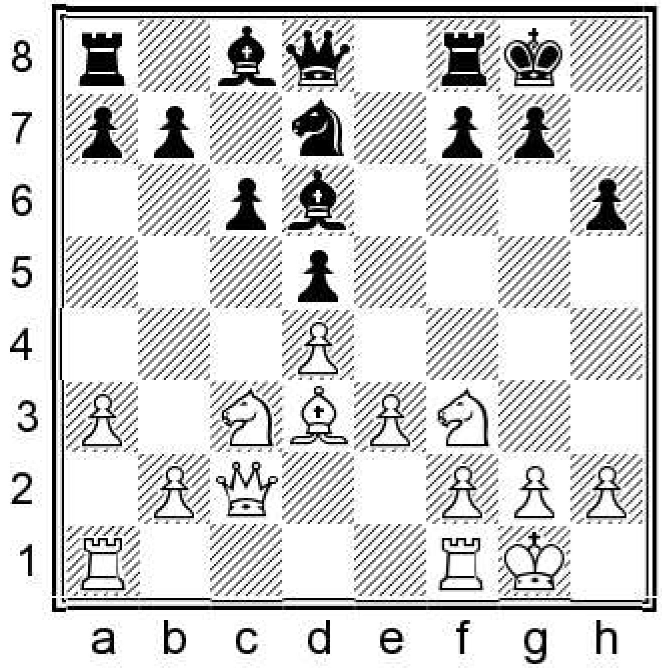
**140. * D38**
**Reizniece, Dana (2279) - Haria, Ravi (2440)**
**Great Britain (Int.-playoff) 147/140, 2020**

**1.c4 e6 2.♘c3 d5 3.d4 ♗b4 4.cxd5 exd5 5.♘f3 ♘f6 6.♗g5 h6 7.♗xf6 ♕xf6 8.♕b3 ♕b6**

8...♕d6 - 116/145

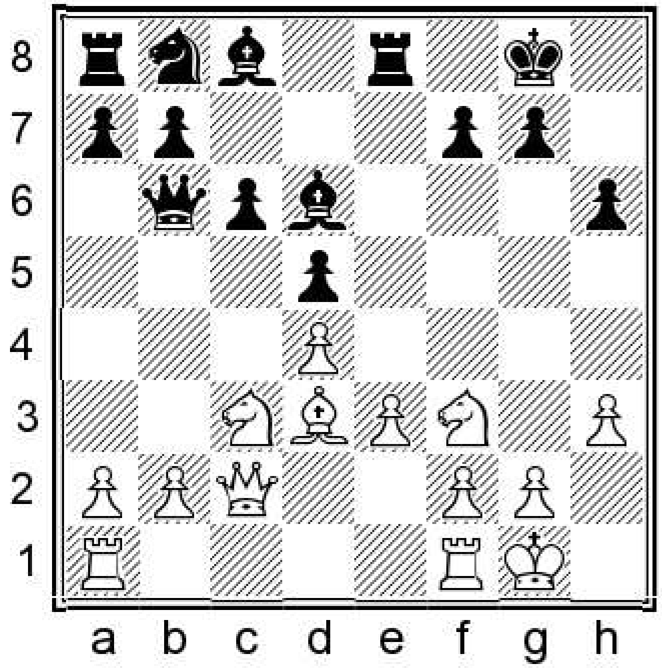
**9.e3 O-O 10.♗d3 c6 11.O-O ♗d6**

11...♘d7 12.♕c2 ♕d8 13.a3 ♗d6



14.♖fe1N (14.♖ae1) 14...♘f6= Radjabov,T (2765)-Anton Guijarro,D (2675) chess24.com (Int.-rapid) 147/(140) 2020

**12.♕c2 ♖e8 13.h3**



**13...♘d7N**

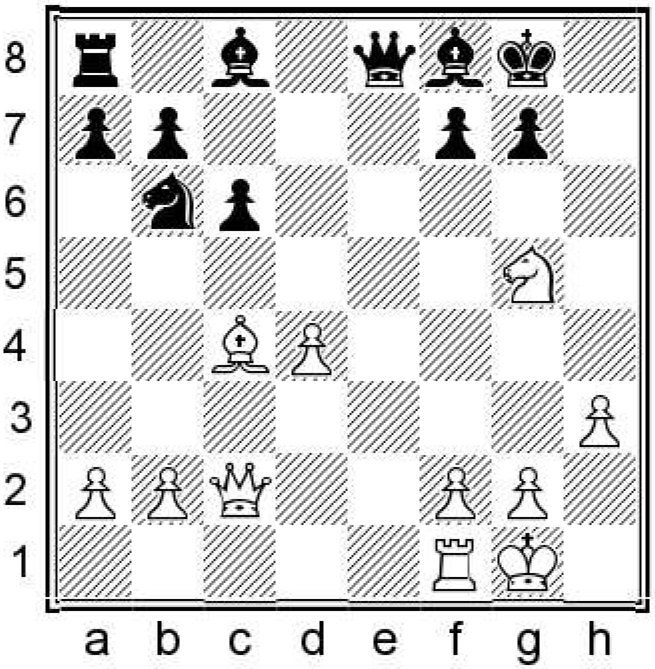
13...♕d8! 14.e4 dxe4 15.♘xe4 ♗e6=

**14.e4! dxe4 15.♘xe4 ♗f8?**

15...♕c7! 16.♖fe1 ♖d8= Δ Nf8

**16.♖fe1?!**

16.♖ae1! ♕d8 17.♗c4 ♗e7 (17...♘b6? 18.♘eg5! hxg5 19.♖xe8 ♕xe8 20.♘xg5+- Δ Bf7, Δ Qh7) 18.♘e5±



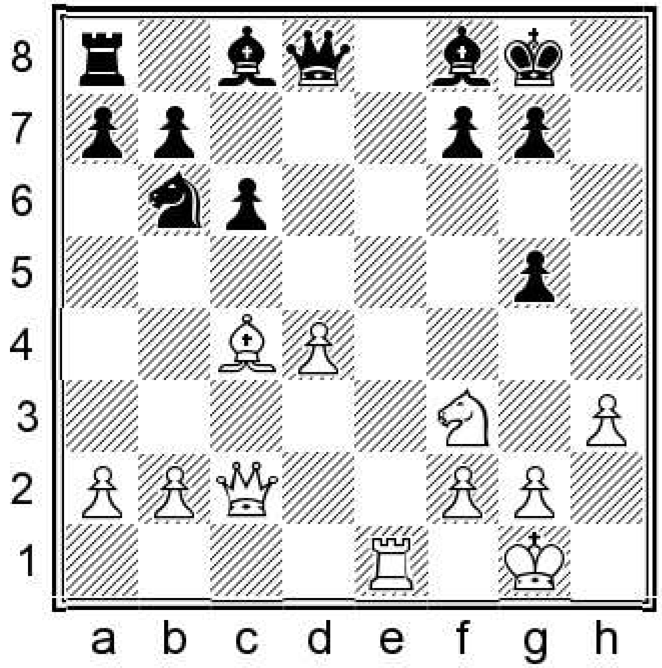
**16...♕d8 17.♗c4**

17.a3! ♘b6 18.♘c5⩲

**17...♘b6 18.♘eg5!**

18.♘f6+?! ♕xf6! 19.♖xe8 ♗f5∓

**18...♖xe1+! 19.♖xe1 hxg5**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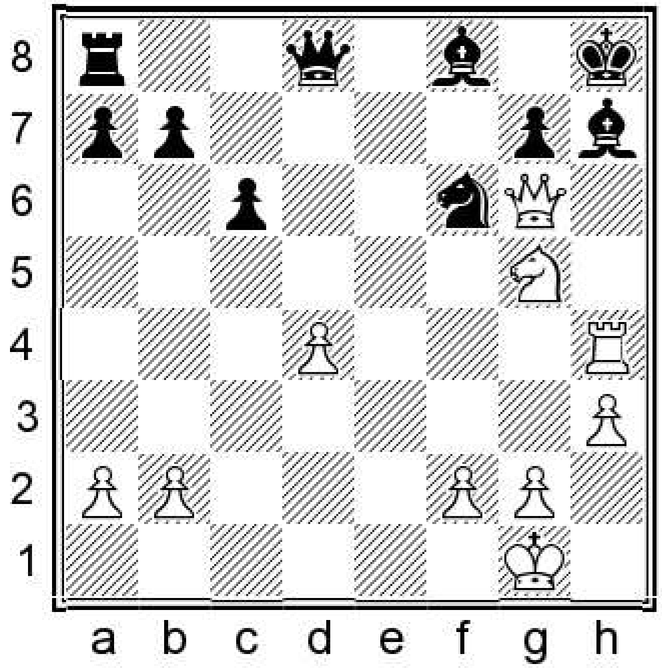
**20.♗xf7+! ♔xf7 21.♕h7 ♘d7**

21...♕f6 22.♘e5+! ♔e7 23.♘g4+ ♕e6 24.♖xe6+ ♗xe6∞

**22.♕h5+ ♔g8 23.♘xg5 ♘f6 24.♕f7+ ♔h8 25.♖e4!** [Δ Rh4#] **25...♗f5**

25...♗g4!? 26.♖xg4! ♘xg4 27.♕h5+ ♘h6 28.♕g6 ♕xg5 29.♕xg5±

**26.♖h4+ ♗h7 27.♕g6!?**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27.♘xh7 ♘xh7 28.♕h5 ♕xh4 29.♕xh4 ♖e8=

**27...♕d5??**

27...♕e8 28.♖xh7+ (28.♘f7+ ♔g8 29.♘h6+ ♔h8=) 28...♔g8 29.♖h8+ ♔xh8 30.♘f7+ ♔g8 31.♘h6+=; 27...♔g8!?=

**28.♘xh7 1-0**

**141. D41**
**Wojtaszek, Radoslaw (2705) - Van Foreest, Jorden (2671)**
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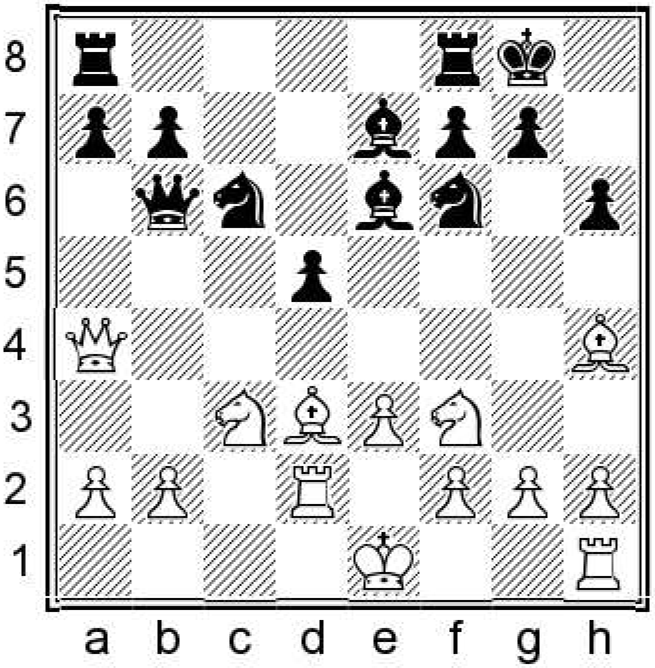
**1.d4 d5 2.c4 e6 3.♘f3 ♘f6 4.♘c3 c5 5.cxd5 cxd4 6.♕xd4 exd5 7.♗g5 ♗e7 8.e3 O-O 9.♖d1**

9.♗d3 - 124/138

**9...♗e6 10.♗d3 h6 11.♗h4 ♘c6 12.♕a4 ♕b6**

12...a6 13.O-O - 9.Bd3

**13.♖d2**



**13...♖fd8N**

13...♖ac8

**14.O-O ♖ac8 15.h3 a6**

15...♕b4!? 16.♕xb4 (16.♕d1 ♘e4 17.♗xe7 ♕xe7=) 16...♗xb4 (16...♘xb4 17.♗b1 ♘c6 18.♖fd1 g5 19.♗g3 a6=) 17.♗xf6 gxf6=

**16.♖c1 ♔f8**

16...g5 17.♗g3 ♘b4=

**17.♗b1 ♘a5 18.♕d4 ♕xd4**

18...♗c5?! 19.♕d3±; 18...♘c4 19.♕xb6 ♘xb6 20.♘d4 ♘c4 - 18...Qd4

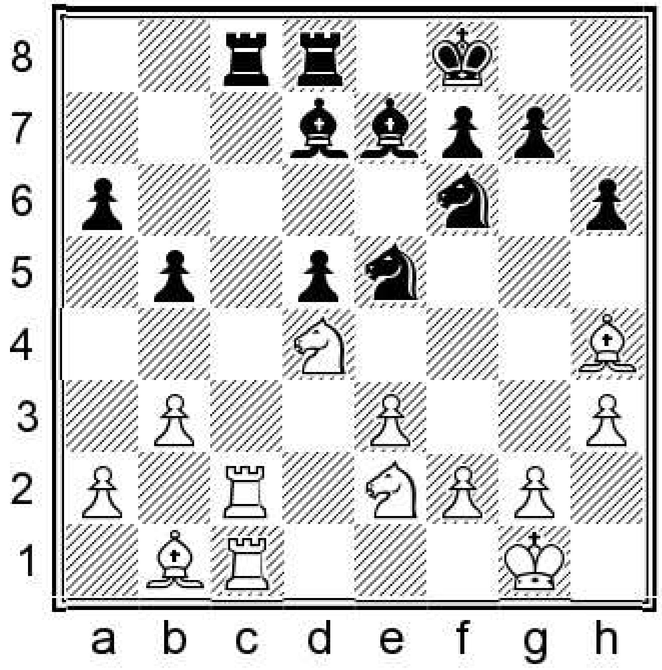
**19.♘xd4**

19.exd4? g5 20.♗g3 ♘c4 21.♖e2 ♘xb2 22.♖xb2 ♗a3 23.♖bc2 ♗xc1 24.♖xc1 ♘e4 25.♘e2 ♖xc1+ 26.♘xc1 ♖c8 27.♘e2 ♗d7-+

**19...♘c4 20.♖dc2 b5**

⌓20...g5 21.♗g3 ♘d7 (21...♘xb2? 22.♖xb2 ♗a3 23.♖bc2 ♗xc1 24.♖xc1 ♘e4 25.♗e5! ♘xc3 26.♘xe6+ fxe6 27.♖xc3 ♖xc3 28.♗xc3 ♖c8 29.♗d2+-) 22.e4 ♘c5 23.exd5 ♘d3 24.♖f1 ♗xd5 25.b3 ♘a3 26.♘xd5 ♗c5 (26...♘xc2? 27.♘xe7 ♔xe7 28.♘xc2+-; 26...♖xc2 27.♘xc2 ♖xd5 28.♘e3±) 27.♖xc5 ♖xc5 28.♗xd3 ♖dxd5 (28...♖cxd5 29.♘c2 ♖xd3 30.♘xa3 ♖d1 31.♘c4 b5 32.♘b2±) 29.f3 ♖xd4 30.♗f2 ♖cd5=

**21.♘ce2 ♗d7 22.b3 ♘e5?!**



22...♘a3 23.♖xc8 ♖xc8 24.♗f5±

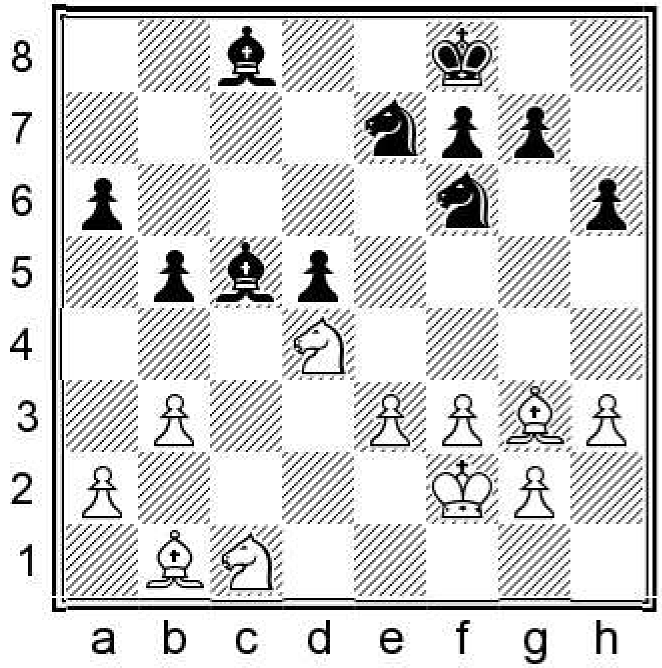
**23.♖xc8**

23.♖c7!±

**23...♖xc8 24.♖xc8+**

24.♖d1!?

**24...♗xc8 25.♗g3 ♘g6 26.f3± ♗c5 27.♔f2 ♘e7 28.♘c1**



**28...♗a3**

28...♘e8!?

**29.♘d3 ♘f5 30.♘c2**

30.♗e5

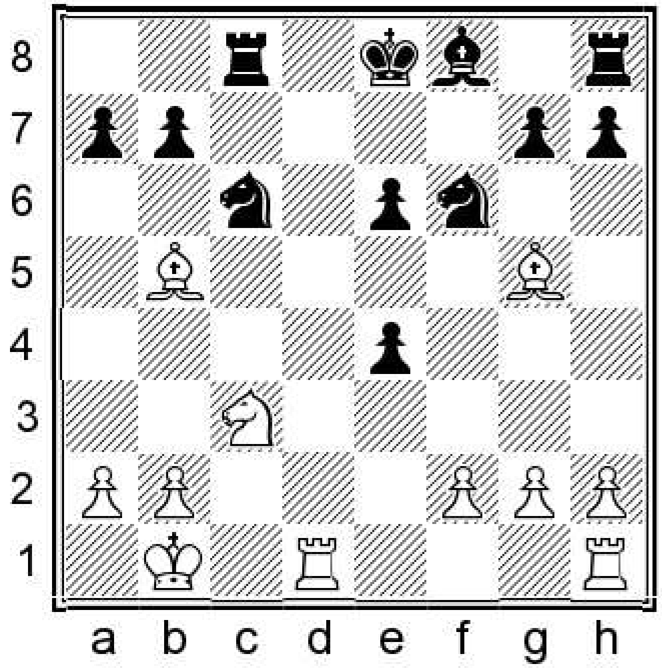
**30...♘xg3 31.♘xa3 ♘h1+! 32.♔e1 ♘g3 33.♘c2 ♔e7 34.♘d4 ♘f5= 35.♘f4 ♘xd4 36.exd4 b4 37.g4 a5 38.♗d3 ♔d6 39.h4 ♗d7 40.♔d2 1/2-1/2**

**142. D41**
**Carlsen, Magnus (2862) - Tari, Aryan (2625)**
**Wijk aan Zee 147/142, 2021**

**1.d4 ♘f6 2.c4 e6 3.♘f3 d5 4.♘c3 c5 5.cxd5 cxd4 6.♕xd4 exd5 7.e4 dxe4 8.♕xd8+ ♔xd8 9.♘g5 ♗e6 10.♘xe6+ fxe6 11.♗g5 ♘c6**

11...h6 - 145/131

**12.O-O-O+ ♔e8 13.♗b5 ♖c8 14.♔b1**



14.♖he1 ♗b4 15.♗xf6 gxf6 16.♖xe4 ♗xc3 17.bxc3 ♔e7=

**14...♗b4N**

14...a6 15.♗a4 (15.♗c4!?) 15...♗e7 16.♖he1!? (16.♗xf6) 16...♔f7 17.♗c1↑

**15.♗xf6 gxf6 16.♘xe4 f5 17.♘g5**

17.♘d6+ ♗xd6 18.♖xd6 ♔e7 19.♖hd1 ♖cd8=

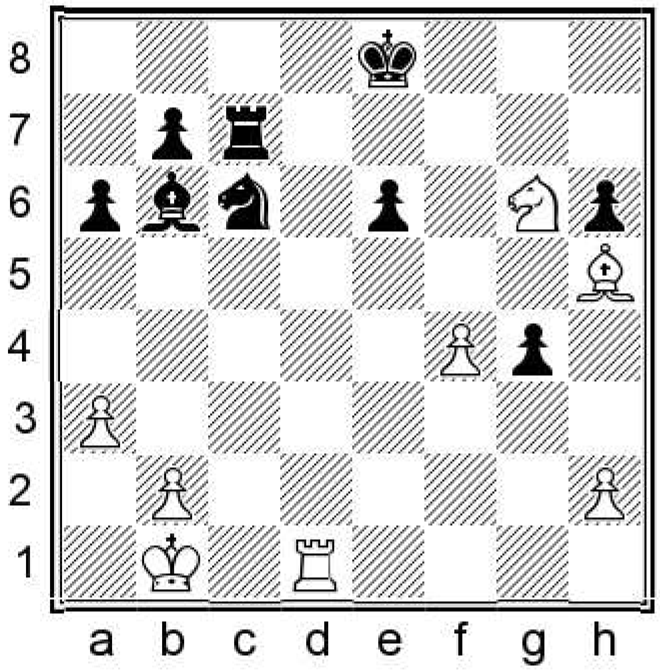
**17...♔e7**

17...♖g8? 18.♘xe6 ♖xg2 19.a3! ♗e7 20.♗d3±

**18.a3 ♗a5 19.f4 h6 20.♘f3 ♖hd8 21.♖xd8 ♘xd8 22.♖d1 ♖c7 23.♘e5 a6 24.♗e2 ♗b6**

24...♘c6 25.♘c4 b5 26.♘xa5 ♘xa5 27.♖d3 ♖c4=

**25.♘g6+ ♔e8 26.♗h5 ♘c6 27.g4 fxg4**



⌓27...♘d4 28.h4 fxg4 29.♘e5+ ♔e7 30.♗xg4 ♔f6=

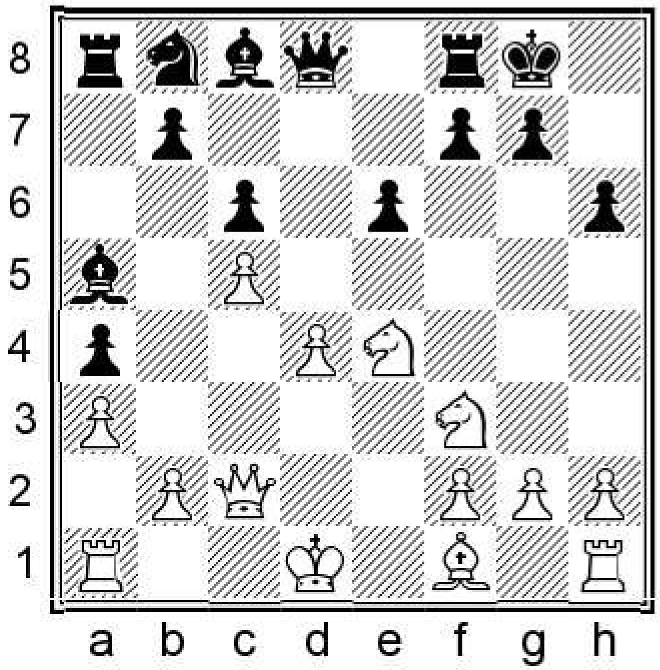
**28.♖d6! ♔f7 29.f5! ♔f6!**

29...exf5 30.♘h4+ ♔g8 31.♘xf5 ♗c5 32.♖g6+ ♔h8 33.♖xg4 (33.♖xh6+?! ♖h7 34.♖xh7+ ♔xh7 35.♗xg4 ♔g6=∞) 33...♗f8 34.♖e4↑; 29...♔g7 30.♖xe6 ♖f7 31.♘h4 ♖f6 32.♖e4↑

**30.fxe6 ♔g5 31.♖d5+ ♔f6 32.♘f4 ♗e3 33.♘g2 ♗g5 34.♗xg4 ♘e5 35.♗h3 h5 36.♔a2 ♖e7 37.♘e1 ♗f4= 38.♘f3 ♘xf3 39.♖f5+ ♔g6 40.♖xf4 ♘xh2 41.♔b3 ♘g4 42.♗xg4 hxg4 43.♖xg4+ ♔f5 44.♖b4 ♔xe6 45.♖b6+ ♔f7 46.♔b4 ♔e8 47.♖d6 ♖d7 48.♔c5 ♖xd6 49.♔xd6 ♔d8 50.b4 ♔c8 51.a4 ♔d8 52.b5 axb5 53.axb5 ♔c8 54.b6 ♔b8 55.♔d7 ♔a8 56.♔c7 1/2-1/2**

**143. D43**
**Shuvalova, Polina (2441) - Kobalia, Mikhail (2614)**
**Russia 147/143, 2020**

**1.d4 d5 2.c4 c6 3.♘f3 ♘f6 4.♘c3 e6 5.♗g5 h6 6.♗xf6 ♕xf6 7.♕b3 a5 8.e4 a4 9.♕c2 dxe4 10.♘xe4 ♗b4+ 11.♔d1 ♕d8 12.c5 O-O 13.a3 ♗a5**



**14.♗d3N**

14.♕xa4!? - 46/558

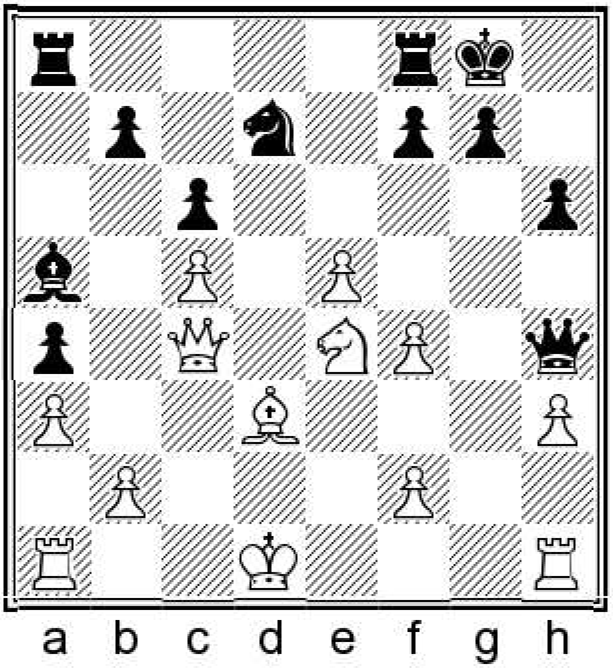
**14...e5**

14...♗c7 15.♖e1 ♘d7 16.♔e2 e5 17.♔f1 exd4 18.♖ad1 ♘e5 19.♘xd4 ♕h4 (19...♕xd4 20.♗e2 ♘d3 21.♗xd3 ♔h8 22.♔g1±) 20.h3 ♖d8 (20...♗xh3 21.gxh3 ♕xh3+ 22.♔e2 f5 23.♘d6 ♕g4+ 24.♔f1 ♕h3+=) 21.♘d6 (21.♗c4 ♗xh3 22.gxh3 ♕xh3+ 23.♔e2 ♕h5+ 24.♔e3 ♖d7 25.♗e2 ♕h3+ 26.f3 ♘g4+ 27.♔d3 ♖ad8 28.♔c3 ♗a5+--+) 21...♗xd6 22.cxd6 ♕f6 23.♗h7+ ♔h8 24.♗f5 ♖xd6 25.f4 ♘g6 26.♖e8+ ♔h7 27.♖xc8 ♖xc8 28.♗xc8 ♖xd4 29.♖xd4 ♕xd4 30.♗xb7 ♕xf4+ 31.♔g1 ♕d4+ 32.♔h1 c5 33.♗c6 ♔g8 34.♗xa4=

**15.dxe5 ♗g4**

15...♗e6 16.♔e2 ♘d7 17.♘d6 ♗b3 18.♕c1 ♗d5 (18...b6 19.♗c4 ♘xc5 20.♗xb3 ♘xb3 21.♕xc6 ♘xa1 22.♖xa1 b5 23.♖d1 ♕e7 24.♖d5 ♖fb8 25.♘f5 ♕f8 26.♖d7 ♖c8 27.♕e4 ♖c4 28.♘3d4↑) 19.♕e3 ♗c7 20.♖hd1 ♗xd6 21.cxd6 ♖e8 22.♗e4 ♗c4+ 23.♗d3 ♗d5=

**16.h3 ♗xf3+ 17.gxf3 ♘d7 18.f4 ♕h4 19.♕c4?!**



19.♕c1! ♖fd8 (19...f5 20.♘d6 ♕xf2 21.♖f1 ♕g2 (21...♕xc5 22.♔e2!!±) 22.♕c2 ♕xh3 23.♕c4+ ♔h8 24.♔c2 ♕e3 25.♖ad1 ♕xc5 26.♘xb7 ♕b6 27.♘xa5 ♖xa5 28.♔b1 ♘c5 29.♕d4!∞) 20.♕e3 b6 21.♔c2 ♘xc5 22.♘xc5 bxc5 23.♕g3 ♕xg3 (23...♕e7 24.♖hg1 g6 25.♗xg6 fxg6 26.♕xg6+ ♔h8 27.♖ad1 ♖xd1 28.♕xh6+ ♕h7+ 29.♕xh7+ ♔xh7 30.♖xd1 ♖f8 31.♖d7+ ♔g8 32.♖a7 ♗e1 33.♖xa4 ♗xf2 34.♖a6 ♖xf4 35.♖xc6 ♖f3=) 24.fxg3 ♖ab8 25.♖ad1 ♖b3 26.♖hg1 ♖d4 27.♗e2 ♖e3 28.♖g2 g5=

**19...b6?**

19...♔h8!! 20.♕c1 (20.♘d6 ♕xf2) 20...f5 21.♘d6 ♕xf2 22.♖f1 ♕d4! (22...♕xc5 23.♕xc5 ♘xc5 24.♗c4 ♗c7 25.♘f7+ ♔h7 26.♔e2 ♖ae8∓) 23.♔e2 ♘xc5 24.♕c4 ♕xb2+ 25.♗c2 ♘b3 26.♖ab1 ♘d4+ 27.♔d3 ♕xc2+ 28.♕xc2 ♘xc2 29.♔xc2 b5∓

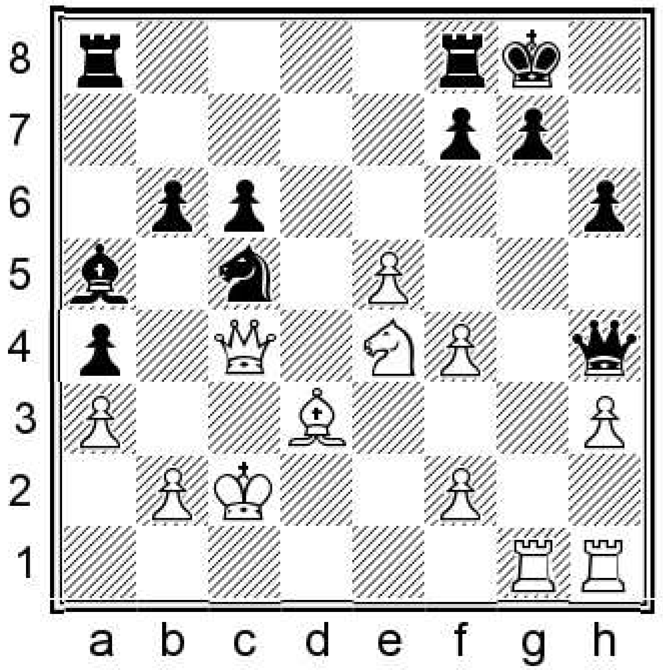
**20.♔c2**

20.♔e2!± ♘xc5 21.♖ag1 ♘xd3 22.♕xd3 ♖fd8 23.♕c4 ♔f8 24.♖g3!±

**20...♘xc5**

20...♔h8!∞

**21.♖ag1±**



**21...♖ad8?**

21...♔h8 22.♖g4 ♕e7 23.♘xc5 bxc5 24.♕xa4±; 21...♘xd3 22.♕xd3 ♖fd8 23.♕e3 ♔h8 24.♖g4 ♕e7 25.♖hg1 ♖g8 26.♘d6 ♖ad8 27.f5 ♖xd6 28.exd6 ♕xd6 29.♖xa4 c5 30.♖e4 ♕c6 31.♖eg4 c4 32.♕d4 ♕f3 33.♔c1 f6 34.♕e3 ♕xe3+ 35.fxe3 b5 36.♖d1+-

**22.♖g4+- ♕e7 23.♖hg1 ♔h8**

23...♖xd3 24.♖xg7+ ♔h8 25.♘f6 ♖d2+ 26.♔b1

**24.♖xg7 ♖g8 25.♖xf7 ♖xg1 26.♖xe7 ♘b3**

26...♘xd3 27.♖e8+ ♖xe8 28.♕xd3 ♖g7 29.♕d6 ♖c8 30.♕xh6+ ♖h7 31.♕f6+ ♖g7 32.♘d6

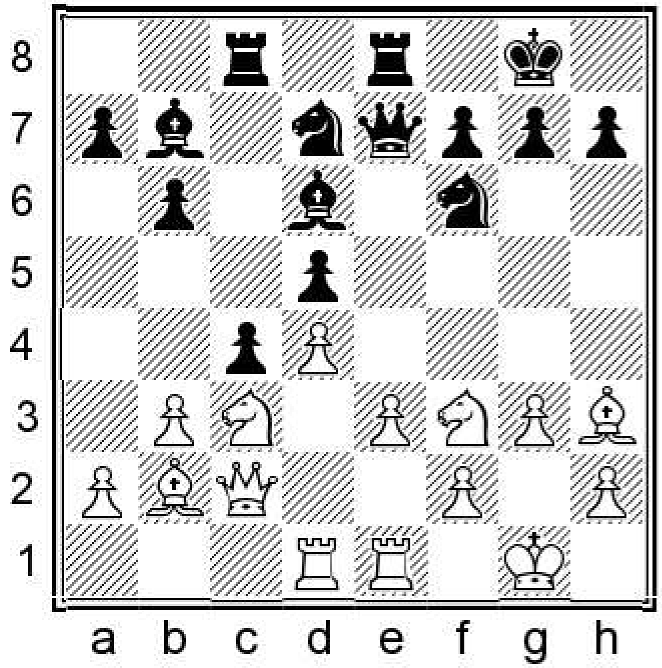
**27.♖h7+! ♔xh7 28.♕f7+ ♖g7 29.♘d6+ ♔h8 30.♕f6 1-0**

**144. D45**
**Esipenko, Andrey (2677) - Giri, Anish (2764)**
**Wijk aan Zee 147/144, 2021**

**1.d4 d5 2.c4 c6 3.♘f3 ♘f6 4.♘c3 e6 5.e3 ♘bd7 6.♕c2 ♗d6 7.b3 O-O 8.♗e2 b6 9.O-O ♗b7 10.♗b2 ♕e7 11.♖ad1 ♖ad8 12.♖fe1 ♖fe8 13.♗f1 c5 14.cxd5 exd5 15.g3 ♖c8**

15...a6 - 145/(133)

**16.♗h3 c4**



**17.bxc4N**

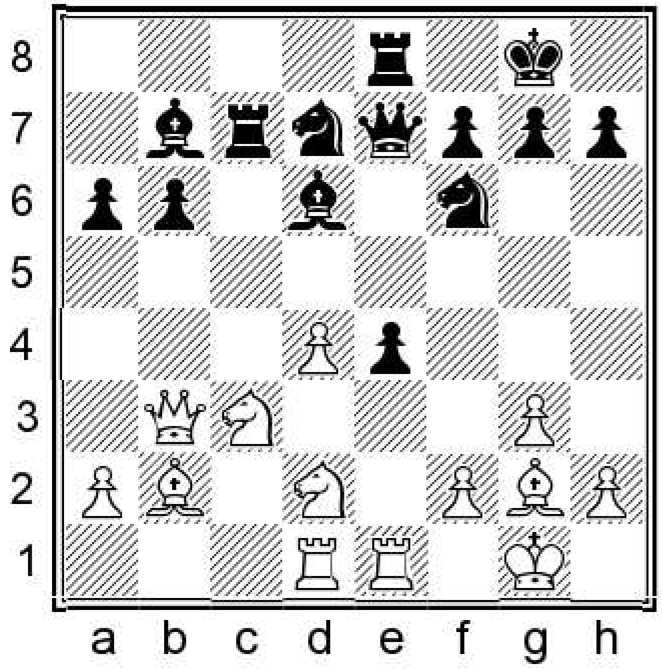
17.♘d2

**17...♖xc4**

17...dxc4? 18.e4 b5 19.a3±

**18.♘d2 ♖c7 19.♕b3 a6 20.a4**

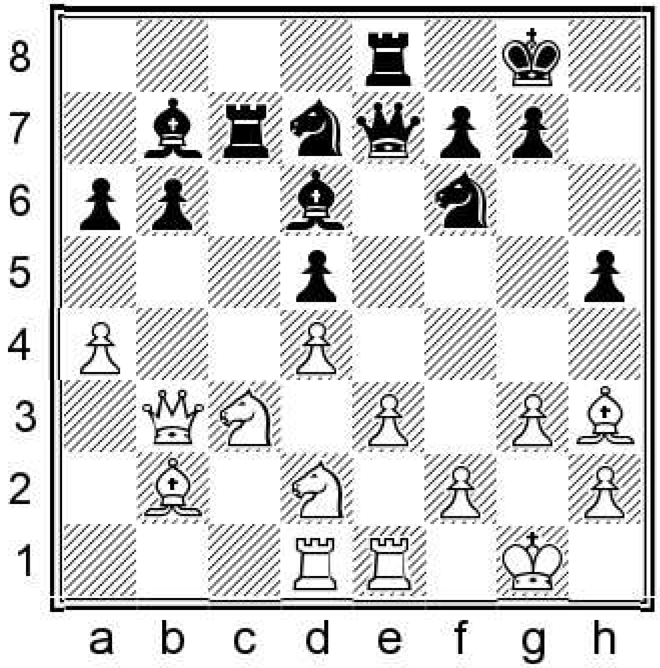
20.e4!? dxe4 21.♗g2



21...♗b4! (21...♕d8 22.♘dxe4 ♘xe4 23.♘xe4 ♗xe4 24.♗xe4 b5 25.♔g2±) 22.♘dxe4 ♗xe4

(22...♘xe4? 23.d5! ♖xc3 24.♗xc3 ♗xc3 25.♖xe4 ♗e5 26.d6! ♕e6 27.♖xe5 ♘xe5 28.♕xe6 fxe6 29.♗xb7 a5 30.f4±) 23.♗xe4 (23.♖xe4 ♘xe4 24.♘d5 ♕d6 25.♘xc7 ♕xc7 26.♕xb4 ♕c2! 27.♖f1 ♕e2=) 23...♕f8 (23...♕d6 24.♗f3 ♖xe1+ 25.♖xe1 b5 26.♘e4 ♕f8 27.♘xf6+ ♘xf6 28.♖e2±) 24.♗f3 ♖xe1+ 25.♖xe1 b5 26.♖d1↑

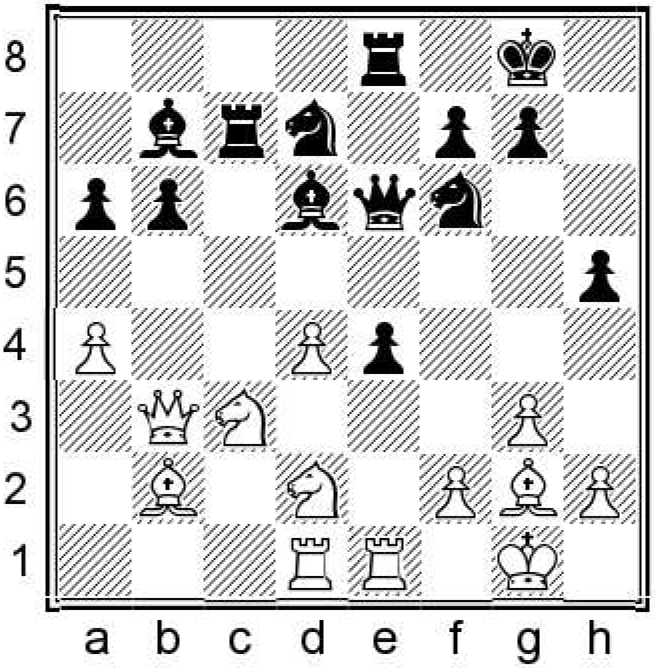
**20...h5**



20...♖ec8 21.e4 dxe4 22.♗g2±; ⌓20...♗b4

**21.♖c1**

21.e4! dxe4 22.♗f5 (22.♗g2 ♕e6



(22...♗b4 23.♘dxe4 ♘xe4 24.♗xe4 ♕f8 (24...♗xc3 25.♗h7+ ♔xh7 26.♖xe7 ♖xe7 27.♗xc3 ♘f6 28.♗d2±) 25.♗xb7 ♖xe1+ 26.♖xe1 ♖xb7 27.♖e2↑) 23.d5! ♗xd5 (23...♘xd5 24.♘dxe4±) 24.♘xd5 ♕xd5 25.♕xd5 ♘xd5 26.♘xe4 ♗b4 27.♖e2 ♘e7 28.♘d6 ♗xd6 29.♖xd6 ♘c5 30.♗h3=∞) 22...♖xc3!? 23.♗xc3 ♗d5 24.♕b1↑

**21...h4 22.♘cb1**

22.♘f3 hxg3 23.hxg3 ♖ec8=

**22...♖ec8= 23.♖xc7 ♖xc7 24.♖c1 ♖xc1+ 25.♗xc1 hxg3 26.hxg3 ♗b4 27.♘c3**

27.♗a3 ♗xa3 28.♘xa3 ♕d6=

**27...♕d6 28.♘db1 ♘f8 29.♗a3 ♗xa3 30.♕xa3 ♕c7**

30...♕xa3 31.♘xa3 ♘e6=

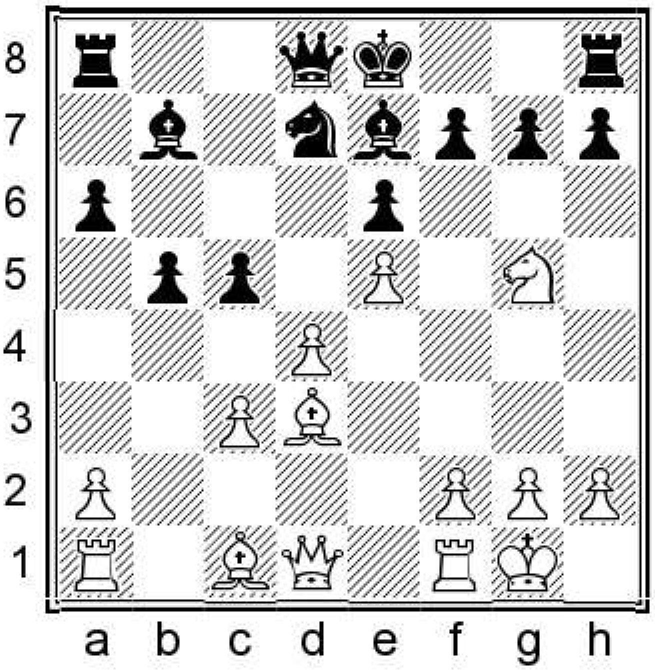
**31.♘d2 ♘8h7 32.♗g2 ♘g5 33.♘f3 ♘ge4 34.♘xe4 ♘xe4 35.♘e5 ♗c8 36.♕b2 ♗e6 37.♔h2 a5 38.♗xe4 dxe4 39.♕b5 ♔f8 40.♘c6 ♗d7 41.d5 f5 42.♔g2 ♗xc6 1/2-1/2**

**145. !N D48**
**Duda, Jan Krzysztof (2743) - Dubov, Daniil (2710)**
**chess24.com (Int.-rapid) 147/145, 2021**

**1.d4 ♘f6 2.c4 e6 3.♘f3 d5 4.♘c3 c6 5.e3 ♘bd7 6.♗d3 dxc4 7.♗xc4 b5 8.♗d3 ♗b7 9.O-O a6 10.e4 c5 11.e5 ♘d5 12.♘g5 ♘xc3**

12...♗e7 - 53/(429)

**13.bxc3 ♗e7**



**14.♘xe6!N**

14.♕g4? ♘xe5!; 14.♗e4

**14...fxe6 15.♕h5+ g6**

15...♔f8 16.f4→

**16.♗xg6+ hxg6 17.♕xg6+**

17.♕xh8+? ♘f8∓

**17...♔f8 18.♗h6+ ♖xh6 19.♕xh6+ ♔g8 20.♕g6+ ♔h8 21.♕h6+ ♔g8 22.♕xe6+ ♔g7 23.♖ad1 ♘f8 24.♕g4+ ♔h8 25.d5 ♘h7**

⌓25...♕d7 26.♕xd7 ♘xd7 27.♖fe1±

**26.d6?**

26.♖fe1! Δ♗xd5 27.e6 ♕d6 28.♕h5 ♖d8 29.♖e5+-

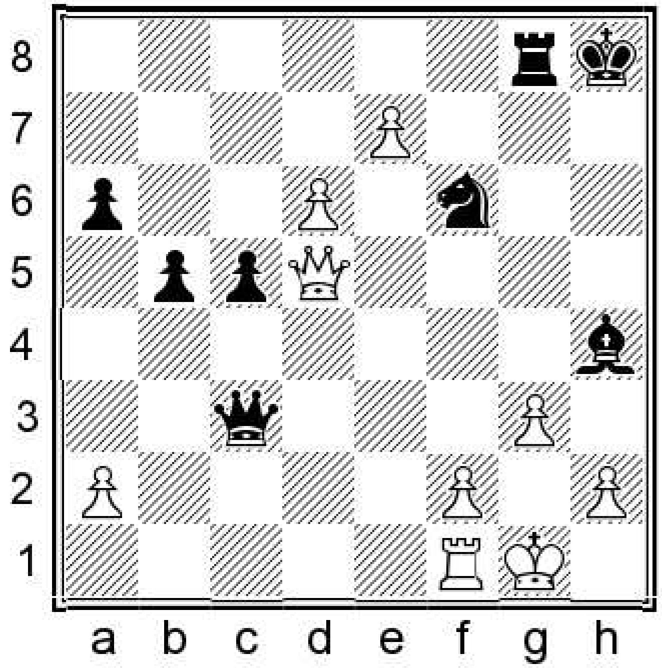
**26...♗h4! 27.e6 ♕f6 28.e7 ♗c6 29.g3 ♖g8 30.♕h5**

30.e8=Q ♗xe8 31.d7 ♗f7 32.d8=Q ♖xd8 33.♖xd8+ ♕xd8 34.♖d1 ♕f6 35.gxh4∞ (35.♕xh4 ♕xh4 36.gxh4 ♗xa2 37.♖a1 ♗f7 38.♖xa6 b4 39.♖c6 b3 40.♖xc5 ♘f6∞)

**30...♕xc3 31.♖d5!?**

31.♖fe1 ♗xg3 32.hxg3 ♖xg3+ 33.♔f1 ♗g2+ 34.♔g1 ♗c6+ 35.♔f1=

**31...♗xd5 32.♕xd5 ♘f6?**



32...♗xe7! 33.dxe7 ♘f6∞

**33.♕xg8+!! ♘xg8**

33...♔xg8 34.d7+-

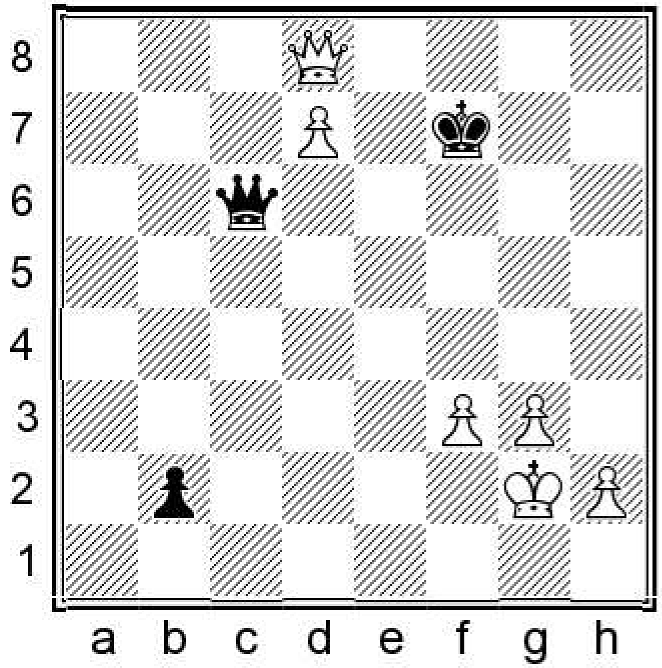
**34.e8=Q ♗f6 35.♕h5+ ♔g7 36.♖d1 ♘h6 37.d7 ♘f7 38.♕g4+ ♔f8 39.♕e6 c4 40.♖d5 b4 41.♖f5 ♔g7 42.♔g2 b3 43.axb3 cxb3 44.♕xa6?**

44.♕xf7+ ♔xf7 45.d8=Q ♕c6+ 46.♔h3 b2 47.♕d3 ♕c1∞; 44.♖f4! Δ Rg4+-

**44...b2 45.♕b6 ♗d8 46.♖xf7+ ♔xf7 47.♕xd8 ♕c6+!**

47...b1=Q 48.♕e8+ ♔g7 49.d8=Q+-

**48.f3**



**48...b1=Q?**

48...♕c2+! 49.♔h3 ♕f5+=

**49.♕e8+ ♔g7 50.♕e5+ ♔h7 51.♕h5+ ♔g7 52.♕g4+ ♔h6 53.♕f4+ ♔h5 54.g4+ ♔g6 55.d8=Q ♕cc2+ 56.♕dd2 1-0**

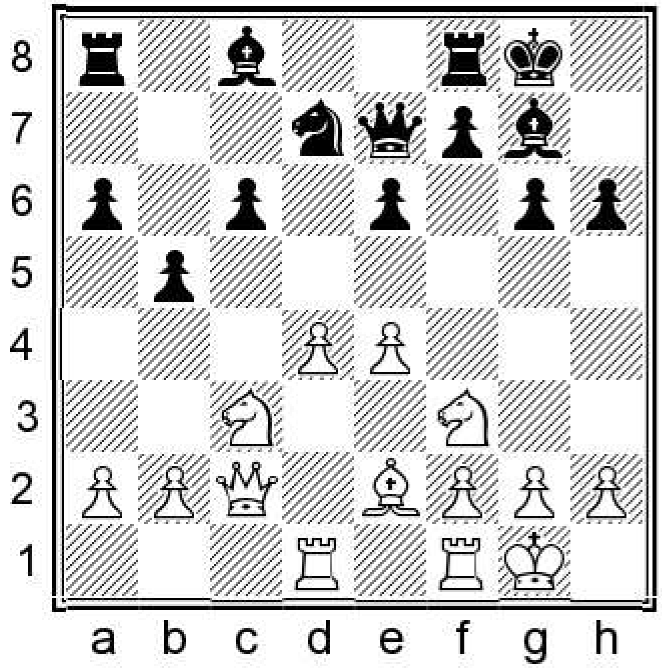
# D50-D74

**146. D55**
**Volkov, Sergey (2570) - Matlakov, Maxim (2685)**
**Chelyabinsk (rapid) 147/146, 2020**

**1.d4 ♘f6 2.c4 e6 3.♘c3 d5 4.♗g5 ♗e7 5.e3 h6 6.♗xf6 ♗xf6 7.♕b3 c6 8.♘f3 O-O 9.♖d1 ♘d7 10.♗e2 a6 11.♕c2**

11.O-O - 111/(216)

**11...g6 12.O-O ♗g7 13.e4 dxc4 14.♗xc4 b5 15.♗e2 ♕e7**



**16.e5N**

16.♖fe1

**16...c5! 17.♘e4**

17.d5 ♘xe5 18.d6 ♕a7 19.♘xe5 ♗xe5 20.♗f3 ♗b7∓; 17.♕e4 ♖b8 18.d5 ♗b7 19.♕e3 (19.d6 ♕d8∓) 19...exd5 (19...b4?! 20.d6 ♕d8 21.♘e4 ♕b6∞; 19...c4!?) 20.♘xd5 ♗xd5 21.♖xd5 ♖fe8∓

**17...cxd4 18.♕c7**

18.♘xd4 ♘xe5 19.f4 ♘c4 20.♗xc4 ♕a7! 21.♔h1 ♗xd4-+

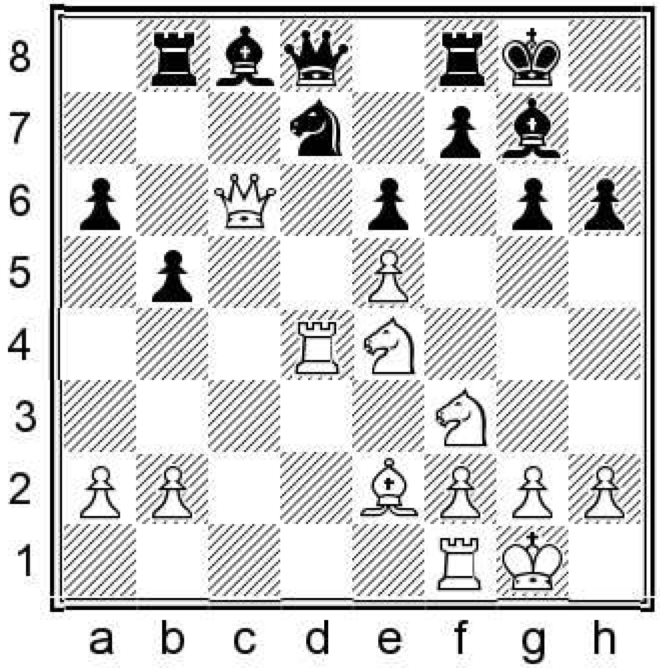
**18...♕d8! 19.♕c6**

19.♕xd8 ♖xd8 20.♖xd4 (20.♘xd4 ♘xe5 21.♘c5 ♗d7∓) 20...♖f8∓

**19...♖b8**

19...♖a7!? 20.♖xd4 ♘xe5 21.♖xd8 ♘xc6 22.♖d2 ♖d8 23.♖xd8+ ♘xd8 24.♖d1 ♘c6-+

**20.♖xd4**



**20...♘xe5! 21.♖xd8 ♘xc6 22.♖xf8+ ♔xf8 23.♖c1 ♖b6 24.b3 ♔e7 25.a4 f5**

25...bxa4 26.bxa4 f5 27.a5 ♖b2 28.♘ed2 (28.♖xc6?! fxe4 29.♖xc8 ♖xe2-+) 28...♗d7 29.♗xa6 ♘xa5-+

**26.a5 ♘xa5 27.♖c7+**

27.♖xc8 fxe4 28.♘d2 ♗d4 29.♘xe4 ♘xb3-+

**27...♔d8! 28.♖xg7 fxe4 29.♘d2 ♖c6-+ 30.b4 ♖c2 31.bxa5 ♖xd2 32.♔f1 b4**

32...g5 33.♖g6 b4

**33.♔e1 ♖d5 34.♗d1**

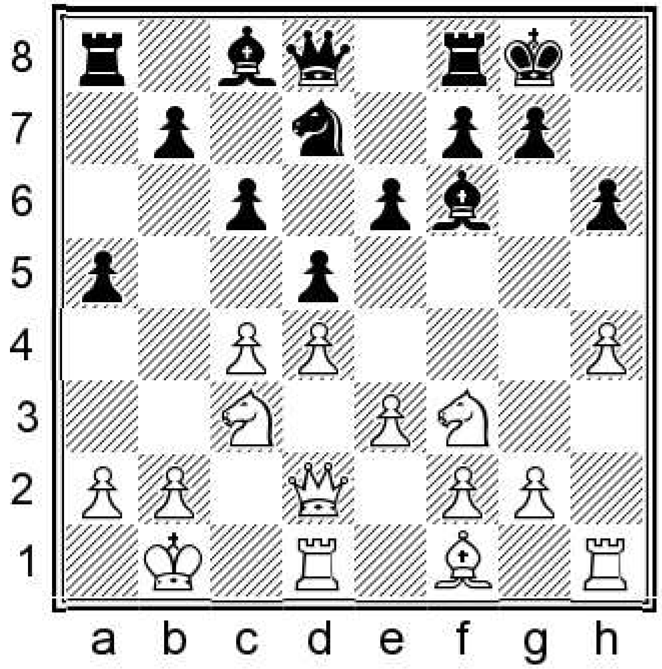
34.♖xg6 ♖xa5 35.♗c4 ♖c5 36.♗b3 ♗d7 37.♖xh6 a5

**34...♖xa5 35.♖xg6 ♖a1 36.♔d2 a5 37.♖xh6 ♖a2+ 38.♔e3 a4 39.h4 a3 40.h5 ♖xf2! 41.♖h8+ ♔c7 42.♗b3 ♖xg2 43.h6 ♖g3+ 44.♔f4 ♖xb3 45.h7 ♖h3 0-1**

**147. *** !N D55**
**Rapport, Richard (2759) - Wei, Yi (2732)**
**chess.com (Int.-rapid) 147/147, 2020**

**1.c4 e6 2.♘c3 d5 3.d4 ♘f6 4.♗g5 ♗e7 5.e3 h6 6.♗xf6 ♗xf6 7.♘f3 O-O 8.♕d2 c5**

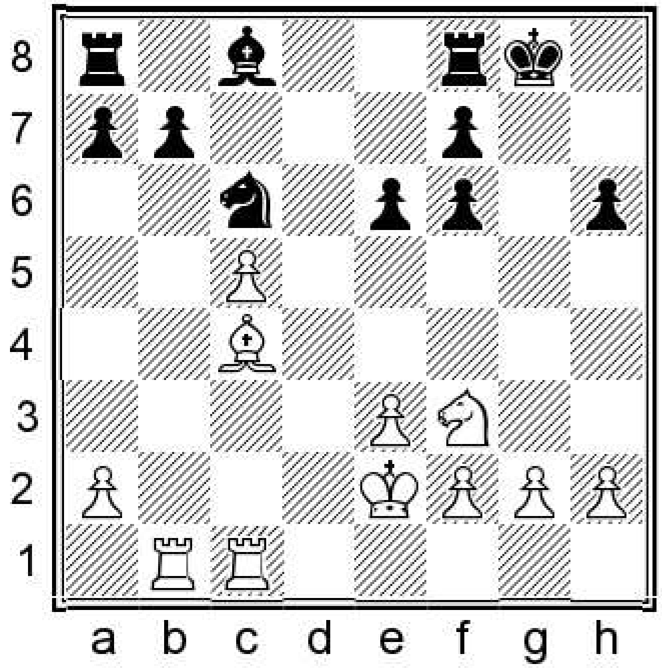
8...c6 9.O-O-O ♘d7 10.♔b1 (10.g4 - 51/(441)) 10...a5 11.h4



11...g6N (11...a4) 12.e4 dxe4 13.♘xe4 ♗g7 14.♗d3 a4 15.a3 ♘f6 16.♕f4 b5 17.♘xf6+ ♕xf6 18.♕xf6 ♗xf6 19.c5± Livaic,L (2507)-Gokerkan,C (2461) chess. com (ol-rapid) 147/(147) 2020

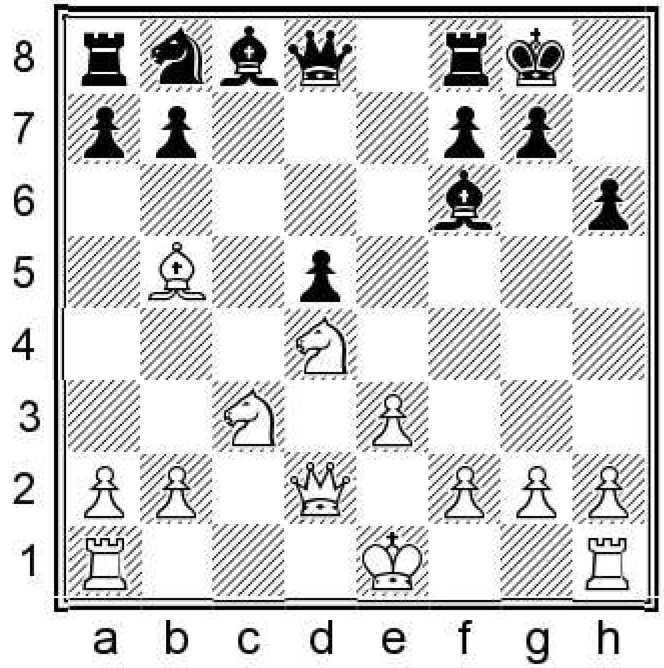
**9.cxd5**

9.dxc5 dxc4 10.♗xc4 ♕a5 (10...♘d7 - 51/(441)) 11.♘e4 ♕xd2+ 12.♔xd2 ♗xb2 13.♖ab1 ♗f6 14.♘xf6+ gxf6 15.♖hc1 ♘c6 16.♔e2



16...♘a5N (16...♖d8) 17.♘d2 ♔g7 18.♗b5 ♖d8 19.♘e4 a6 20.♗d3 f5 21.♘d6 b5 22.e4 fxe4 23.♗xe4 ♖a7 24.f4± Heberla,B (2575)-Oussedik,M (2423) Djerba 147/(147) 2020

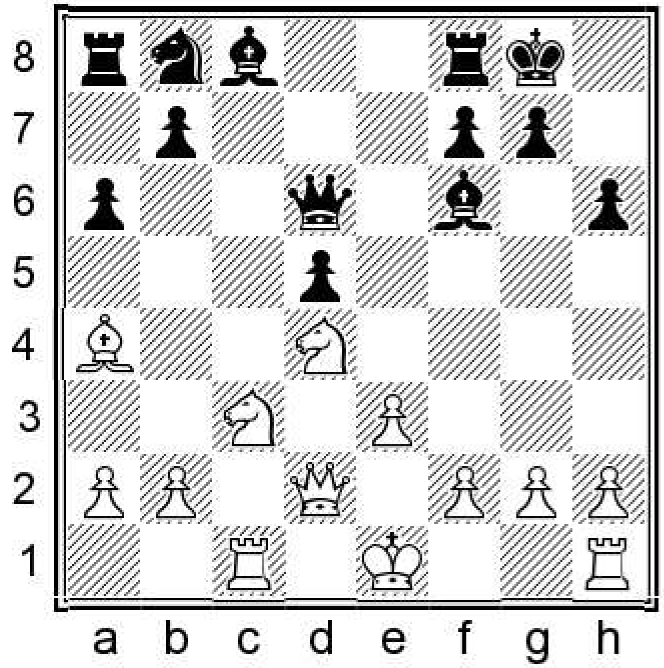
**9...cxd4 10.♘xd4 exd5 11.♗b5**



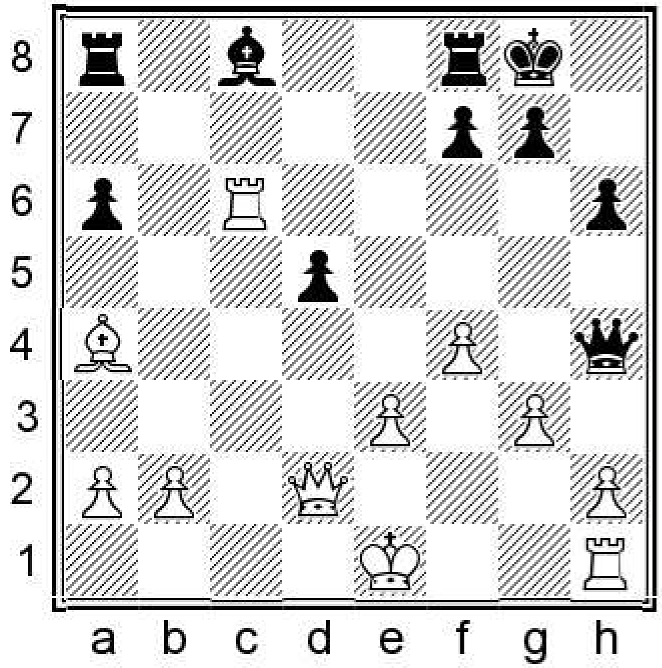
**11...♘c6!N** - 147/147

11...♕d6 - 124/144

11...a6N 12.♗a4 ♕d6 13.♖c1



13...♘c6? (13...♘d7 14.♗b3 ♘b6 15.O-O±) 14.♘xc6 bxc6 15.♘e4! ♕e7 16.♘xf6+ ♕xf6 17.♖xc6 (17.♗xc6 ♖b8 18.b3±) 17...♕g5 18.f4 ♕h4+ 19.g3



19...♕e7 (19...♕h3 20.♖c5 ♗e6 21.b4±) 20.O-O± Sanikidze,T (2458)-Ambartsumova, K (2371) chess. com (Int.-blitz) 147/(147) 2020

**12.♗xc6**

12.♘xc6 bxc6 13.♗xc6 ♖b8 14.O-O (14.♗xd5 ♗a6⩱) 14...d4 15.exd4 (15.♘d5 dxe3 16.♕xe3 a6 17.♕f4 ♖xb2 18.♘xf6+ ♕xf6 19.♕xf6 gxf6=) 15...♕xd4 16.♕xd4 ♗xd4 17.♖ad1 ♗f6 18.♖d2 ♗e6=

**12...bxc6 13.♘xc6 ♕d6 14.♕xd5**

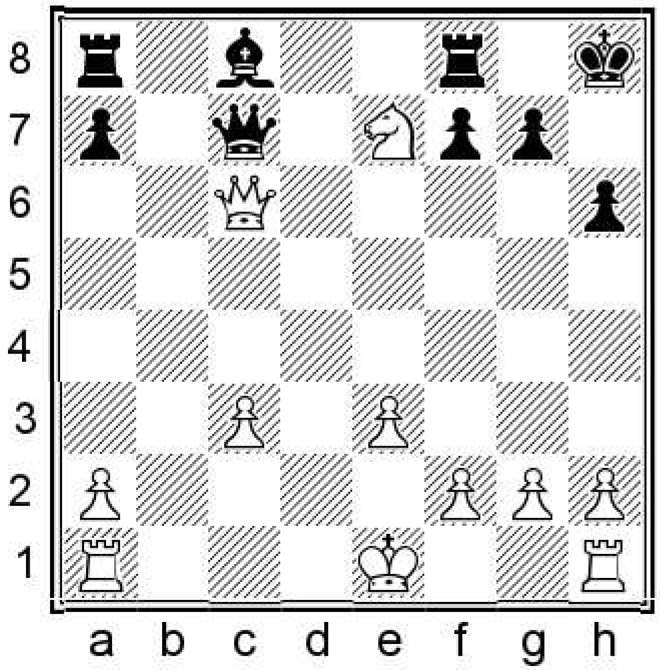
14.♘d4 ♗a6 15.f3 ♖fe8 16.♔f2 ♖ac8 17.♖ad1 ♗g5 18.f4 ♗h4+ 19.g3 ♗d8 20.♖he1 ♗a5⩱

**14...♗xc3+ 15.bxc3 ♕c7!**

15...♕xd5?! 16.♘e7+ ♔h7 17.♘xd5 ♗b7 18.O-O-O±

**16.♘e7+ ♔h8 17.♘xc8**

17.♕c6



17...♕e5! (17...♕xc6 18.♘xc6 ♗b7 19.♘d4 ♗xg2 20.♖g1 ♗d5 21.♔d2±) 18.O-O ♗h3! 19.gxh3 ♕xe7 20.♖fd1 ♖ac8 21.♕d7 ♕g5+ 22.♕g4 ♕e5 23.♖d4 ♖xc3=

**17...♕xc3+ 18.♔e2 ♕b2+= 19.♕d2 ♕b5+ 20.♕d3 ♕b2+ 21.♕d2 ♕b5+ 22.♕d3 ♕b2+ 23.♕d2 1/2-1/2**

**148. D58**
**Szuhanek, Ranko (2431) - Kraai, Jesse (2477)**
**chess.com (Int.-blitz) 147/148, 2021**

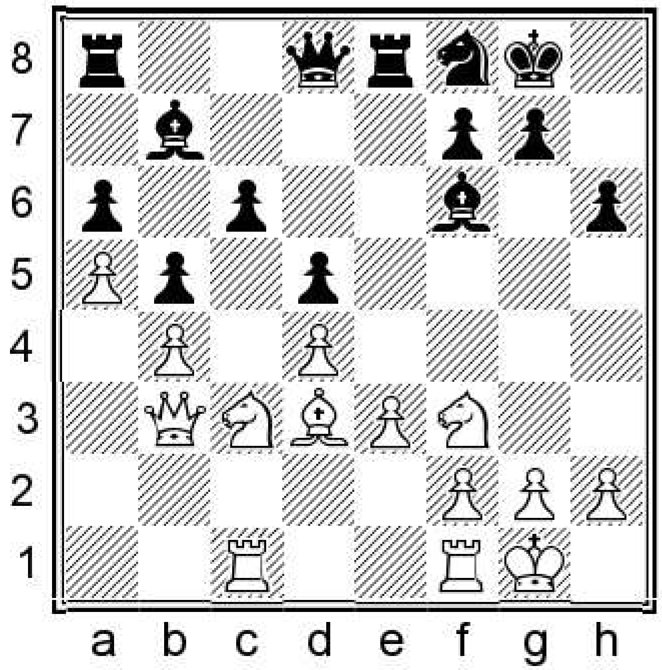
**1.♘f3 d5 2.d4 e6 3.c4 ♘f6 4.♘c3 ♗e7 5.♗g5 O-O 6.e3 h6 7.♗h4 b6 8.♖c1 ♗b7 9.♗xf6 ♗xf6 10.cxd5 exd5 11.♗d3 c6 12.O-O ♖e8 13.b4 ♘d7 14.♕b3 b5!?**

14...♘f8 - 73/514

**15.a4! a6 16.a5±**

16.♘d2

**16...♘f8**



16...g6 17.♘e2 ♕e7 18.♕b1 ♖ac8 19.h4! h5 (19...♗xh4? 20.♗xg6 ♗g5 21.♗f5+-) 20.♘f4 ♘f8 21.g3 ♕d6 22.♖c5 ♔g7 23.♖fc1 ♘e6 24.♖5c3 ♖c7 (24...♗e7 25.♖b3±) 25.♔g2±

**17.♗f5N**

17.♖fd1; 17.♘e2!

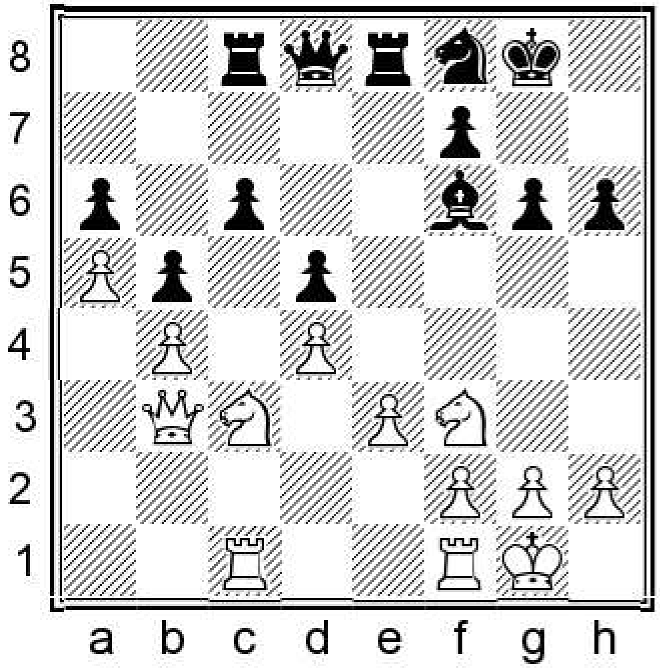
**17...g6**

17...♗e7 18.♖fe1 ♕d6 19.♖b1 h5 20.♘e5±

**18.♗h3 ♗c8?!**

18...♘h7 19.♘d1 ♘g5 20.♘xg5 hxg5 21.♘b2 ♔g7 22.♘d3 ♖h8 23.♗g4 (23.f4 ♖h4! 24.fxg5 ♗xg5 25.♘e5 f6 26.♘f3 ♖e4 27.♘xg5 fxg5 28.g4 ♕e7=) 23...♕d6 24.g3±

**19.♗xc8 ♖xc8**



**20.♘d1! ♕d6**

20...♘e6 21.♘b2 ♘g5 22.♘d3 ♘xf3+ 23.gxf3 ♕d7 24.♔g2 ♕f5 25.♘c5 ♖a8 26.♖g1 ♗e7 27.♕c2 ♕g5+ 28.♔h1 ♕f6 29.♖g3 ♔h7 30.♔g2 ♗d6 31.f4 ♖a7 32.♘d3 ♖c7 33.h4! ♕xh4 34.♖h1 ♕e7 35.♘e5 ♗xe5 36.fxe5 ♖h8 37.f4 f5 38.♖gh3 ♔g7 39.♔f3!↑

**21.♘b2 ♖e6**

21...♘d7 22.♘d3 ♖c7 23.♖c2 ♕e6 24.♘f4±

**22.♘d3± ♘d7 23.♘c5 ♘xc5 24.♖xc5 ♕d8 25.♖fc1 ♗e7 26.♖5c2 ♕d6?**

26...♗d6

**27.♖b1?**

27.♘e5 ♔g7 (27...♕xb4 28.♕xb4 ♗xb4 29.♘xc6+-) 28.♘xc6 ♖xc6 29.♖xc6 ♕xc6 30.♖xc6 ♖xc6 31.g3 ♖c4 32.h4 ♗xb4 33.h5 g5 34.♕b1 ♗xa5 35.♕f5 ♖c6 36.♕xd5 ♖e6 37.♔g2 ♗c3 38.♕c5 b4 39.d5 ♖e8 40.d6 ♖e5 41.♕c8+-

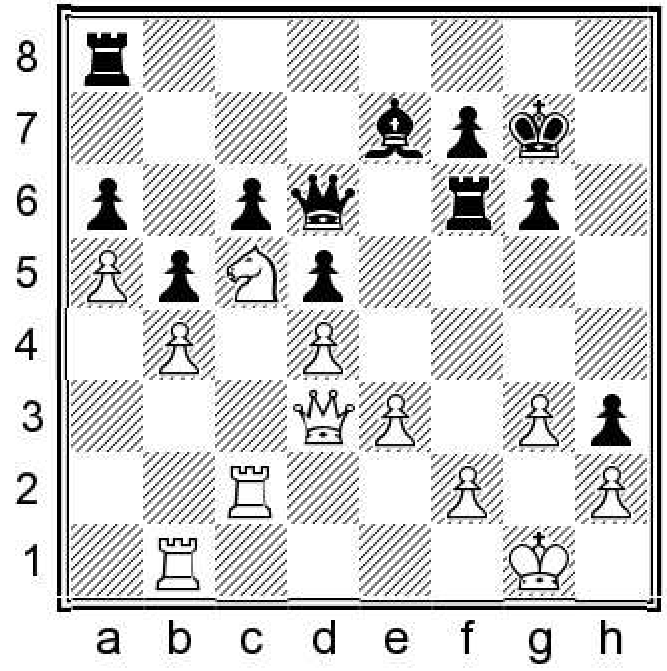
**27...♔g7 28.♘e1 h5 29.♘d3 h4 30.♘c5 h3 31.g3?**

31.e4+-

**31...♖f6 32.♕d3**

32.♘xa6 ♕e6 33.♕d3 ♕g4 34.♖bc1 g5 35.♕f1 ♕f5 36.♖e2 ♖e8 37.f3 ♗f8 38.♖c3 ♗d6 39.♖e1±

**32...♖a8**



**33.e4?**

33.♕f1!?

**33...♕d8?**

33...dxe4 34.♕xe4 (34.♘xe4 ♕d5 35.f3 ♖e6 36.♔f2 ♖e8 37.♖bb2 ♗f8 38.♖e2 ♖d8 39.♖ed2 ♔g8∓) 34...♕d8 35.♖d1 ♗xc5 36.♖xc5 ♕d7 37.♖e5 ♕d6 38.d5 cxd5 39.♖exd5 ♕c6 40.♖5d4 ♕xe4 41.♖xe4 ♖c8∓

**34.e5± ♖f5 35.f4**

35.♖bc1 ♖h5 36.♕e3 ♖h6 37.♘b7 ♕d7 38.♖xc6 ♕f5 39.♘d6 ♗xd6 40.exd6+-

**35...♕h8**

35...♖h5 36.♖bc1±

**36.♖f1 ♕h5 37.♕f3 ♕xf3 38.♖xf3 g5 39.♘d3 gxf4**

39...♖c8 40.g4 ♖xf4 41.♘xf4 gxf4 42.♖b2+-

**40.♖xc6 ♔f8 41.♖xf4 ♖xf4 42.gxf4 ♔e8 43.f5 ♔d7 44.♖h6 ♖g8+ 45.♔f1 ♖g4**

45...♖g5 46.f6 ♖g4 (46...♗f8 47.♖h8+-; 46...♗d8 47.♘c5++-) 47.fxe7 ♖xd4 48.♔e2+-

**46.e6+! ♔c7**

46...♔e8 47.exf7+ ♔f8 48.♘e5 ♖f4+ 49.♔g1 ♖xf5 50.♖xa6 ♗xb4 51.♖a8+ ♔g7 52.a6 ♖xe5 53.dxe5 ♗c5+ 54.♔f1 ♔xf7 55.a7+-

**47.f6 ♗d6**

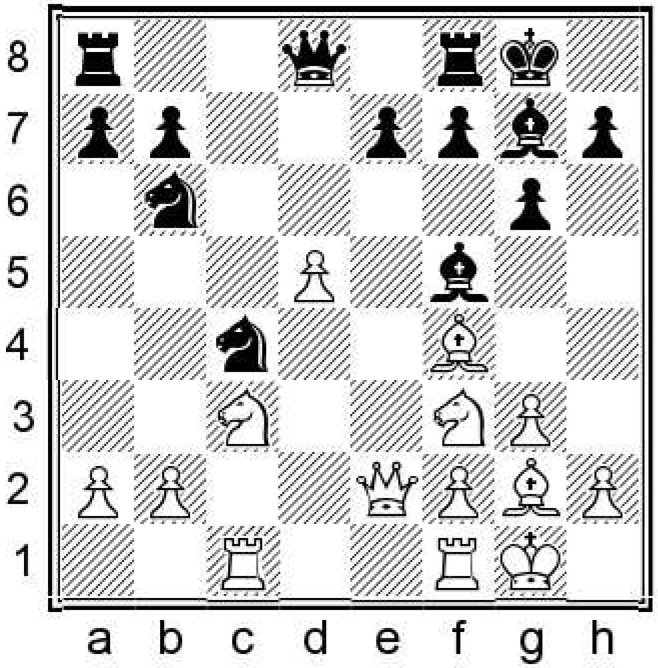
47...♗xf6 48.♖xf6 fxe6 49.♘c5+-

**48.e7 ♔d7 49.♖h8 1-0**

# D75-D99

**149. * D76**
**Levin, Evgeny A (2505) - Lobanov, Sergei (2516)**
**Russia 147/149, 2020**

**1.d4 ♘f6 2.c4 g6 3.♘c3 d5 4.cxd5 ♘xd5 5.g3 ♗g7 6.♗g2 ♘b6 7.♘f3 ♘c6 8.O-O O-O 9.d5 ♘a5 10.e4 c6 11.♗f4 ♘ac4 12.♕e2 cxd5 13.exd5 ♗f5 14.♖ac1**



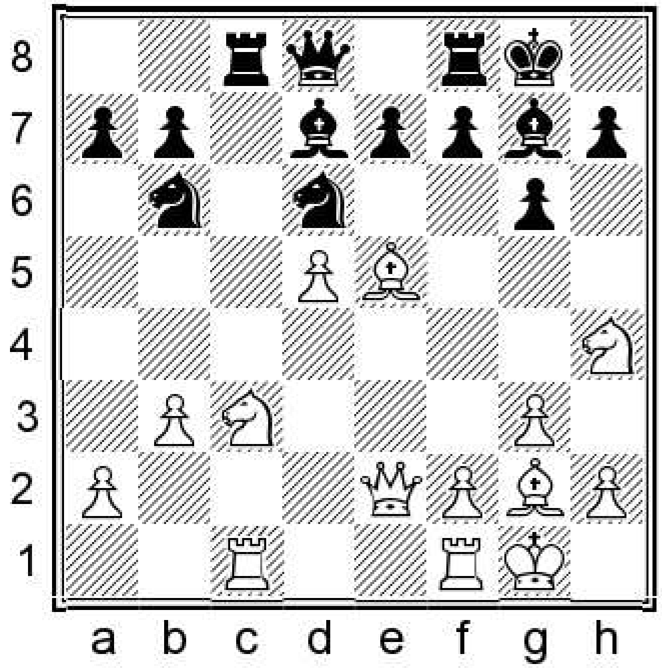
**14...♖c8 15.♘h4**

15.♖fd1N ♘xb2 16.♕xb2 ♖xc3 17.♖xc3 ♘a4 18.♕xb7 ♘xc3 19.♖d2 ♘e4 20.♖e2 ♘c3 21.♖d2 ♘e4 22.♖e2 ♘c3 23.♖d2 1/2 (23) Pantzar,M (2417) -Fossan,A (2240) Oslo 147/(149) 2020

15.b3 - 59/491

**15...♗d7 16.b3 ♘d6 17.♕d2**

17.♗e5

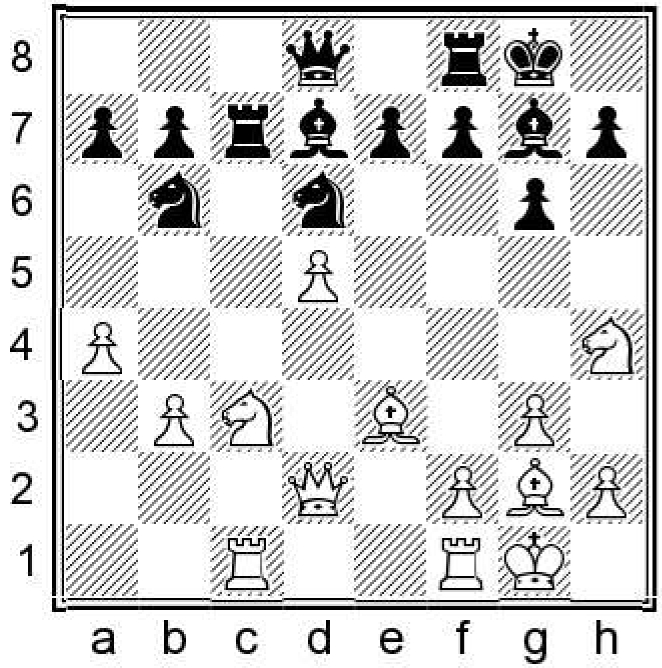


17...♖xc3! (17...♗h6 18.♖cd1 ♖e8 19.♖fe1 ♘f5 20.♘xf5 ♗xf5 21.g4±; 17...♗g4 18.f3 ♗xe5 19.♕xe5 ♗d7 20.f4 ♖e8 21.a4 a5∞) 18.♗xc3 ♗b5 19.♕d2 ♗xc3 20.♕xc3 ♗xf1 21.♔xf1 ♕d7=

**17...♖c5N**

17...♗h3!? 18.♗xh3 ♖xc3 19.♗g2 ♕c7 20.♖xc3 ♕xc3 21.♕xc3 ♗xc3 22.♗e3 ♗f6= (22...♖c8=)

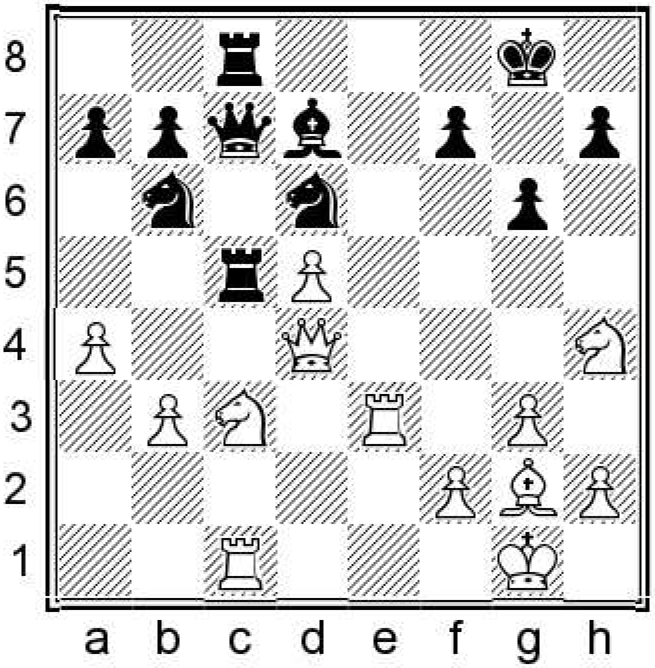
**18.♗e3 ♖c7 19.a4**



**19...♕b8**

19...♗h3! 20.♗xh3 (20.♗d4 ♗xd4 21.♕xd4 ♗xg2 22.♔xg2 ♘d7 23.♘f3 (23.♕xa7 ♘c5 24.♖cd1 ♘xb3 25.♕e3 ♘a5∞) 23...a6=) 20...♖xc3 21.♖xc3 ♘e4 22.♖c8! ♕xc8 23.♕b4 ♕xh3 24.♕xe4 ♕d7 25.♗xb6 axb6=

**20.♗d4 ♗xd4 21.♕xd4 ♖fc8 22.♖fe1 ♖c5 23.♖xe7 ♕c7 24.♖e3**



24.♕f6 ♖xc3 25.♖xc3 ♕xc3 26.♕xd6 ♕a1+ 27.♗f1 ♖c1 28.♕b8+ ♔g7 29.♕e5+ ♕xe5 30.♖xe5 ♖d1∓

**24...g5!**

24...♗xa4 25.bxa4 ♖c4 26.♕f6 ♘xa4 27.♗h3 (27.♗f1 ♖xc3 28.♖exc3 ♘xc3 29.♖xc3 ♕xc3 30.♕xd6 a5∞) 27...♖xc3 28.♖a1 ♖xe3 29.fxe3 ♘e4 30.♕f1 ♘b6 31.♗xc8 ♘xc8 32.♖c1 ♕d8 33.♕d3 ♘cd6 34.♕d4±

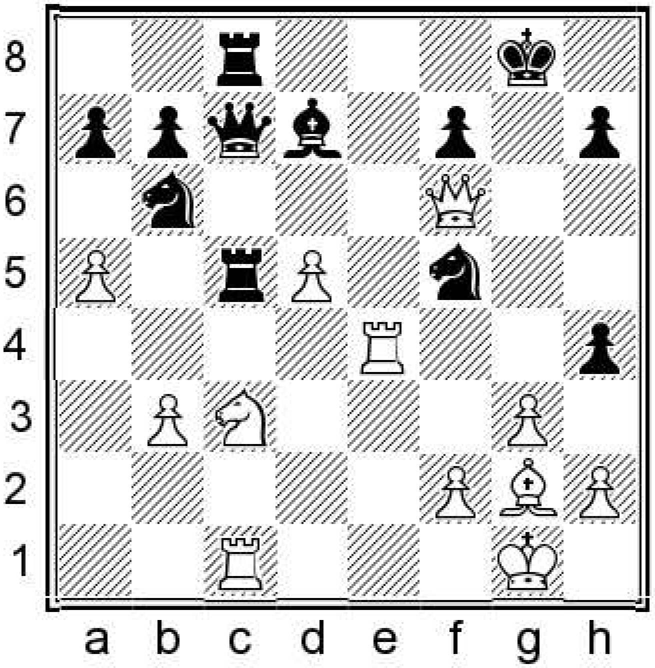
**25.♕f6**

25.♗f1 gxh4 26.b4 ♖c4 27.♗xc4 ♕xc4 28.♕f6 ♕g4 29.♕xd6 ♘c4 30.♕h6 ♘xe3 31.♕xe3 ♖e8 32.♕d2 ♕xb4 33.♕g5+ ♔f8 34.♕f6 ♔g8 35.gxh4 ♕g4+ 36.♔h1 ♗f5! 37.♖g1 ♖e1! 38.♖xe1 (38.♕g5+ ♕xg5 39.hxg5 ♖e4!=) 38...♕f3+ 39.♔g1 ♕g4+=

**25...gxh4 26.a5 ♘f5**

26...♖xa5 27.♖e7 h6! 28.♕xh6 ♘f5 29.♕g5+ ♔f8 30.♖ee1 ♕d8 31.♕d2 ♕f6∞

**27.♖e4**



27.♕g5+ ♔f8 28.♕f6 ♔g8=

**27...h5**

27...♕d6! 28.♖g4+ ♔f8 29.♕h8+ ♔e7 30.♖e4+ (30.♕xh7 ♘xd5 31.♖e1+ ♗e6 32.♘xd5+ ♖xd5 33.♗xd5 ♕xd5 34.♖ge4 ♔d6∞ 35.♕h5 ♘xg3 36.♕xd5+ ♗xd5 37.hxg3 ♗xe4 38.♖xe4 hxg3 39.fxg3 ♖c3 40.♖b4 ♖xg3+ 41.♔f2 ♖g5 42.♖xb7 ♖xa5 43.♖xf7=) 30...♗e6! 31.♕xh7 (31.♖xe6+? ♕xe6! 32.dxe6 ♖xh8 33.axb6 fxe6 34.bxa7 ♖a8∓) 31...♘xd5 32.♖xe6+! ♕xe6 33.♗xd5 ♕g6 34.♖e1+ ♔f8 35.♕h8+ ♕g8 36.♕h5 ♖xc3 37.♕xf5 ♖c1∞

**28.♕g5+ ♘g7 29.axb6 ♕xb6 30.♖c4 ♖xc4 31.bxc4 ♖xc4 32.♖b1**

32.d6 ♗f5 33.♗e4 f6! 34.♕f4 ♗xe4 35.♘xe4 ♖xc1+ 36.♕xc1 ♕d4 37.♕f4 ♘e6 38.♕f5 ♘g7 39.♕f4 ♘e6=

**32...♕g6= 33.♕xg6 fxg6 34.♖xb7 ♖xc3 35.♖xd7 ♖c1+ 36.♗f1 ♘f5**

36...♖a1 37.d6 ♘f5 38.gxh4 ♔f8

**37.gxh4**

37.♖xa7 ♔f8 38.d6 ♔e8 39.gxh4 ♖d1

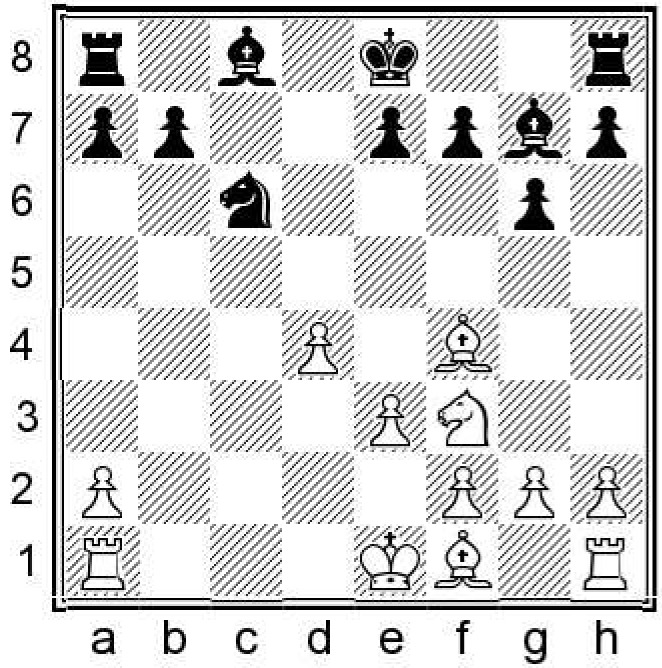
**37...a5 38.♖a7 ♖a1 39.♖a6 ♔f7 40.h3 a4 41.♔g2 ♘xh4+ 42.♔g3 ♘f5+ 1/2-1/2**

**150. * D80**
**Aronian, Levon (2781) - Nepomniachtchi, Ian (2789)**
**chess24.com (Int.-rapid) 147/150, 2021**

**1.d4 ♘f6 2.c4 g6 3.♘c3 d5 4.♗g5 ♘e4 5.♗f4 ♘xc3 6.bxc3 c5**

6...♗g7 - 109/299

**7.cxd5 ♕xd5 8.e3 cxd4 9.♕xd4 ♕xd4 10.cxd4 ♘c6 11.♘f3 ♗g7**



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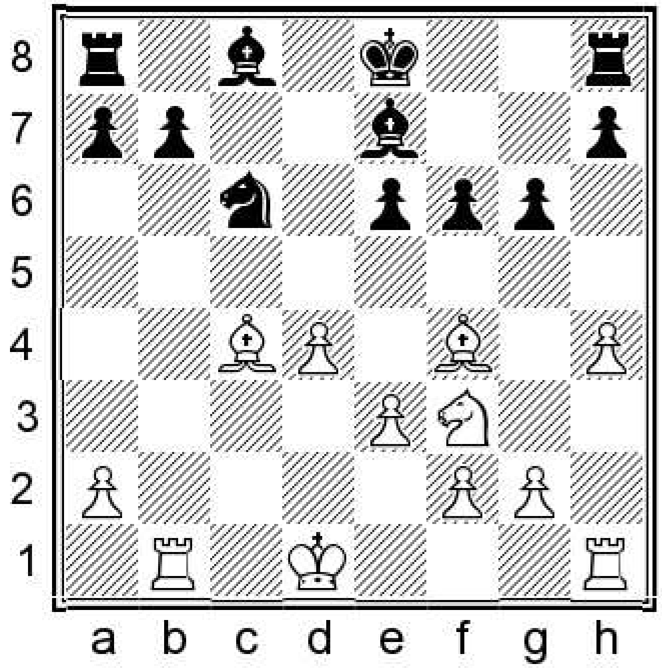
11...e6N 12.♖b1 f6 13.h4 ♗b4+ 14.♔d1 ♗e7 15.♗c4



15...♘a5 (15...a6 16.a4 (16.♔e2 b5 17.♗b3 ♘a5∞) 16...♗d7 17.♔e2 ♘b4 18.a5 ♖c8 19.♖hc1 ♔f7 20.♘d2 ♖hd8∞) 16.♗d3 ♗d7 17.♔e2 O-O 18.e4 ♖ac8?! (18...b6 19.♗d2 ♘c6 20.♖hc1±) 19.♗d2 b6 20.♗xa5 bxa5 21.♖b7± Aronian,L (2781) -Vachier Lagrave,M (2784) chess24.com (Int.-m2/3-rapid) 147/(150) 2021

**12.♗d3N**

12.♗b5; 12.♗e2

**12...O-O**

12...♘b4 13.♗b5+ (13.♗e4 f5 14.♗b1 ♗e6 15.a3 ♘d5 16.♗e5 ♗f6 17.♗a2 (17.♗xf6 exf6=) 17...♖c8 18.♔d2 ♔f7∞) 13...♗d7 14.♗xd7+ ♔xd7 15.♖b1! ♘d3+ 16.♔d2 ♘xf4 17.♖xb7+ ♔c6 18.♖xe7 ♘e6 19.♖c1+ ♔d6 20.♖xf7±

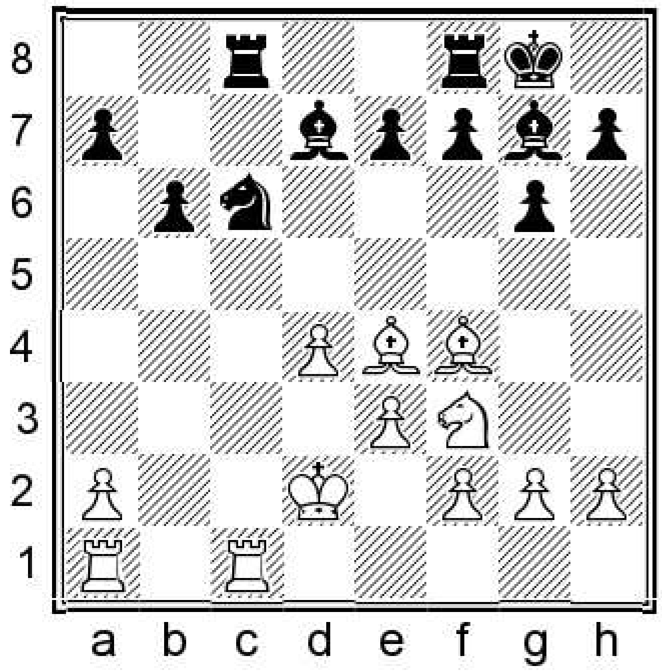
**13.♗e4 ♗d7**

13...♗f5 14.♗xf5 gxf5 15.♖b1 b6 16.♖g1! e6 (16...h5 17.h3±) 17.g4 fxg4 18.♖xg4 ♔h8 19.♔e2±

**14.♔d2**

14.♖b1 b6 15.♔e2 ♖ac8 16.♖hc1 ♘a5 17.♗d3 ♗c6 18.♗a6 ♗b7 19.♗xb7 ♘xb7 20.g4±

**14...♖ac8 15.♖hc1 b6**



**16.♖c3!± ♘a5?!**

16...♘b4 17.♗b7 ♖xc3 18.♔xc3 ♗c6 (18...♘c6 19.♖c1 ♘a5 20.♗a6 f6 21.♔d3±) 19.♗xc6 ♘xc6 20.♖c1 ♖c8 21.♔d2±

**17.♖ac1 ♖xc3 18.♖xc3 ♖c8 19.♖xc8+ ♗xc8 20.♗b8± ♘c4+**

20...a6 21.♗c7 ♘c4+ 22.♔c3 ♘d6 23.♗c6 b5 24.♘e1 ♗f8 25.♘d3±

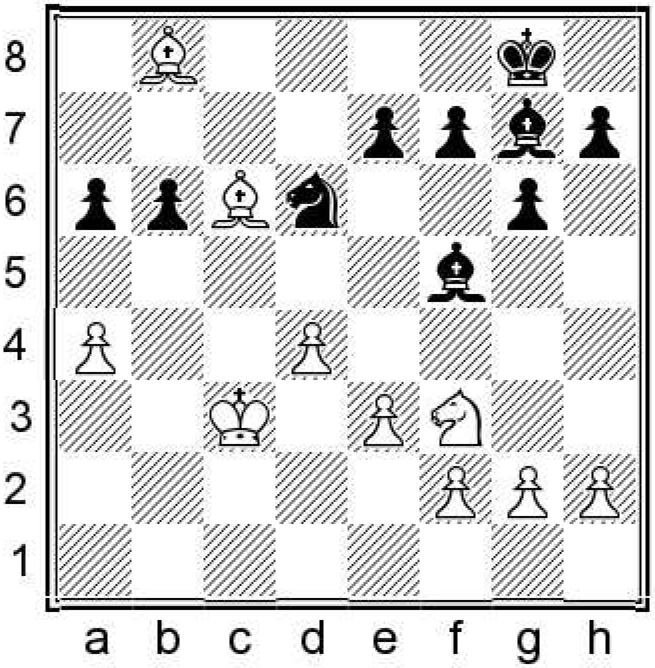
**21.♔c3 ♘d6 22.♗c6**

22.♗d5 ♗f8 23.♗xd6 exd6 24.♘g5±

**22...a6 23.a4**

23.♗c7± - 20...a6

**23...♗f5**



23...♗b7 24.♗xb7 ♘xb7 25.♗a7 b5 26.axb5 axb5 27.♔b4 ♘d6 28.♘d2+-; 23...f5 24.♗xd6 exd6 25.♘d2±

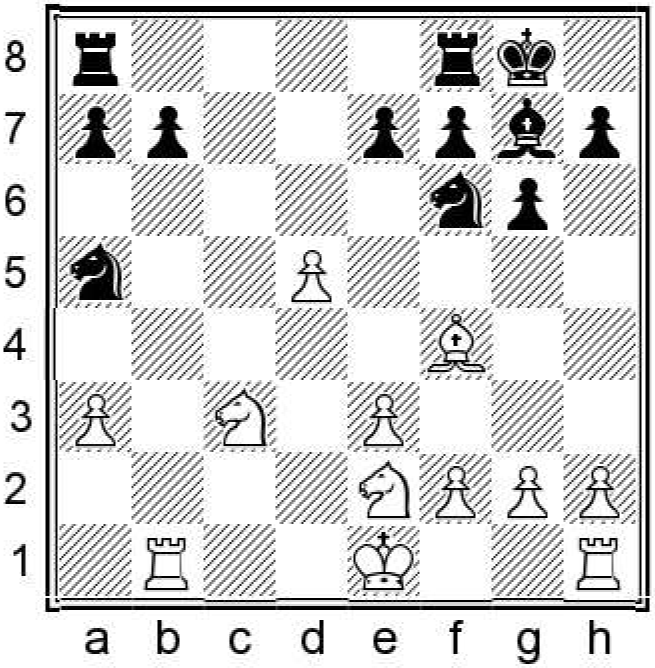
**24.♘d2!+- ♗f8 25.e4 ♗c8 26.♗xd6 exd6 27.♘c4 1-0**

**151. D82**
**Aleksandrov, Aleksej (2574) - Ponkratov, Pavel (2623)**
**Chelyabinsk 147/151, 2021**

**1.d4 ♘f6 2.c4 g6 3.♘c3 d5 4.♗f4 ♗g7 5.e3 c5 6.dxc5 ♕a5 7.♖c1 ♘bd7 8.cxd5**

8.♕a4 - 143/159

**8...O-O 9.♗c4 ♘xc5 10.♘e2 ♗d7 11.a3 ♗a4 12.b4 ♗xd1 13.bxa5 ♗b3 14.♗xb3 ♘xb3 15.♖b1 ♘xa5**



**16.e4N**

16.♗e5 b6∓

**16...♖fc8 17.O-O ♘d7**

17...a6 18.a4 (18.e5?! ♘h5∓) 18...♖c4 19.f3 ♘d7∓

**18.♖fc1**

18.♘b5 a6 19.♘c7 ♖a7 20.♗e3 b6 21.d6! exd6 22.♘d5 ♘c5 (22...♖c2 23.♘xb6 ♘xb6 24.♗xb6 ♖a8 25.♗xa5 ♖xe2 26.♗b4 ♖xe4 27.♗xd6=) 23.♘xb6 ♖b8 24.♘d5 ♖ab7 25.♖b4∞

**18...a6 19.f3 ♘c5 20.♖d1 b5 21.d6 exd6**

21...e6 22.d7 ♘xd7 23.♘xb5 ♘e5 24.♘d6 ♖c2 25.♖d2 ♖c6∓

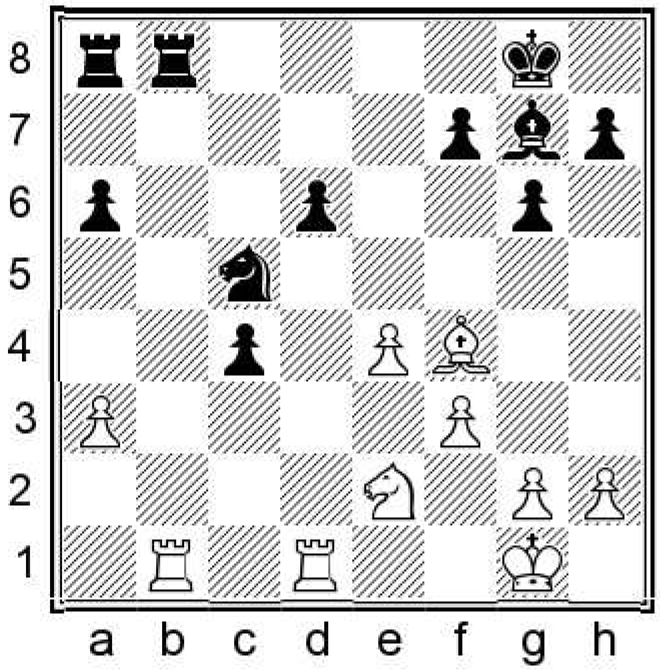
**22.♘d5 ♖d8 23.♗g5?!**

23.♘b6 ♖ab8 24.♗xd6 ♖xb6 25.♗xc5 ♖xd1+ 26.♖xd1 ♖b8 27.♘f4 ♘c4 28.♘d5=

**23...♖db8∓ 24.♘e3 ♘c4**

⌓24...♗e5 25.♗e7 ♘c4 26.♘xc4 bxc4 27.f4 ♗b2 (27...♖xb1 28.♖xb1 ♖e8 29.fxe5 ♖xe7 30.exd6 ♖xe4 31.♔f1 f5 32.♖b8+ ♔f7∓) 28.♗xd6 ♘xe4 29.♗xb8 ♖xb8∓

**25.♘xc4 bxc4 26.♗f4**



26.♗e7 ♗e5∓ - 24...Be5

26.♖xb8+ ♖xb8 27.♖xd6 h6 28.♗e7 ♘d3 29.g3 ♖b2 30.♔f1 a5⩱

**26...♘d3**

26...♗e5! 27.♗xe5 dxe5 28.♖bc1 ♘d3 29.♖c2 ♔g7∓

**27.♗xd6 ♖d8**

27...♖b5 28.♔f1 ♗b2 29.a4 ♖b3∓

**28.♗e7**

28.♗c7 ♖dc8 29.♗a5 ♖ab8 30.♗c3 ♗f8 31.a4 ♘c5⩱

**28...♖d7 29.♗b4 ♖b8 30.♘c1 ♗d4+**

30...♘c5 31.♘e2 ♖db7 32.♖d5 ♘d3-+

**31.♔f1 ♘f2 32.♖d2 a5 33.♘b3! cxb3 34.♗c3**

34.♗xa5 ♖bb7 35.♗b4 ♘xe4 36.fxe4 b2∓

**34...a4 35.♖xd4**

35.♗xd4 ♖bd8-+

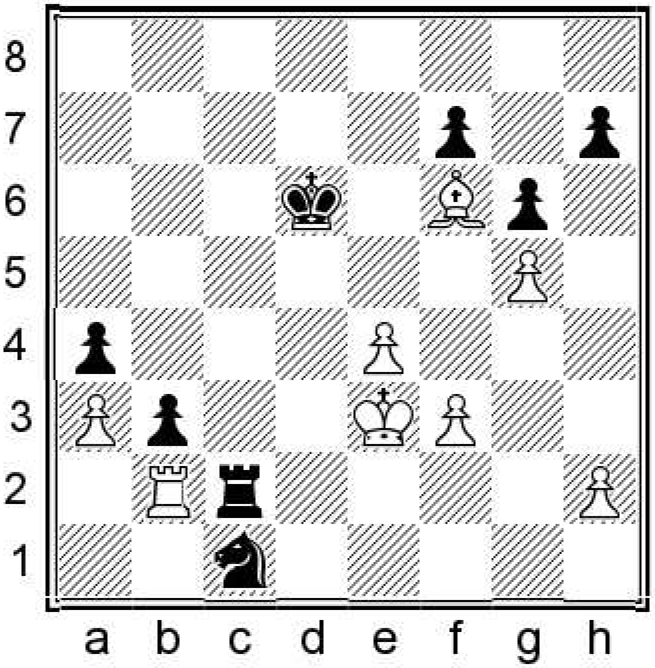
**35...♖xd4 36.♗xd4 ♘d3 37.g3 ♖c8**

37...♖d8 38.♗f6 ♖d6 39.e5 ♖c6 40.♔e2 ♘xe5 41.♗xe5 ♖e6-+; 37...b2 38.♔e2 ♖b3 39.♔d2 ♖xa3 40.♗c3 ♖b3 41.♔xd3 a3 42.♔d2 (42.♔c2 a2-+) 42...h5-+

**38.♔e2 ♘c1+ 39.♔e3 ♖c2 40.♖b2 ♔f8 41.g4?!**

41.♗e5 ♔e7 42.♗g7 (42.♖xc2? bxc2 43.♔d2 ♘d3-+) 42...♘e2 43.♔d3 ♖xb2 44.♗xb2 ♘g1 45.f4 ♔d6 46.♔c4 ♘f3 47.h3 ♘e1∓

**41...♔e7 42.g5 ♔d6 43.♗f6**



**43...♘e2!-+ 44.h4**

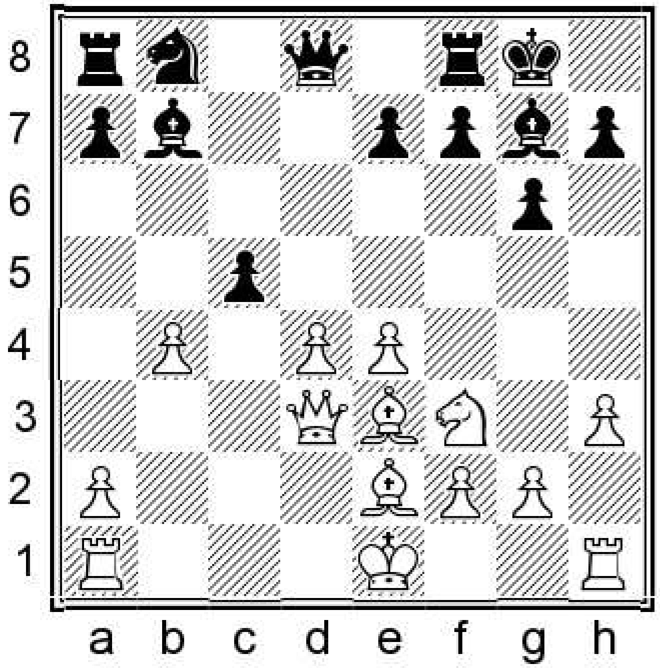
44.♔d3 ♘f4+ 45.♔e3 ♘g2+ 46.♔d3 ♘e1+ 47.♔e3 ♔c5 48.♖b1 ♘g2+ 49.♔d3 ♘f4+ 50.♔e3 ♘h3-+

**44...♔c5 45.♖b1 ♘c3 46.♗xc3 ♖xc3+ 47.♔f4 ♔d4 0-1**

**152. ** D85**
**Bluebaum, Matthias (2660) - Dragnev, Valentin (2553)**
**Deutschland 147/152, 2020**

**1.d4 ♘f6 2.c4 g6 3.♘c3 d5 4.♘f3 ♗g7 5.h3 O-O 6.cxd5 ♘xd5 7.e4 ♘xc3 8.bxc3 c5 9.♗e2 b6**

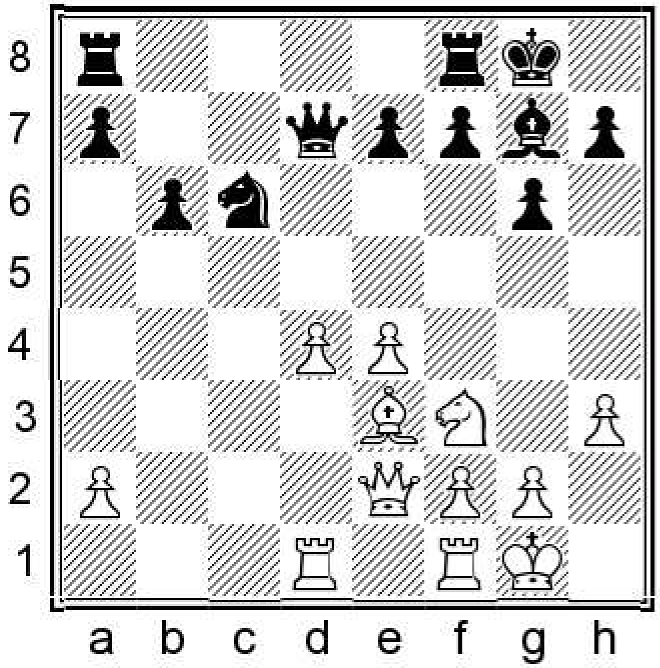
9...b5 10.♗e3 ♗b7 11.♕d3 b4 (11...♘d7 - 80/476) 12.cxb4



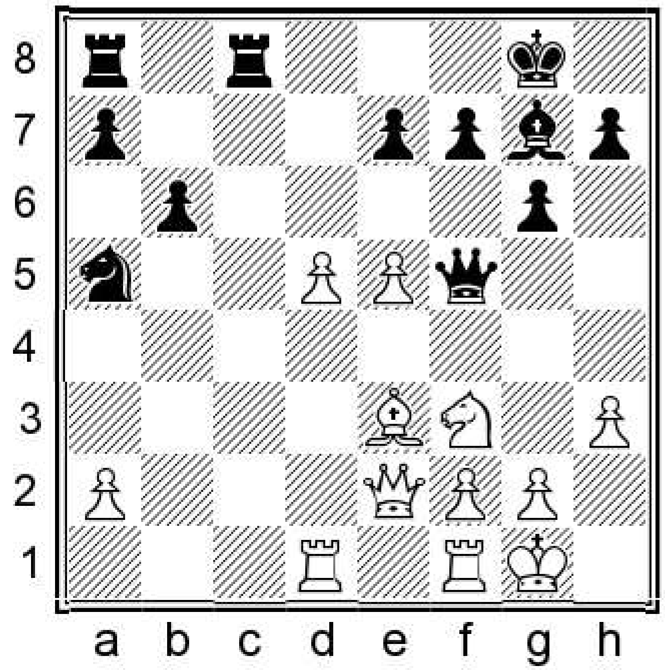
12...cxb4N (12...cxd4 13.♗xd4 ♗xd4 14.♕xd4 ♕xd4 15.♘xd4 ♖d8 16.♖d1 ♗xe4∞) 13.O-O a5 14.♖ab1 (14.♖ac1 e6 15.♖fd1 ♘d7 16.♗g5 ♕b6 17.♘d2 ♗a6 18.♘c4 ♕a7∞) 14...e6 15.h4 h6 16.♖fd1 ♘d7 17.e5 ♗a6 18.♕d2 ♗xe2 19.♕xe2 ♘b6 20.h5 g5∓ Bluebaum,M (2672)-Svidler,P (2723) chess24.com (Int. -rapid) 147/(152) 2020

**10.♗e3 ♗b7 11.♕d3 cxd4**

11...♗a6 12.♕c2 ♗xe2 13.♕xe2 cxd4 14.cxd4 ♘c6 15.♖d1 ♕d7 16.O-O

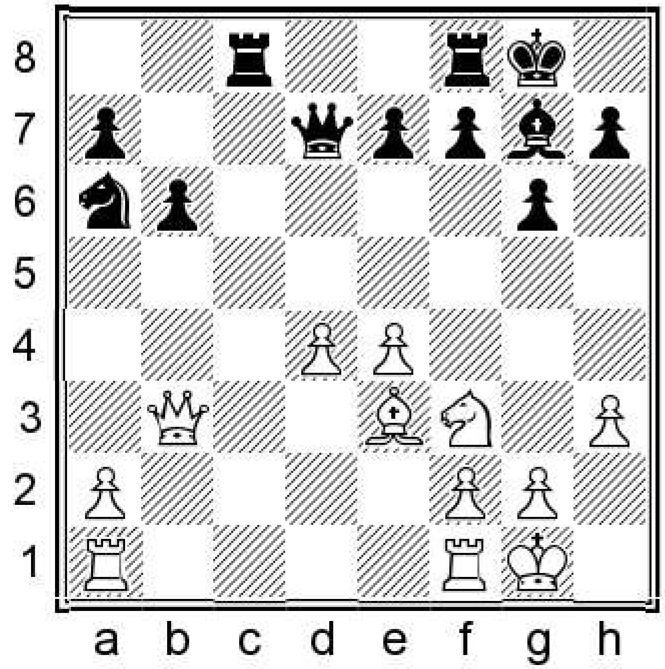


16...♖fc8N (16...♘a5 - 79/440; 16...♖ac8 17.d5 ♘e5 18.♘xe5 ♗xe5 19.f4 ♗g7 20.e5±) 17.d5 ♘a5 (17...♘e5 18.♘xe5 (18.♘d4!? ♘c4 19.♘c6 ♘xe3 (19...b5 20.♗c5 ♖e8 21.a4 a6 22.axb5 axb5 23.♖b1±) 20.♕xe3 e6 21.♕f3±) 18...♗xe5 19.f4 ♗g7 20.e5 ♖c7 21.♖d2±) 18.e5 ♕f5



19.♗g5! f6 20.♗h4 ♖c2 Batsuren,D (2451) -Drazic,S (2365) Novi Sad 147/(152) 2020 (20...♖c2 21.♕e3 ♘c4 22.♕b3 ♘a5 23.♕a3 fxe5 24.♗xe7±)

**12.cxd4 ♗a6 13.♕c2 ♕d7 14.♗xa6 ♘xa6 15.O-O ♖ac8 16.♕b3**



**16...♘b8N**

16...♕b7 - 138/(176)

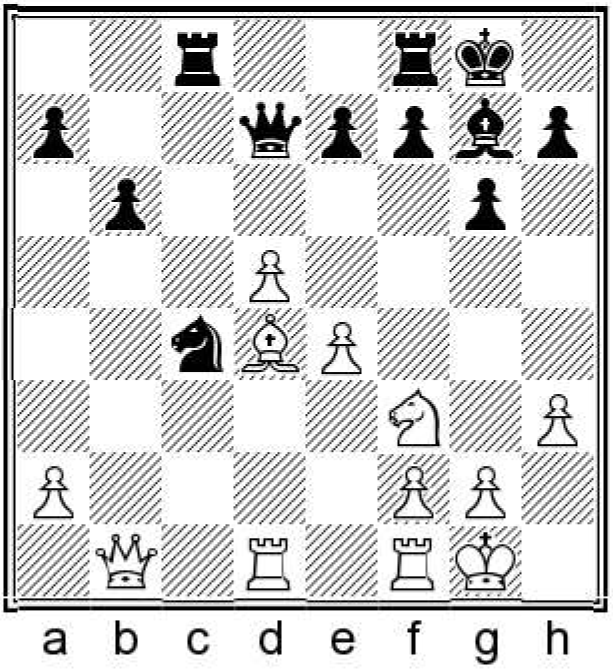
**17.♖ad1**

17.♖ac1!? ♘c6 (17...e6 18.d5 exd5 19.exd5 ♘a6 20.♕a3 ♖xc1 21.♖xc1 ♕b5 22.♖d1±) 18.d5 (18.♕a4 ♘e5 19.♕xd7 ♘xd7=) 18...♘a5 19.♕d3 ♘b7 20.e5±

**17...♘c6 18.d5 ♘a5 19.♕b1**

19.♕b4 ♘c4 20.♗d4 e5 21.dxe6 ♕xe6 22.♗xg7 ♔xg7 23.♖fe1 ♖fe8=

**19...♘c4 20.♗d4**



**20...e5! 21.dxe6**

21.♗a1 f6 22.♖fe1 ♘d6∞

**21...♕xe6 22.♗xg7 ♔xg7 23.♖d5**

23.♖fe1 ♕e7 24.e5 ♖fd8 25.♕a1 ♖xd1 26.♖xd1 ♔g8 27.♖d5 ♖c5 28.♕d4 ♖xd5 29.♕xd5 ♕e6=

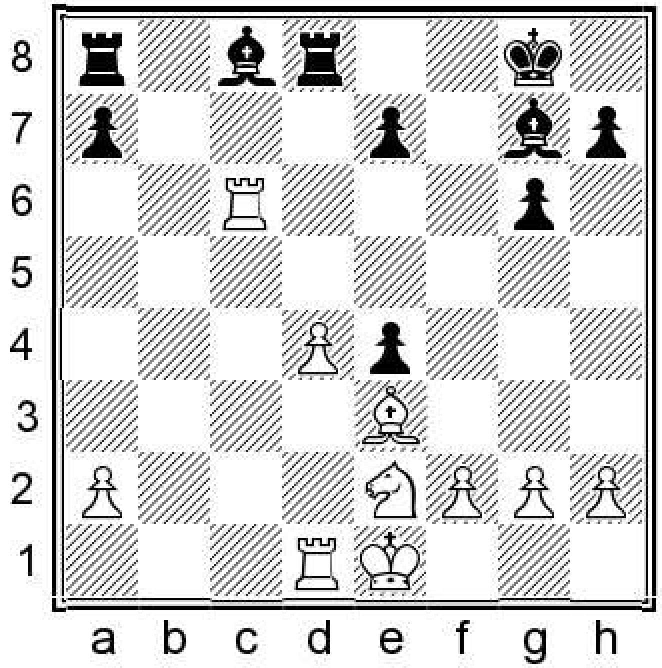
**23...♖fd8= 24.♕d3 ♖xd5 25.exd5 ♕f6 26.♘d2 ♘xd2 27.♕xd2 ♖d8 28.♖d1 ♖d6 29.♕e3 h5 30.♖d4 ♖d7 31.♕d2 ♖d6 32.♕e3 ♖d7 33.♕d2 ♖d6 34.♕e3 1/2-1/2**

**153. D85**
**Polak, Tomas (2563) - Nguyen, Thai Dai Van (2569)**
**Cesko (ch) 147/153, 2020**

**1.d4 ♘f6 2.c4 g6 3.♘c3 d5 4.cxd5 ♘xd5 5.e4 ♘xc3 6.bxc3 ♗g7 7.♗e3 c5 8.♕d2 ♕a5 9.♖c1 cxd4 10.cxd4 ♕xd2+ 11.♔xd2 O-O 12.♗b5 ♘c6 13.♘e2 ♖d8 14.♗xc6 bxc6 15.♖hd1**

15.♖xc6 - 33/(571)

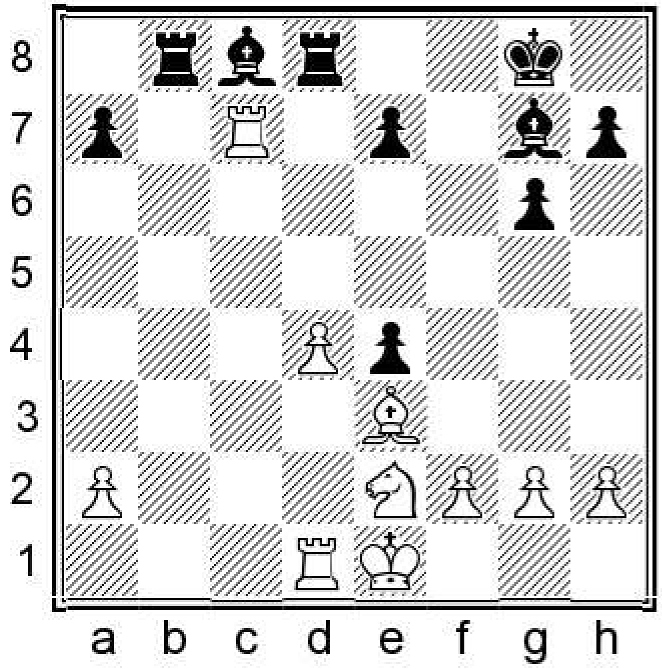
**15...f5 16.♔e1 fxe4 17.♖xc6**



**17...♖b8N**

17...♖d7

**18.♖c7**



**18...♗g4?!**

18...♖b2! 19.♖xa7 (19.♘c3 ♖b7 20.♖xb7 (20.♖c5 ♗f5=) 20...♗xb7 21.♖b1 ♖d7=; 19.♖xe7 ♗g4 20.♖d2 ♖b1+ 21.♖d1 ♖b2=) 19...♗g4 20.♖d2 ♖b1+ 21.♖d1 ♖b2= (21...♖xd1+ 22.♔xd1 e5 23.d5 ♖xd5+ 24.♔e1 ♗f8 25.♖b7 ♖d3 26.h3 ♗e6=)

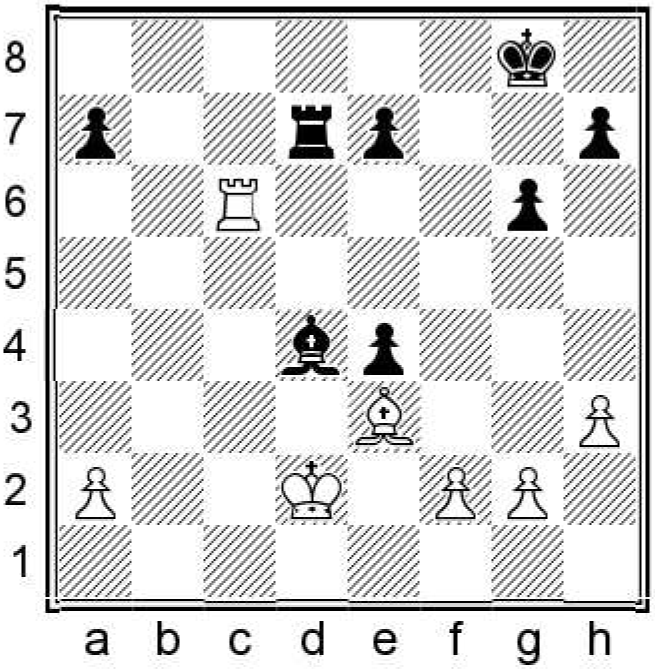
**19.h3 ♖d7**

19...♗xe2 20.♔xe2 ♖b2+ (20...♔f7 21.♖d2 a6 22.♗g5 ♖xd4 23.♖xe7+ ♔f8 24.♖c2±) 21.♔f1 ♖xa2 (21...♔f7 22.♖xa7±) 22.♖xe7±

**20.♖c6?!**

20.♖dc1 ♖xc7 21.♖xc7 ♖b1+ 22.♔d2 ♗xe2 (22...♖b2+?! 23.♔c3 ♖xe2 24.hxg4 ♖xa2 25.♖xe7±) 23.♔xe2 ♖b2+ 24.♔d1 a6 25.♖xe7 ♖xa2 26.♖xe4 ♔f7 27.♔c1±

**20...♗xe2 21.♔xe2 ♖b2+= 22.♖d2 ♖xd2+ 23.♔xd2 ♗xd4**



**24.♖e6**

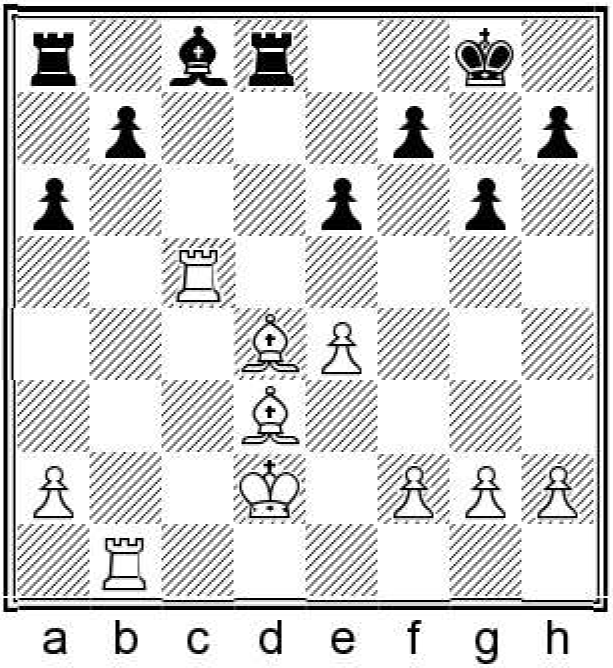
24.♖a6 ♗b6+ 25.♔e2 ♖d3 26.♗xb6 axb6 27.♖xb6 (27.f3? exf3+! 28.gxf3 ♖d6∓) 27...♖a3 28.♖b2 ♔f7=

**24...♗xe3+ 25.♔xe3 ♖d3+ 26.♔xe4 ♖d2 27.♔f3 ♖xa2 28.♖xe7 ♖a3+ 29.♔g4 ♖a2 30.♔g3 ♖a3+ 31.♔g4 ♖a2 1/2-1/2**

**154. *** D85**
**Fedoseev, Vladimir (2674) - Svidler, Peter (2723)**
**Russia (ch) 147/154, 2020**

**1.d4 ♘f6 2.c4 g6 3.♘c3 d5 4.cxd5 ♘xd5 5.e4 ♘xc3 6.bxc3 ♗g7 7.♘f3 c5 8.♗e3 ♕a5 9.♕d2 ♘c6 10.♖b1 a6 11.♖c1 cxd4 12.cxd4 ♕xd2+ 13.♔xd2 e6 14.♗d3 O-O 15.h4**

15.♖c5 ♖d8 (15...f5 16.g3 ♗d7 17.♖b1 b5 18.exf5 gxf5 19.a4↑) 16.♖b1 ♘xd4 17.♘xd4 ♗xd4 18.♗xd4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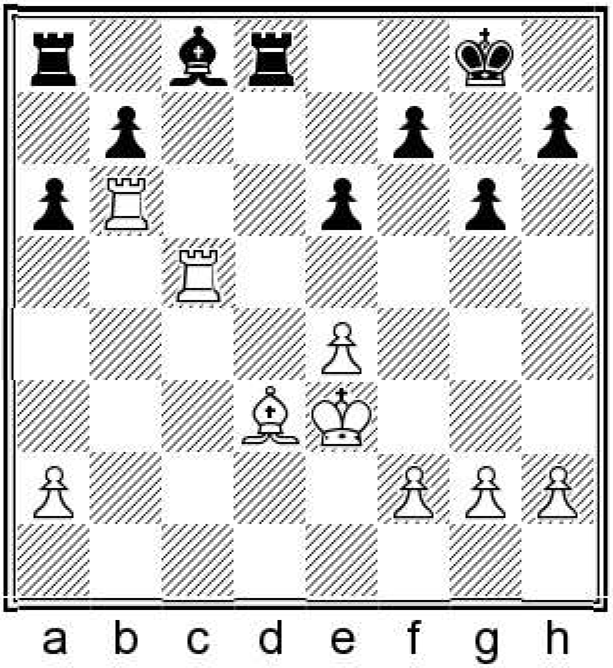
18...♖xd4 19.♖c7?!N (19.♔e3 - 147/(154) 19...♖d8 20.♖b6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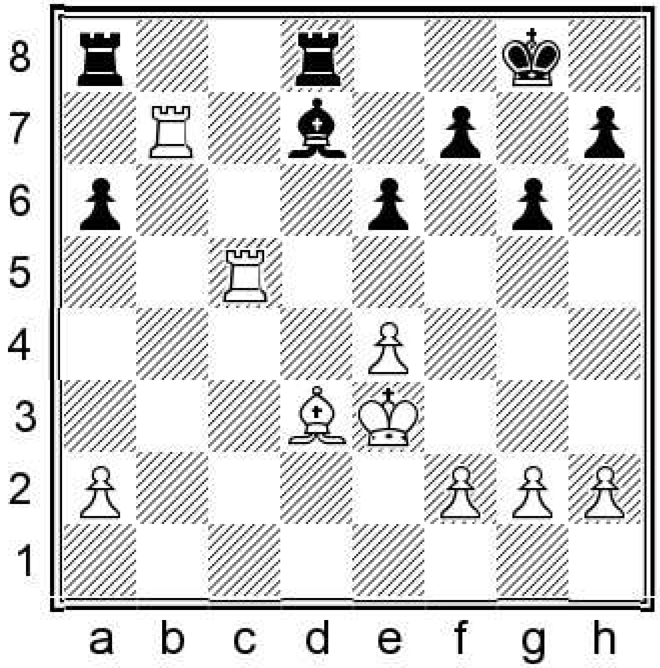
20...♗d7 - 147/(154) (20...a5N 21.g3 a4 22.a3 ♖a7 23.♗b5 ♗d7 24.♖d6 b6 25.♖c1 ♔f8 26.♖cd1 ♔e7 Aditya,M (2438)-Vakhidov, T (2401) lichess.org (Int.-blitz) 147/(154) 2020 (26...♔e7 27.e5±); 20...♔f8) 21.♖xb7



21...♖dc8N (21...♗b5 22.♗c2 ♖ac8 23.♖bc7 ♖xc7 24.♖xc7 ♗f1 25.g3 (25.g4 g5=) 25...♔g7=) 22.♖xc8+ ♗xc8 23.♖c7± Sorokin,A (2521)-Utiatskaja,I (2184) USA (Int.-rapid) 147/(154) 2020) 19...♔f8 (19...e5! 20.♖b6 ♗e6∓) 20.♔e3 ♖d8 Sorokin,A (2521)-Novik,M (2434) chess.com (Int. -blitz) 147/(154) 2020 (20...♖d8 21.♖b6±)

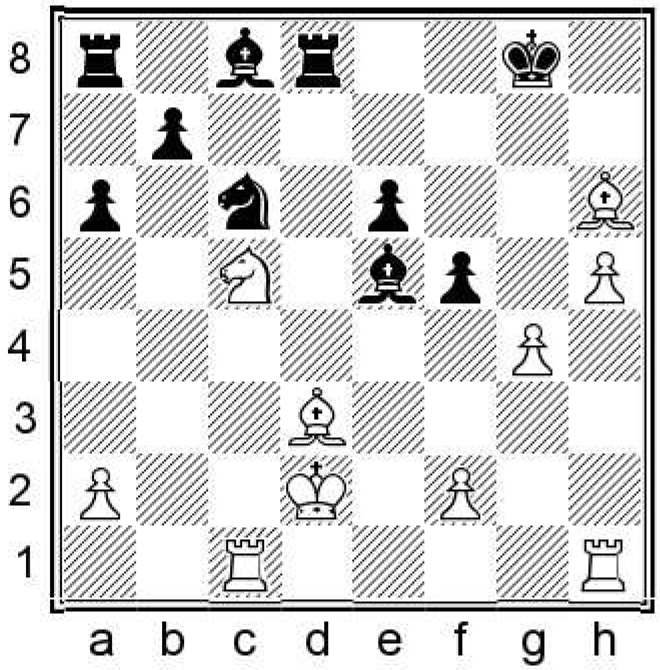
**15...h6 16.e5 ♖d8 17.h5 g5 18.♘xg5 ♘xd4 19.♘e4**

19.♗h7+ - 143/153

**19...♗xe5 20.♗xh6 f5 21.♘c5**

21.♘c3 b5∓

**21...♘c6 22.g4**



**22...♗b2!?N**

22...b6?! 23.♘xe6 ♗xe6 24.♖xc6 ♗xa2 25.gxf5+-; 22...♖d6 23.gxf5 exf5 24.♖hg1+ ♔h7 25.♗e3 b6 (25...♘b4!?) 26.♘a4 ♘b4 27.♘xb6 ♖xd3+ 28.♔e2 ♖a3 29.♘xa8 ♖xa2+ 30.♔f1 ♗d7 31.♘b6 ♗b5+ 32.♔g2 f4 33.♘c4 (33.♗c5 ♘d3 34.♔f3 ♘xc1 35.♖xc1=) 33...fxe3 34.♘xe5 exf2 35.♖c7+ ♔h8 36.♖c8+ ♔h7=

**23.♖c2 ♗a3 24.gxf5 exf5 25.♖g1+ ♔h7 26.♗e3 ♘b4 27.♖c3**

27.♖c4 b6 28.♗g5□ ♖d5 29.♗f6 bxc5 30.♖g7+ ♔h6 31.♖g6+ ♔h7 32.♖g7+ ♔h6=

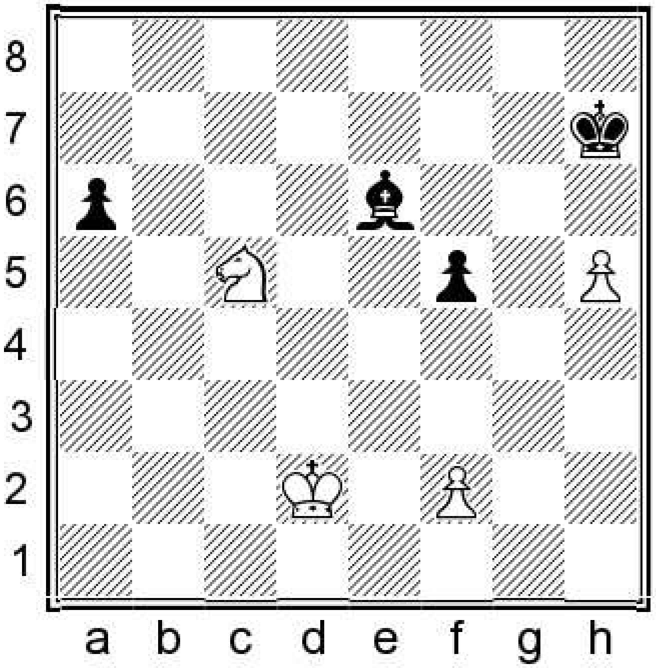
**27...♘xd3 28.♖xd3 ♖xd3+ 29.♘xd3 ♗e6 30.♖g6 ♖e8**

30...♗xa2 31.♖h6+ ♔g7 (31...♔g8? 32.♗d4±) 32.♖g6+ ♔h7=

**31.♗c5 ♗xc5 32.♘xc5 ♗xa2 33.♘xb7 ♖e6 34.♖xe6**

34.♘c5 ♖xg6 35.hxg6+ ♔xg6 36.♘xa6=

**34...♗xe6 35.♘c5**



**35...♗f7**

35...♗c8 36.♔e3 ♔h6 (36...a5 37.♔f4 ♔h6 38.♘a4 ♔xh5 39.♘b6 ♗e6 40.♔e5=) 37.♔f4 ♔xh5 38.♘xa6=

**36.♘xa6 ♗xh5 37.f4 ♔g7 38.♘c5 ♔f6 39.♘d3 ♗e8 40.♘e5 ♗b5 41.♔e3 1/2-1/2**

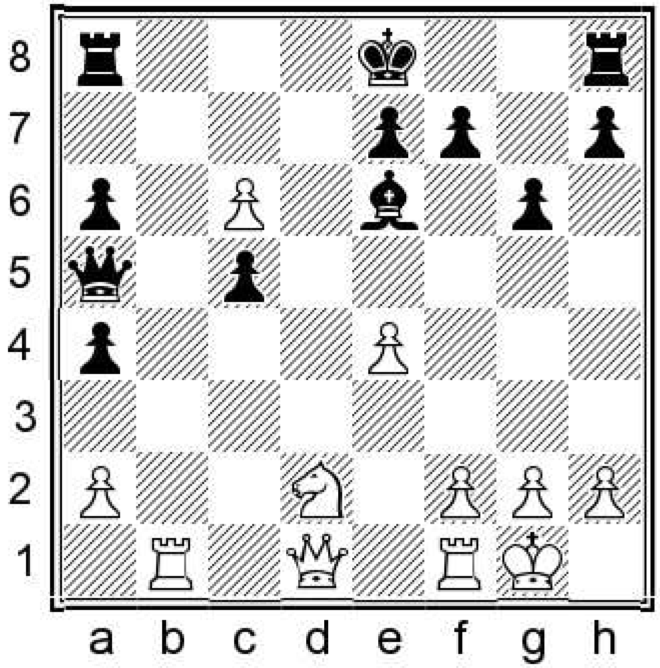
**155. *** D85**
**Andreikin, Dmitry (2726) - Vitiugov, Nikita (2722)**
**Russia 147/155, 2020**

**1.d4 ♘f6 2.c4 g6 3.♘c3 d5 4.cxd5 ♘xd5 5.e4 ♘xc3 6.bxc3 ♗g7 7.♘f3 c5 8.♗b5+ ♘c6 9.d5**

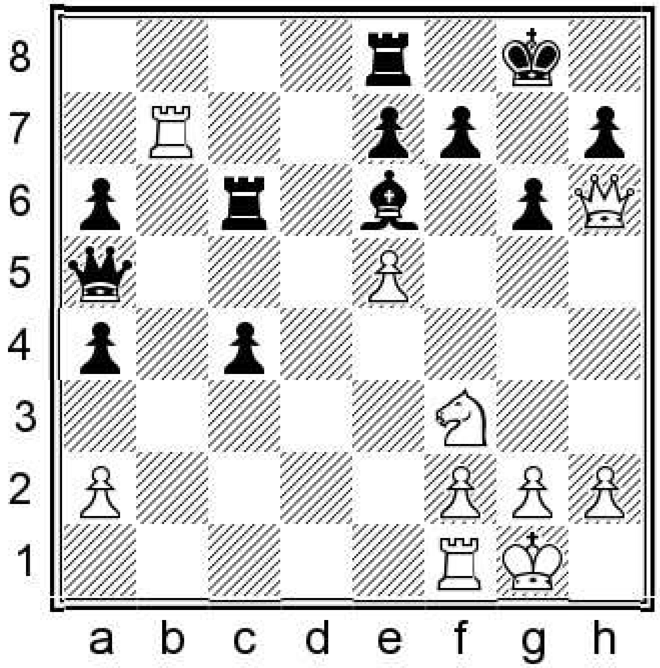
9.♖b1 - 145/144

**9...♕a5 10.♖b1 ♗xc3+**

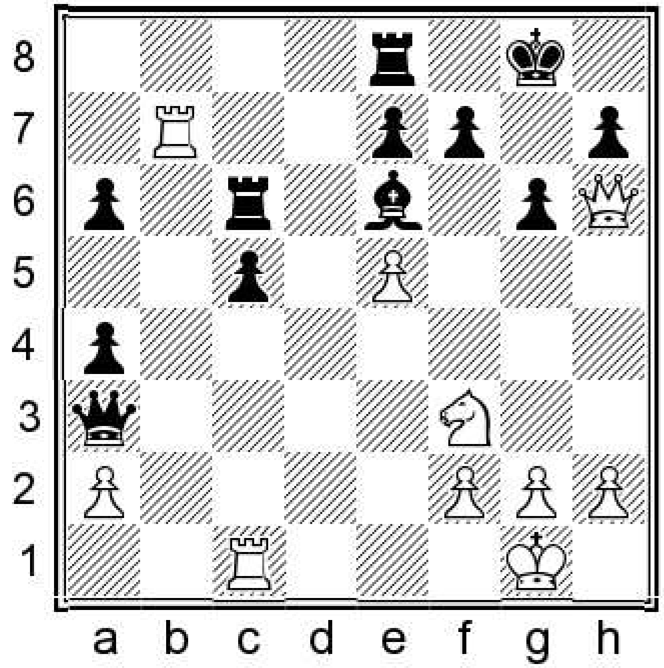
10...a6 11.♗a4 ♗xc3+ 12.♗d2 - 10...a6 12...♗xd2+ 13.♘xd2 b5 14.dxc6 bxa4 15.O-O ♗e6



16.♘f3N (16.♕c2; 16.f4) 16...O-O 17.♕c1 ♖ac8 18.♖b7 ♖fe8 (18...♔g7 19.♖xe7 ♖xc6 20.♘d4 ♖d6 21.♘xe6+ ♖xe6 22.♖xe6 fxe6 23.♕b2+ ♔g8 24.♕e5 ♕b6=; 18...♖c7 19.♕h6 f6 20.h4 ♖xb7 21.cxb7 ♕b6 22.h5 g5 23.♖e1 g4 24.♘g5 fxg5 25.♕xg5+ ♔f7= 26.♕f4+ ♔g8 27.♕g5+ ♔f7=) 19.♕h6 ♕c3 (19...♖xc6 20.e5! (20.♘g5 ♕c3 21.♕xh7+ ♔f8 22.♖c7! ♖xc7 23.♕h6+ ♔g8 (23...♕g7 24.♘xe6+ fxe6 25.♕f4+ ♔g8 26.♕xc7 ♕c3=) 24.♕h7+=) 20...c4

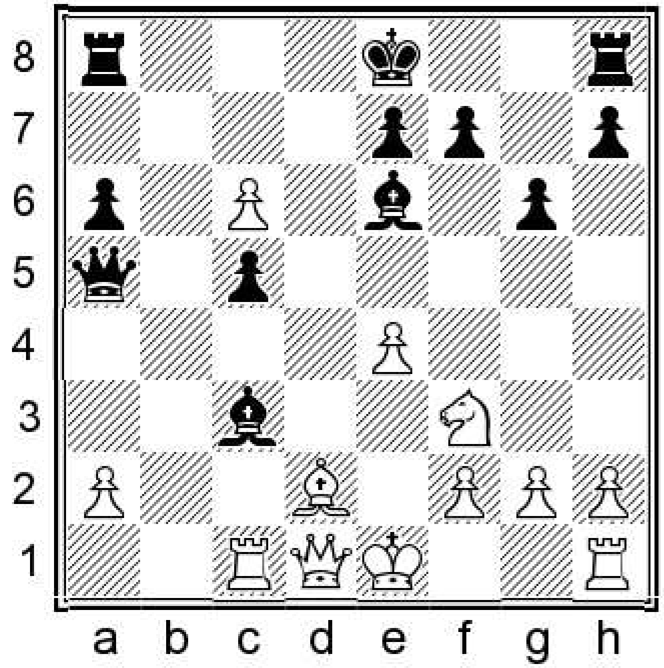


21.♖d7! g5 (21...♗xd7? 22.♘g5+-) 22.♕xg5+ (22.♘xg5 ♕xe5 23.♕xh7+ ♔f8 24.♘xe6+ ♖xe6 25.♖c7 c3 26.♖c5 ♕d4 27.♖c4 ♕e5 28.g3±) 22...♔h8 23.♖xe7 ♕d8 24.♕f6+ ♔g8 25.♖xe8+ ♕xe8 26.♕g5+ ♔h8 27.♘d4±) 20.e5 ♖xc6? (20...♗d5 21.♘g5 ♕xe5 22.♕xh7+ ♔f8 23.♖d7 ♗c4 24.♖c1 ♗xa2 25.c7 ♗b3 26.g3 ♕b2 27.♖e1 a3 28.♖d3 ♗c4 29.♖xa3±) 21.♖c1 ♕a3



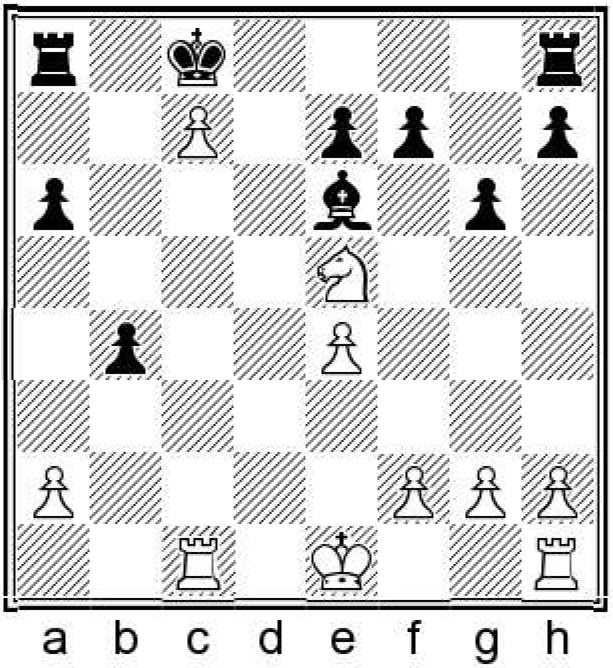
22.♖d1!+- ♕c3 23.♖xe7 (23.♘g5 ♕xe5 24.♖xe7!+-) 23...♖cc8 24.♘g5 ♕xe5 25.♕xh7+ ♔f8 26.♖xf7+ 1-0 (26) Sarana,A (2654)-Sychev,K (2572) lichess.org (Int.-blitz) 147/ (155) 2020

**11.♗d2 a6 12.♗xc6+ bxc6 13.dxc6 ♗e6 14.♖c1**



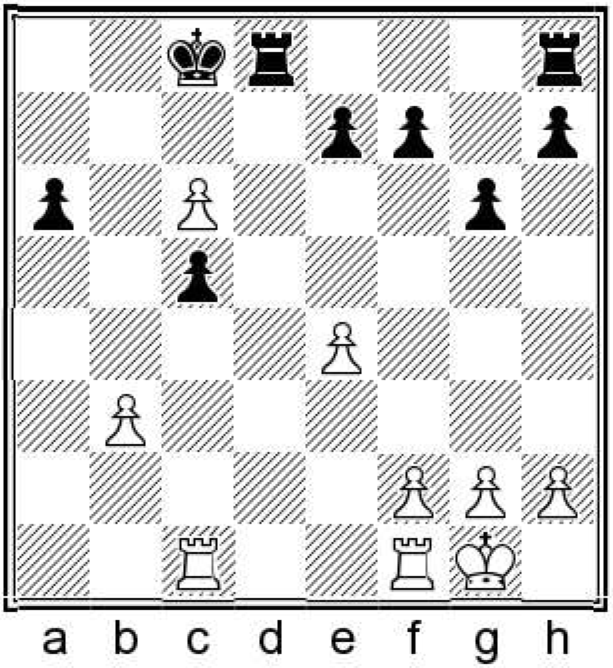
**14...♗b4!?**

14...♗xd2+ 15.♕xd2 ♕b4 16.♕xb4 (16.O-O ♕xd2 - 147/155) 16...cxb4 17.c7 ♔d7 18.♘e5+ ♔c8



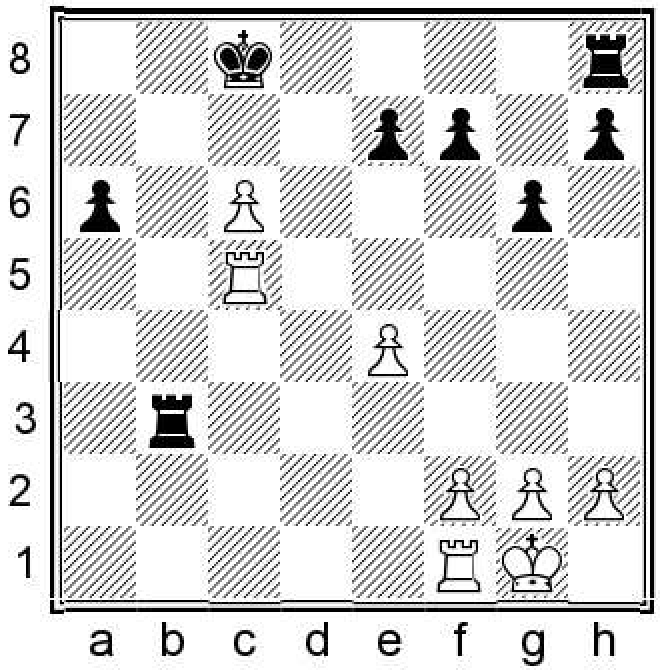
19.♔d2N (19.♘c6 ♔xc7 20.♘xb4+ ♔d6 21.♔e2 ♖hc8 22.♖hd1+ ♔e5 23.♘c6+ ♔f6=) 19...♖a7 (19...♗xa2 20.♘c6 ♗e6 21.♘xb4 a5 22.♘d3 ♖a7 23.♖c3 ♖xc7 24.♖a1 ♖xc3 25.♔xc3 ♔b7 26.♖xa5=) 20.♘c6 ♖xc7 21.♘xb4 ♖d8+ 22.♔e3 ♖d6 23.♖xc7+ ♔xc7 24.♖c1+ ♔b6 25.a3 a5 26.♘d3 ♖c6= Petrigin, O-Grammatica,A corr 147/(155) 2020

**15.O-O ♗xd2 16.♕xd2 ♕xd2** - 147/155 **17.♘xd2 O-O-O 18.♘b3 ♗xb3 19.axb3**



**19...♖d6N**

19...♖d3 - 147/ (155) 20.♖xc5 ♖xb3



21.♖a1N (21.♖a5 ♖b6=) 21...♖b6 22.♖ca5 ♖xc6 23.♖xa6 ♖xa6 24.♖xa6 ♔d7= Koubova,A (2099) - Novotny,M (2180) Cesko (ch) 147/(155) 2020

**20.♖xc5 ♔c7 21.♖a1 ♖b8 22.e5 ♖xc6 23.♖xc6+ ♔xc6 24.♖xa6+ ♔d5= 25.♖a7 ♖xb3 26.f4 ♔e6 27.♖a6+ ♔f5 28.♖a7 ♔xf4**

28...♔e6

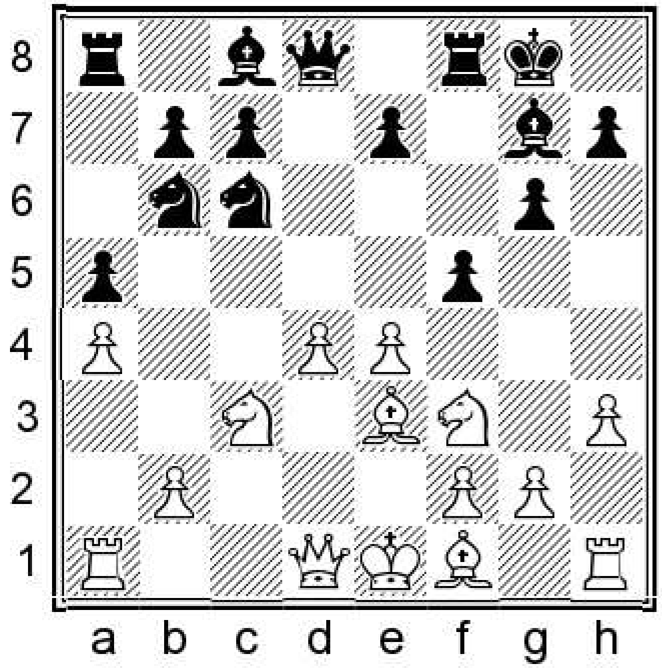
**29.♖xe7 ♖b1+ 30.♔f2 ♖b2+ 31.♔g1 ♖b1+ 32.♔f2 ♖b2+ 33.♔g1 ♖b1+ 34.♔f2 ♖b2+ 35.♔g1 ♖b1+ 1/2-1/2**

**156. * D85**
**Carlsen, Magnus (2862) - Vachier Lagrave, Maxime (2784)**
**chess24.com (Int.-m3/3-rapid) 147/156, 2021**

**1.d4 ♘f6 2.c4 g6 3.♘c3 d5 4.cxd5 ♘xd5 5.♗d2 ♗g7 6.e4 ♘b6 7.♗e3 O-O 8.a4 a5 9.h3**

9.♗e2 - 57/451

**9...♘c6 10.♘f3 f5**



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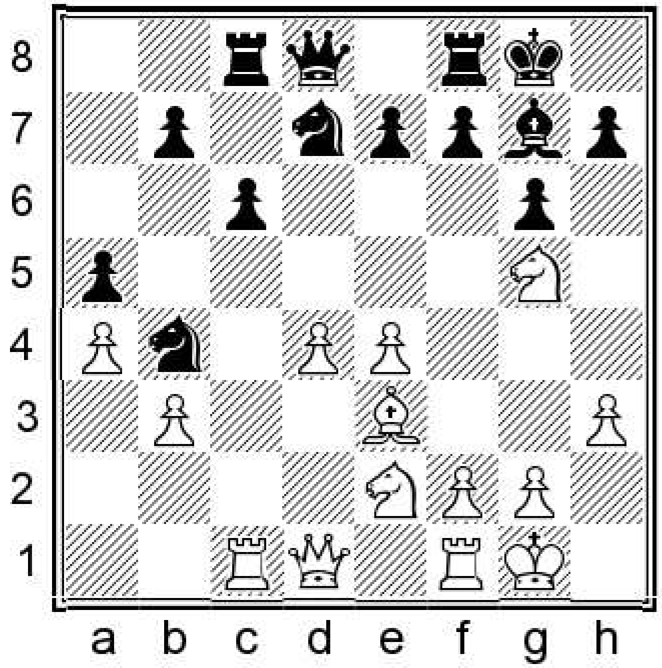
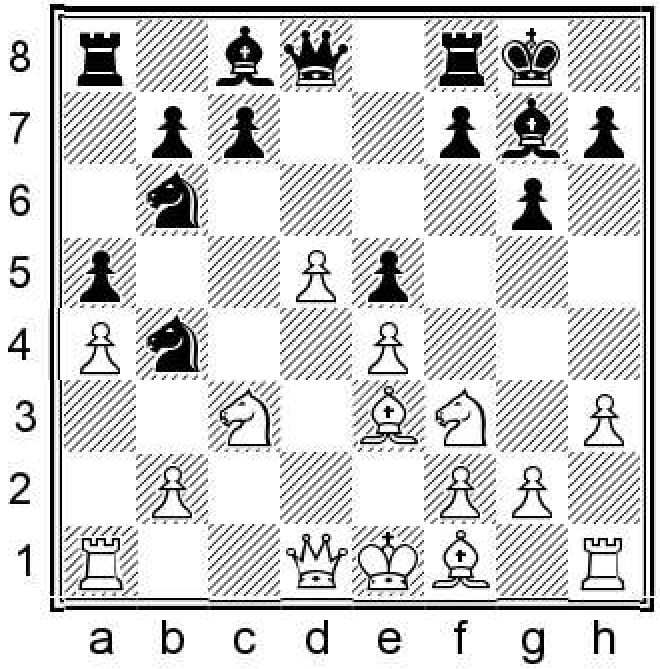
10...♘b4N 11.♗e2 c6 12.O-O ♗e6 13.♘g5 ♗c4 14.♖c1 ♖c8 15.b3 ♗xe2 16.♘xe2 ♘d7



17.f4 (17.e5 e6 (17...♘b6 18.e6 f6 19.♘f7 ♕d5 20.♘f4 ♕e4 21.♖e1 ♘6d5 22.♗d2 ♕xd4 23.♖c4 ♕b2 24.h4±) 18.♘e4±) 17...h6 18.♘f3 e6 19.♘e5 c5 Carlsen,M (2862)-Vachier Lagrave,M (2784) chess24.com (Int.-m2/4-rapid) 147/ (156) 2021 (19...c5 20.♘c4 ♘f6 21.e5 ♘fd5 22.♗f2 cxd4 23.♕xd4±)

10...e5?! 11.d5 ♘b4



12.♗xb6 (12.♕b3?! c6∓ (12...♖e8)) 12...cxb6 13.♗b5 f5 14.O-O±

**11.exf5N**

11.e5 f4 12.♗c1 ♗f5 13.♗b5 ♘b4 14.O-O c6 15.♗e2 ♘4d5 16.♘xd5 ♘xd5 17.♕b3=

**11...♗xf5 12.♗e2 ♘b4**

12...♕d6 13.O-O ♖ad8 14.♘b5 ♕b4 15.♕c1±

**13.♖c1 c6 14.O-O ♘6d5 15.♗d2**

15.♘xd5!? ♘xd5 16.♗c4 ♔h8 17.♗g5 h6 18.♗d2±

**15...♕d6 16.♖e1 ♔h8 17.♘xd5**

17.♗c4 ♘b6 18.♗f1 ♘6d5 19.♘e4 ♗xe4 20.♖xe4±

**17...♘xd5**

⌓17...cxd5 18.♕b3 ♗e4 19.♗e3 ♗xf3 20.♗xf3 e6 21.♗e2 ♖ac8 22.♖c3±

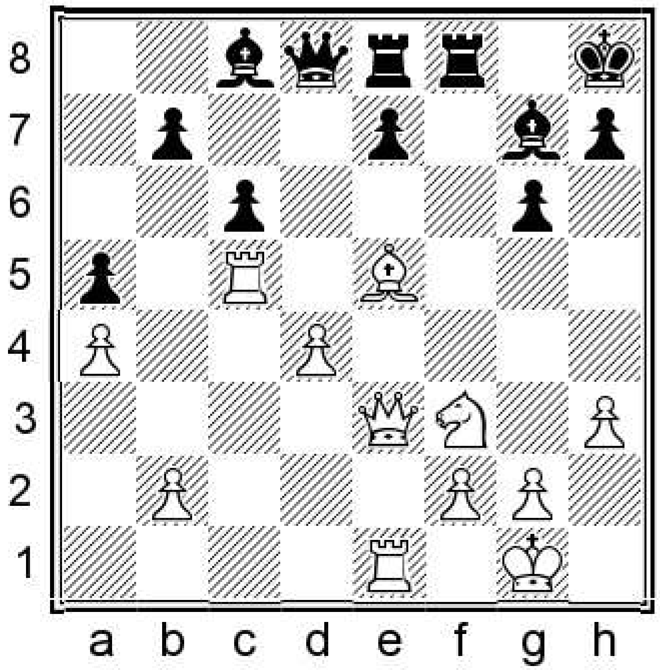
**18.♗c4 ♘b4 19.♕b3**

19.♗g5 ♖ae8 20.♘e5±

**19...♖ad8 20.♗g5± ♗f6 21.♗h6 ♗g7 22.♕e3 ♖de8**

22...♗xh6 23.♕xh6 ♕f6 24.♖e2 ♘d5 25.♖e5

**23.♗f4 ♘d5 24.♗xd5 ♕xd5 25.♖c5 ♕d8 26.♗e5 ♗c8**



**27.♕h6!+- ♖f6**

27...♗xe5 28.♘g5+-

**28.♗xf6 exf6 29.♖xe8+ ♕xe8 30.♕e3 ♕d8 31.♕e1**

31.♖xa5 ♗f5 32.♖a7

**31...♗f8 32.♖xa5 ♗d7 33.♖a7 ♕b8 34.♕a5 ♔g7 35.♖a8 ♕f4 36.♕d8 ♕c1+ 37.♔h2 ♕f4+**

37...♗d6+ 38.g3 ♕f1 39.♕xd7+ ♔h6 40.♕g4! ♕xf2+ 41.♔h1 ♕f1+ 42.♘g1

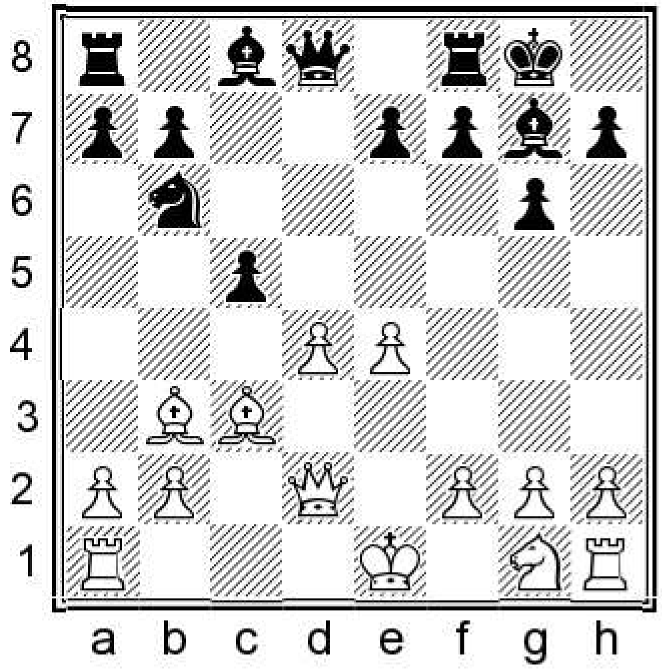
**38.♔h1 ♕d6 39.♕b8 ♕b4 40.♖a7 1-0**

**157. D85**
**Anton Guijarro, David (2679) - Grandelius, Nils (2663)**
**Wijk aan Zee 147/157, 2021**

**1.c4 g6 2.d4 ♘f6 3.♘c3 d5 4.cxd5 ♘xd5 5.♗d2 ♗g7 6.e4 ♘xc3 7.♗xc3 O-O 8.♗c4 ♘d7 9.♕d2**

9.♘e2 - 94/360

**9...♘b6 10.♗b3 c5**



**11.d5N**

11.dxc5 ♕xd2+ 12.♔xd2 ♗h6+ 13.♔c2 ♘d7 14.c6 ♘c5 (14...bxc6=) 15.f3 (15.cxb7 ♗xb7 16.♗d5 (16.f3?! ♘xe4!∓) 16...♗xd5 17.exd5 ♘e4 18.♘h3 ♖fc8=∞) 15...bxc6 16.♗c4 ♘a4=; 11.♘f3 cxd4 12.♘xd4 ♘d7 13.O-O ♘c5 14.♗c2 ♘e6=

**11...e6 12.♗xg7**

12.d6 c4 13.♗c2 (13.♗xg7 ♔xg7 - 12. Bg7) 13...♗xc3 14.bxc3 e5 15.a4 ♗e6 16.♘e2 ♖c8 17.a5 ♘d7∞

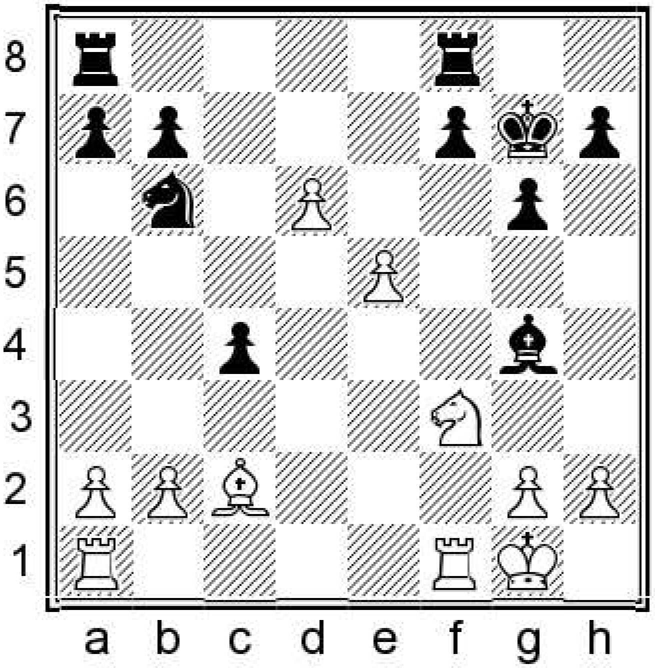
**12...♔xg7 13.d6 c4 14.♗c2 e5 15.f4 exf4 16.♕xf4 ♕f6**

16...♗e6!? 17.♘f3 ♘d7 18.♘d4 (18.♕e3 f6∞) 18...♕b6 19.♕d2 (19.O-O-O ♖ac8∓) 19...♖fe8 20.O-O-O f6∞

**17.♕xf6+ ♔xf6 18.♘f3**

18.O-O-O ♗e6 19.♘f3 ♘d7∞

**18...♗g4 19.e5+ ♔g7 20.O-O**



**20...f6! 21.exf6+**

21.♗e4 ♗xf3 22.♖xf3 fxe5 23.♗xb7 ♖ad8 24.♖d1 ♖f6 25.♖xf6 ♔xf6 26.♗c6 ♔e6 27.d7 ♘xd7 28.♗d5+ ♔e7 29.♗xc4 ♖c8=

**21...♖xf6 22.♘e5**

22.♘g5 ♖d8 (22...♖xd6 23.♖f7+ ♔h6 (23...♔g8 24.♖xb7 ♖d7 25.♖xd7 ♗xd7=) 24.h4 ♖d7 25.♖af1 ♖ad8 26.♘xh7 ♗f5 27.♖xd7 ♖xd7 28.♗xf5 ♖xh7 29.♗c2 ♘d5=) 23.♖xf6 (23.h3 ♗c8 24.♖xf6 ♔xf6 25.♘xh7+ ♔g7 26.♘g5 ♖xd6=) 23...♔xf6 24.♘xh7+ ♔g7 25.♘g5 ♖xd6=

**22...♗e6**

22...♖xf1+ 23.♖xf1 ♗e6 24.♗e4 ♖d8 25.♗xb7 ♖xd6 26.♗f3 ♘d7=

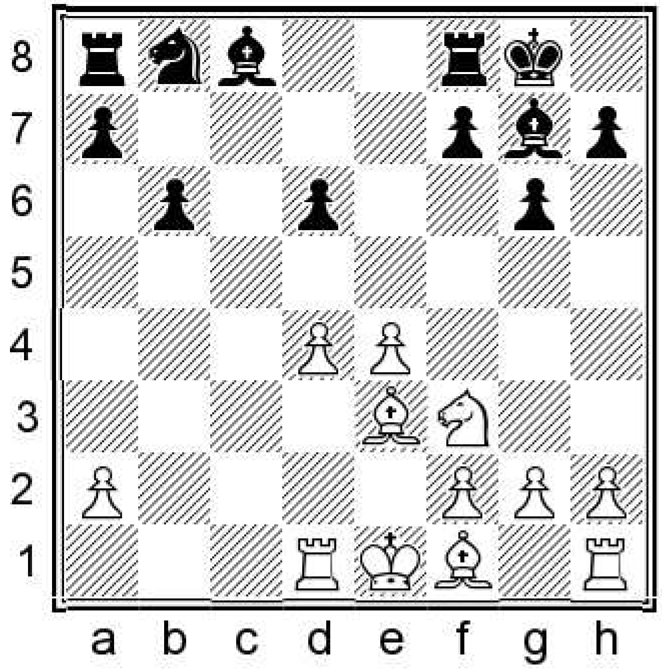
**23.♖fd1 ♖d8 24.♗e4 ♗f5 25.♗xb7 ♖fxd6= 26.♖xd6 ♖xd6 27.♖c1 ♖d2 28.♘xc4 ♘xc4 29.♖xc4 ♖xb2 30.♗d5 ♖c2 1/2-1/2**

**158. D85**
**Carlsen, Magnus (2862) - Vachier Lagrave, Maxime (2784)**
**Wijk aan Zee 147/158, 2021**

**1.d4 ♘f6 2.c4 g6 3.♘c3 d5 4.cxd5 ♘xd5 5.e4 ♘xc3 6.bxc3 ♗g7 7.♕a4+ ♕d7 8.♕a3 b6 9.♘f3 c5**

9...♗b7 - 141/155

**10.♗e3 O-O 11.♖d1 cxd4 12.cxd4 ♕d6 13.♕xd6 exd6**



**14.♖c1N**

14.♗c4 ♗b7 15.♘d2 d5! (15...♘a6 16.O-O ♘b4 17.d5 f5⇄; 15...♘c6 16.d5 ♘e5 17.♗e2 ♖fc8∞) 16.exd5 ♖d8 17.♖c1 ♘d7 18.♘e4 ♘f6 19.♘xf6+ ♗xf6 20.O-O ♗xd5=

**14...♗b7 15.♗d3**

15.♘d2 ♘c6 16.d5 ♘e5 17.♖c7 ♖ab8 18.♘c4 ♘xc4 19.♗xc4 f5∞

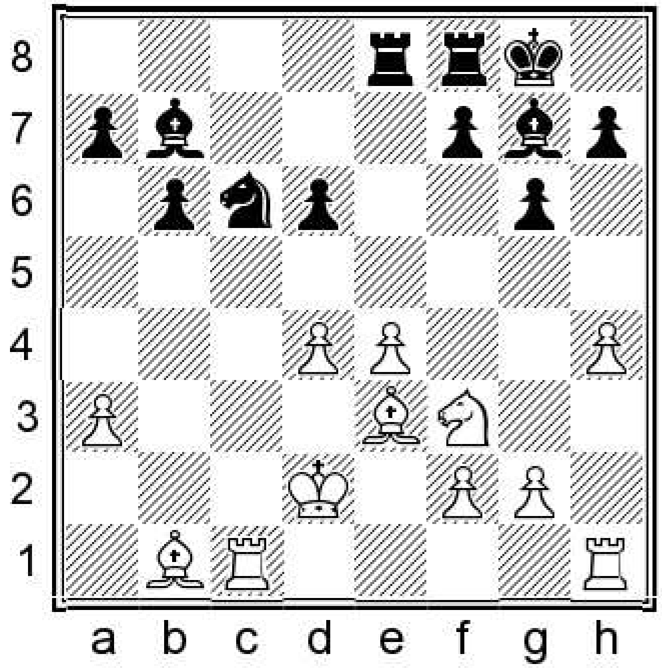
**15...♘c6 16.♔d2**

16.O-O ♖ac8=

**16...♖ac8**

16...d5 17.e5 ♖ac8 (17...f6 18.exf6 ♖xf6 19.h4↑) 18.h4 ♘b4 19.♗b1±

**17.h4 ♘b4 18.♗b1 ♖ce8 19.a3 ♘c6**



**20.♗a2! ♖xe4**

20...♖e7 21.♗d5 ♘a5 22.♗xb7 ♖xb7 23.♔d3±

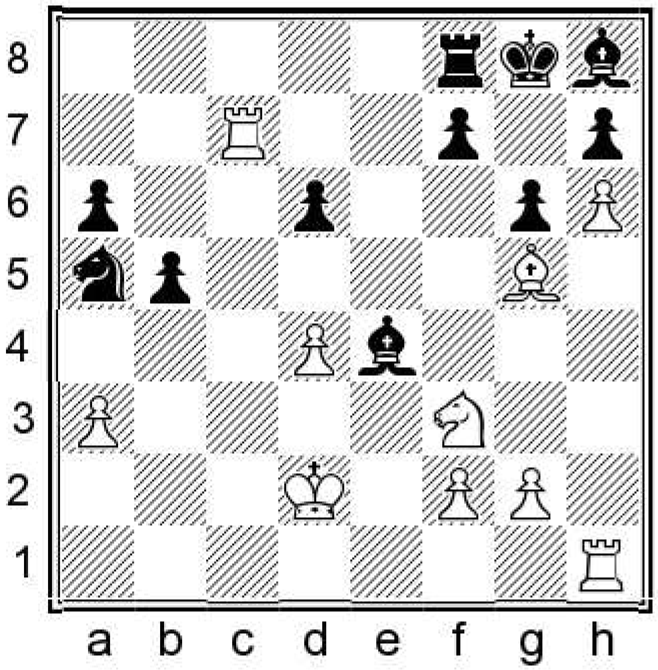
**21.♗d5 ♘a5 22.♗xe4 ♗xe4 23.♖c7 a6 24.h5± b5**

24...♖e8 25.hxg6 (25.h6 ♗f8∞) 25...hxg6 26.♔e2 ♘b3 27.♖d1±

**25.h6! ♗f6 26.♗g5**

26.♔e2 ♘c4 27.♖a7 ♘xa3 (27...a5 28.♖c1 a4 (28...d5 29.♘d2 ♗xg2 30.♘xc4 bxc4 31.♖xa5±) 29.♘d2! ♗d5 30.♘xc4 ♗xc4+ 31.♖xc4 bxc4 32.♖xa4 d5 33.♖a6 ♗e7 34.a4±) 28.♖xa6 ♘c4 29.♖c1 ♖e8 30.♘d2±

**26...♗h8**



26...♗xf3?! 27.♗xf6 ♗xg2 28.♖e1 ♘c4+ 29.♔d3+-

**27.♖h4**

27.♔c3! ♘c4 (27...♘c6 28.♖c1! ♗xf3 29.gxf3 ♘xd4 30.♔b4 ♘e6 31.♗e7 ♘xc7 32.♗xf8 ♔xf8 33.♖xc7 ♗d4 34.♖c8+ ♔e7 35.♖a8+-) 28.♖c1 ♗d5 29.♘d2 ♘xa3 30.♔b4 ♘c4 31.♘xc4 ♗xc4 32.♖1xc4 bxc4 33.♔xc4±

**27...♗d5 28.♔c3 ♘c4?!**

28...♘c6 29.♘e1 (29.♗e3 ♗f6 (29...♖a8 30.♖h1 ♘a5 31.♖c1 ♘c4 32.a4±) 30.♖h1 ♗d8 31.♖d7 ♗a5+ 32.♔d3 ♗c4+ 33.♔c2 ♘b8! 34.♖xd6 ♗c7 35.♖f6 ♗d8 36.♖d6 ♗c7=) 29...a5 30.♘c2 ♗xg2 31.♘e3 ♗f3 32.♖f4 f5 33.♗e7 b4+ 34.axb4 axb4+ 35.♔d2 ♘xe7 36.♖xf3 ♗f6 37.♖b7±

**29.♘d2 ♘xa3?!**

29...♘b6 30.♖a7 f6 31.♗e3±

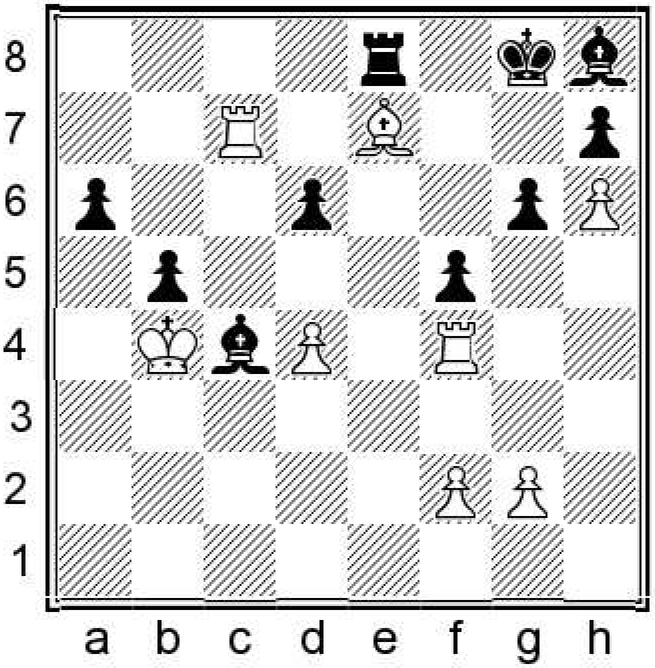
**30.♔b4 ♘c4 31.♘xc4 ♗xc4**

31...bxc4 32.♗e7 ♖a8 33.f3 ♗e6 34.♔c3 d5 35.♖b7+-

**32.♗e7**

32.♖a7 ♖c8 33.♖f4 ♗d5 34.♖xa6+-

**32...♖e8 33.♖f4 f5**



**34.g4!+- ♔f7**

34...fxg4 35.♗xd6 ♗d5 36.♖e7+-

**35.♗xd6+ ♔e6 36.♗c5 ♗f6 37.gxf5+ gxf5 38.♖c6+ ♔f7 39.♖xf5 ♖e6 40.d5 1-0**

**159. D85**
**Carlsen, Magnus (2862) - Vachier Lagrave, Maxime (2784)**
**chess24.com (Int.-m1/1-rapid) 147/159, 2021**

**1.d4 ♘f6 2.c4 g6 3.♘c3 d5 4.cxd5 ♘xd5 5.♗d2 ♗g7 6.e4 ♘b6 7.♗e3 O-O 8.h3 e5 9.♘f3 exd4 10.♗xd4 ♘c6 11.♗xg7 ♕xd1+**

11...♔xg7 - 107/(143)

**12.♖xd1 ♔xg7 13.♗b5 ♘b4 14.a3**

14.O-O a6 15.♗e2 ♗e6 16.a3 ♘c6=

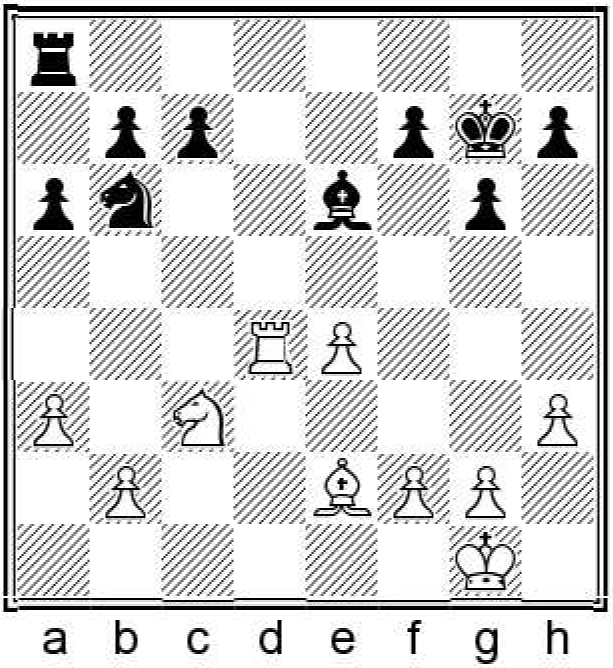
**14...a6 15.♗e2**

15.axb4 axb5 16.b3 (16.♘xb5 ♖a4 17.♘xc7 (17.♖d4 ♖a1+ 18.♖d1 ♖a4=) 17...♖xb4 18.♖d4 ♖xb2 19.O-O ♗d7=) 16...c6=

**15...♘c6 16.♘d4 ♘xd4 17.♖xd4 ♗e6 18.O-O ♖fd8**

18...♖ad8 19.♖fd1 ♖xd4 20.♖xd4 g5 21.f3 (21.h4) 21...♔f6 22.♔f2 ♔e5 23.♔e3 f5 24.exf5 ♗xf5=

**19.♖fd1 ♖xd4 20.♖xd4**



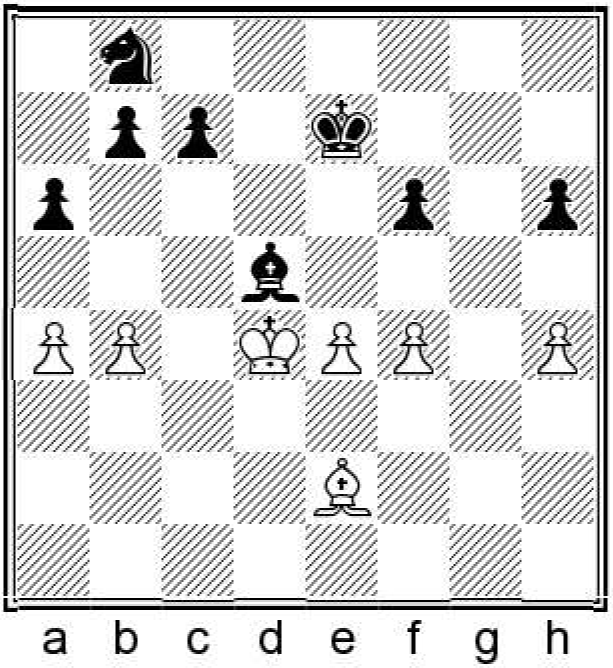
**20...♔f6N**

20...g5 21.h4 gxh4! (21...h6) 22.f4 (22.e5 ♘d7 23.f4 f6 24.♗c4 fxe5 25.fxe5 ♘f8 26.♗xe6 ♘xe6 27.♖g4+ ♔f7 28.♖xh4 ♔g6=) 22...f6 23.f5 ♗d7 (23...♗f7=) 24.♗f3 ♖e8=

**21.f4 ♔e7 22.♔f2 ♖d8 23.♔e3 ♖xd4 24.♔xd4± f6 25.h4 ♘d7 26.b4 h6 27.a4 g5 28.g3!**

28.hxg5 hxg5 29.g3 (29.fxg5 fxg5 30.e5 ♘b8 31.♗f3 b6 32.a5 ♔d7 33.♔e3 ♘c6=) 29...gxf4 30.gxf4 ♘b8 31.♘d5+ ♗xd5 32.♔xd5 (32.exd5 ♔d6=) 32...♘c6 33.♔c5 a5! 34.b5 ♘d8 35.♗g4 b6+ 36.♔d5 ♘b7 37.♔c6 ♘c5 38.♗d1 ♔d8 39.e5 fxe5 40.fxe5 ♘e6 41.♔d5 ♘f4+=

**28...gxf4 29.gxf4 ♘b8 30.♘d5+! ♗xd5**



**31.exd5!**

31.♔xd5 ♘d7 (31...♘c6 32.♔c5 ♘d8 33.♗c4±) 32.♔d4 ♘f8 33.♗g4 ♘g6 34.♗c8 b6 35.♗xa6 ♘xf4 36.♗c4±

**31...b6**

31...♔d6 32.♔e4 c6 33.♔f5 cxd5 34.♔xf6+-

**32.h5+- a5**

32...♔f7 33.♔e4 c6 34.♔d4 ♚e7 35.♗f3 cxd5 36.♔xd5+-

**33.bxa5 bxa5 34.♔c5 f5 35.♗b5 ♚d8 36.♔d4 1-0**

**160. D87**
**Studer, Noel (2582) - Cheparinov, Ivan (2688)**
**Barbera del Valles 147/160, 2020**

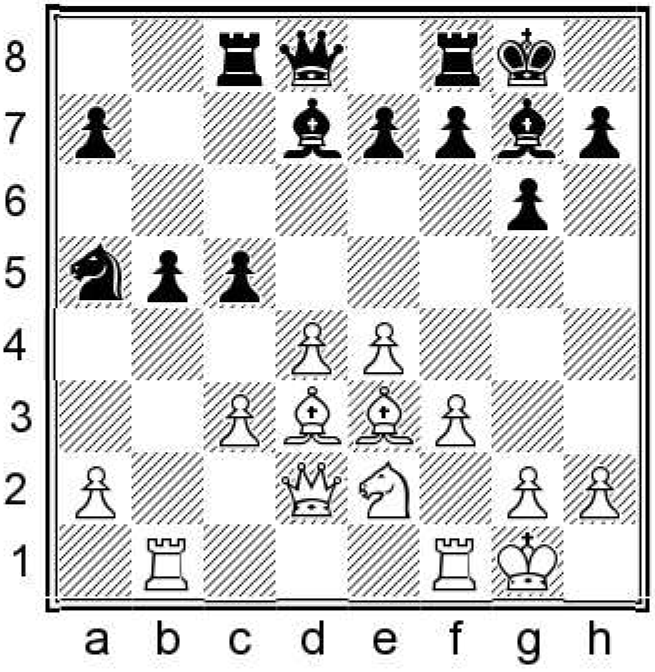
**1.d4 ♘f6 2.c4 g6 3.♘c3 d5 4.cxd5 ♘xd5 5.e4 ♘xc3 6.bxc3 ♗g7 7.♗c4 c5 8.♘e2 O-O 9.♗e3 ♘c6 10.O-O ♗g4 11.f3 ♗d7 12.♖b1 ♘a5 13.♗d3 ♖c8**

13...a6 - 54/478

**14.♕d2**

14.d5 e6 15.c4 b5! 16.cxb5 exd5 17.exd5 ♖e8 18.♗f2 c4! (18...♕g5) 19.♗e4 c3⩱

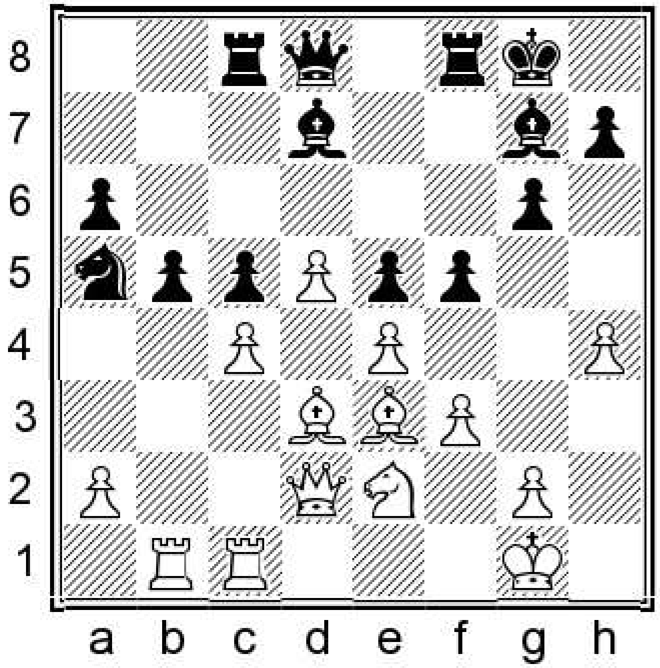
**14...b5**



**15.♖fc1N**

15.♗xb5 ♗xb5 16.♖xb5 ♘c4 17.♕d3 ♘xe3 18.♕xe3 cxd4 19.cxd4 ♖c2⩱; 15.d5 a6 16.♗h6 (16.f4 e6⇄) 16...e6 17.♗xg7 ♔xg7 18.f4 (18.c4 exd5 19.exd5 ♘xc4 20.♗xc4 bxc4 21.♕c3+ ♔g8 22.♘f4 ♗f5∞) 18...f5∞

**15...a6 16.h4 e5 17.d5 f5 18.c4**



18.exf5 gxf5 19.♗g5 ♕e8 (19...♕c7 20.♘g3 (20.♗e7 ♖f7 21.d6 ♕b6∞) 20...♕d6 21.♘h5 ♖f7 22.♘xg7 ♖xg7∞) 20.♘g3 ♕g6 21.h5 ♕d6 22.h6 ♗h8∞

**18...fxe4!**

18...f4?! 19.♗f2 ♘xc4 (19...b4? 20.a3! b3 21.♗e1+-) 20.♗xc4 bxc4 21.♖xc4±

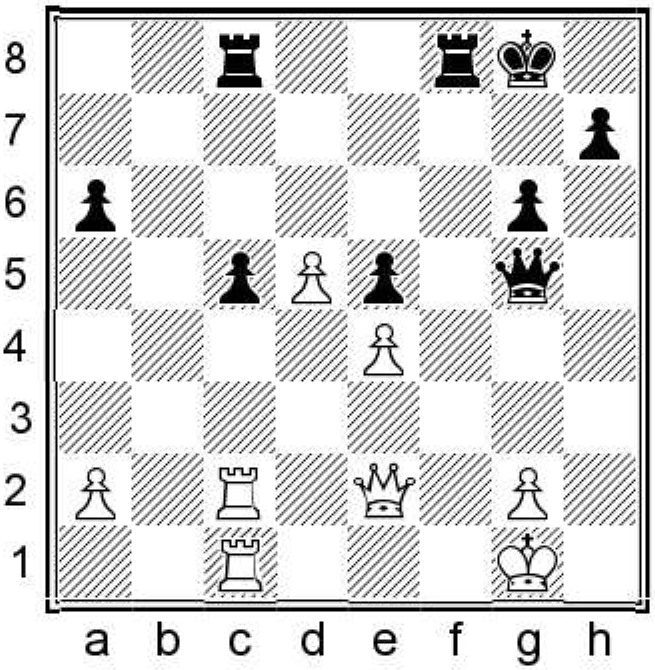
**19.♗g5**

19.fxe4 ♘b7! 20.cxb5 axb5 21.a4 (21.♗xb5 ♗xb5 22.♖xb5 ♘d6 23.♖bxc5 ♖xc5 24.♗xc5 ♘xe4 25.♕c2 ♕xh4 26.♗xf8 ♕f2+ 27.♔h2 ♕h4+=) 21...♘d6 22.♖xc5 bxa4∞

**19...♗f6 20.fxe4 bxc4**

20...♗xg5 21.hxg5 ♘b7 (21...bxc4 22.♗xc4 ♘xc4 23.♖xc4 ♗b5 24.♖c2 - 20...bc4) 22.♖f1 ♘d6 23.♖xf8+ ♔xf8∞

**21.♗xc4 ♘xc4 22.♖xc4 ♗b5 23.♖c2 ♗xg5 24.hxg5 ♗xe2 25.♕xe2 ♕xg5 26.♖bc1**



**26...♖b8**

26...♖f6 27.♖xc5 ♖xc5 28.♖xc5 ♖b6 29.♖c8+ ♔g7 30.♖c7+ ♔g8 (30...♔h6 31.♕f2 ♖b1+ 32.♔h2 ♕h5+ 33.♔g3 ♕g5+=) 31.♖c8+ ♔g7=

**27.♖xc5 ♖b2! 28.♕xb2 ♕e3+ 29.♔h2 ♕h6+ 30.♔g1 ♕e3+ 31.♔h2 1/2-1/2**

**161. * D87**
**Duda, Jan Krzysztof (2743) - Giri, Anish (2764)**
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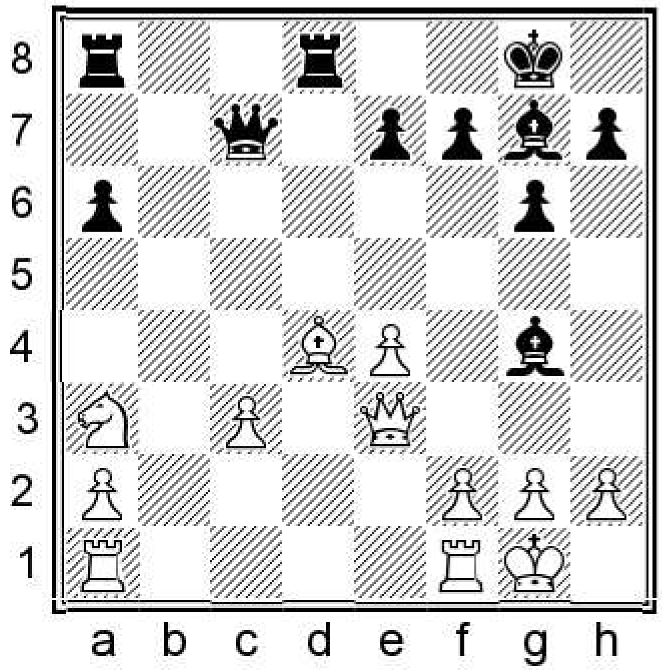
**1.d4 ♘f6 2.c4 g6 3.♘c3 d5 4.cxd5 ♘xd5 5.e4 ♘xc3 6.bxc3 ♗g7 7.♗c4 c5 8.♘e2 O-O 9.O-O ♘c6 10.♗e3 b6 11.dxc5 ♕c7 12.♘d4 ♘e5 13.♘b5 ♕b8 14.♗e2 bxc5 15.♗xc5 a6 16.♘a3**

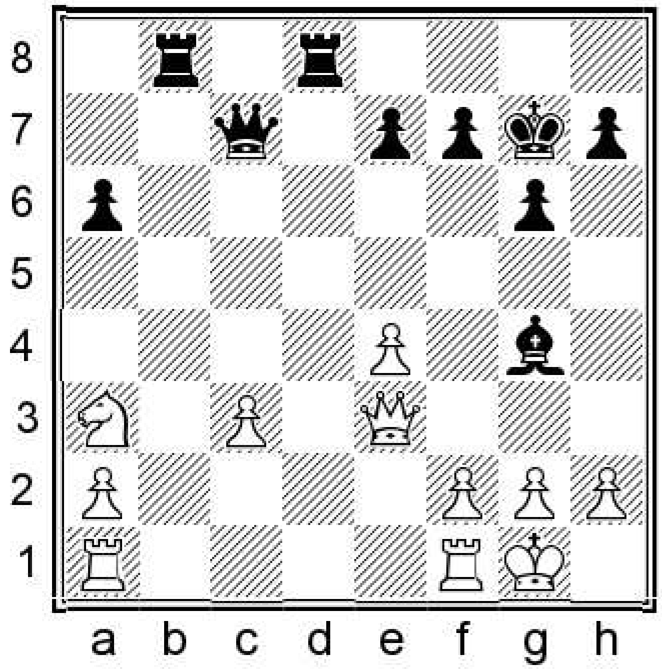
16.♘d4 - 143/(156)

**16...♕c7 17.♗d4 ♖d8 18.♕c1 ♘g4 19.♗xg4 ♗xg4 20.♕e3**

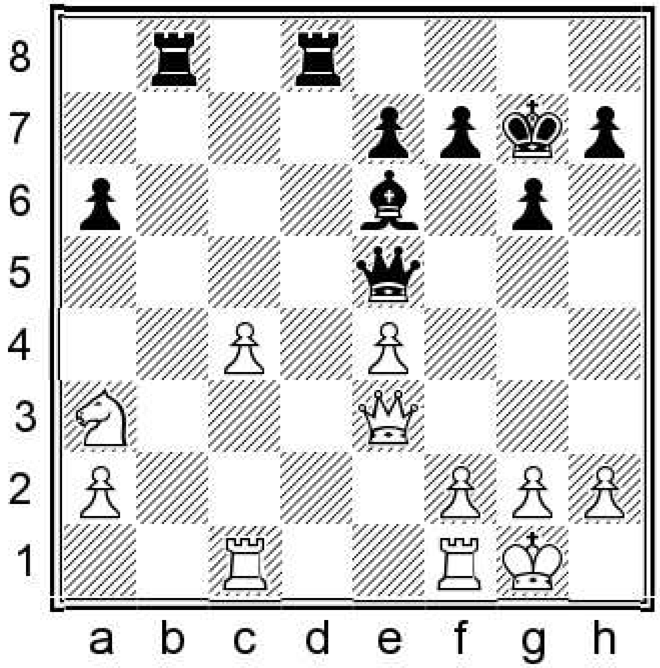


**20...♖ac8N**

20...♖ab8 - 147/(161) 21.♗xg7 ♔xg7



22.c4N (22.♘c2 ♖bc8 23.♘b4 (23.♕g5 ♗e2 24.♖fe1 h6 25.♕c1 ♗d3∓) 23...♕xc3 24.♕xc3+ ♖xc3 25.♘d5 ♖c4 26.f3 ♗e6=) 22...♗e6 23.♖ac1 (23.c5 ♖bc8 24.♖ac1 ♗xa2 25.♖c2 ♗e6∞) 23...♕e5

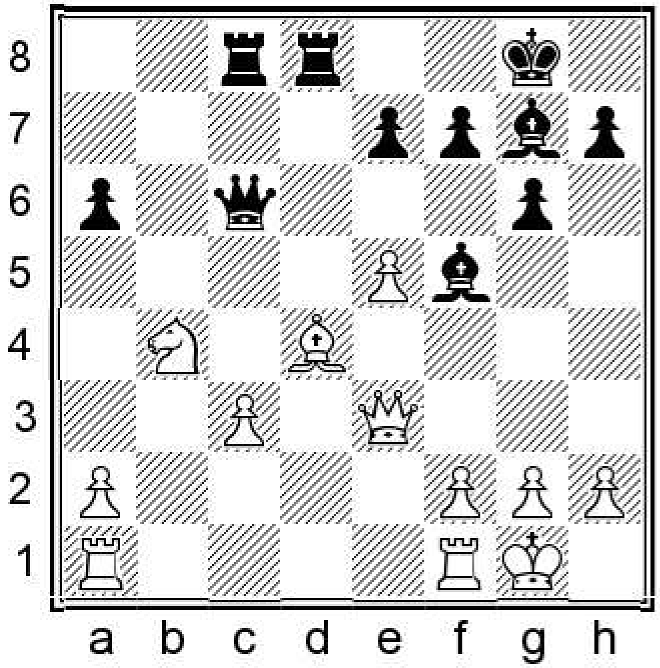


24.♕c3 (24.c5 ♖b4 25.f3 f6 26.c6 ♗xa2 27.c7 ♖c8∞) 24...♕xc3 25.♖xc3 ♖d2 26.c5 ♖bb2 27.c6 ♖xa2 28.c7 ♗c8 29.h3 a5 30.♘b5 ♖dc2= 31.♖xc2 ♖xc2 32.♖a1 ♗d7 33.♖xa5 ♗xb5 34.♖xb5 ♖xc7 1/2 (34) Bares,J-Boulanger,M corr 147/(161) 2020

**21.e5**

21.h3 ♗e6 22.e5 ♕c6 23.♘c2 a5=∞

**21...♕c6 22.♘c2 ♗f5 23.♘b4**



**23...♕e4!?**

23...♕c4 24.♖fd1 h5 25.♘d3 ♔h7=∞

**24.♕xe4 ♗xe4 25.♖fe1 ♗b7 26.♖ab1 e6 27.♘d3**

27.♘c2 ♗c6 28.♖b6 ♗b5 29.♘e3 ♗f8⯹

**27...♗d5 28.♘c5 ♗f8 29.♘xa6 ♗xa2 30.♖b6 ♗c4 31.h3 ♗xa6 32.♖xa6 ♗c5= 33.♖a4 ♗xd4 34.cxd4**

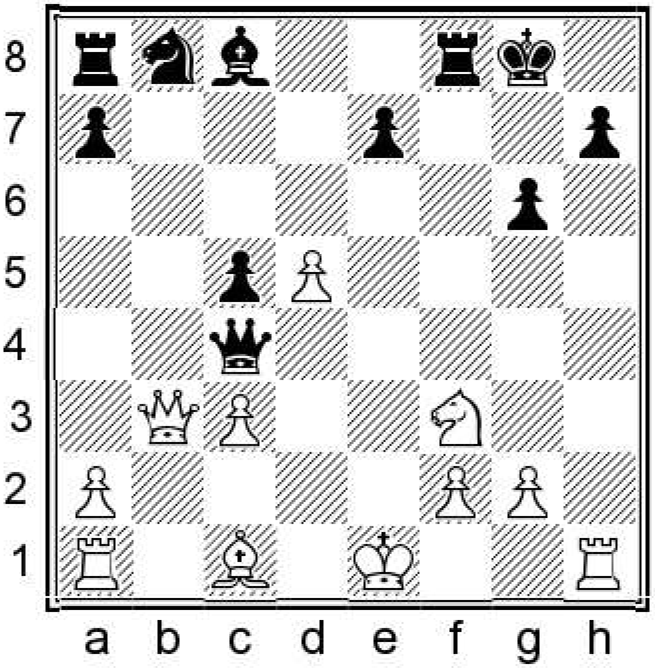
34.♖xd4 ♖d5! 35.♖xd5 exd5 36.♖d1 ♖c5 37.♖d3 ♔f8 38.f4 ♔e7 39.♔f2 ♔e6=

**34...♖c2 35.g3 ♖d2 36.♖e4 ♖d7 37.♔g2 ♔g7 38.h4 h6 39.♔f3 1/2-1/2**

**162. *** D90**
**Fedoseev, Vladimir (2674) - Chigaev, Maksim (2619)**
**Russia (ch) 147/162, 2020**

**1.d4 ♘f6 2.c4 g6 3.♘c3 d5 4.♘f3 ♗g7 5.h4 dxc4 6.e4 c5 7.d5 O-O 8.♗xc4 b5 9.♗xb5 ♘xe4 10.♘xe4 ♕a5+ 11.♘c3 ♗xc3+ 12.bxc3 ♕xb5 13.h5 ♕c4 14.hxg6 fxg6 15.♖h4** - 147/162

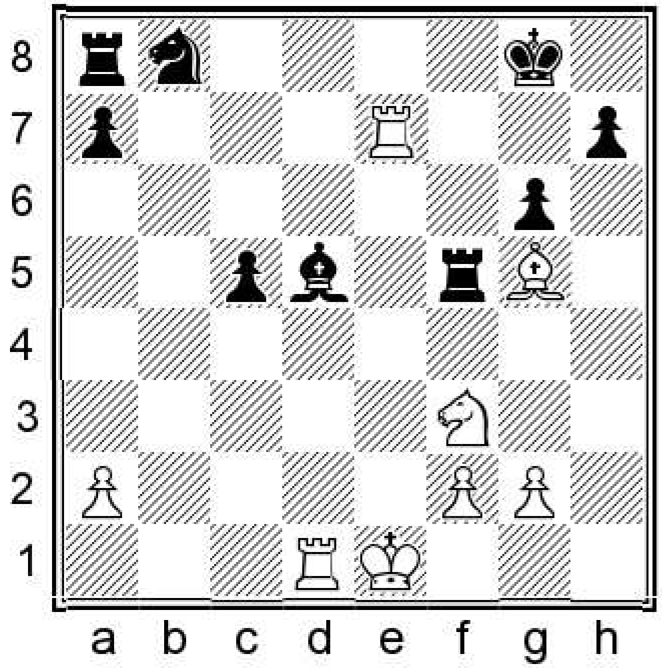
15.♕b3?!N



15...♗a6 (15...♕g4! 16.d6+ (16.♘h4 ♗a6 17.d6+ ♗c4-+) 16...e6 17.d7 (17.♘h4 g5-+) 17...♗xd7 18.♔f1 ♖xf3 19.gxf3 ♕xf3 20.♖h4 ♘c6∓) 16.♕xc4 ♗xc4 17.♘g5 h5 18.♘e6 ♖c8∞ Yuffa,D (2594)-Baron,T (2519) lichess.org (Int.-blitz) 147/(162) 2020

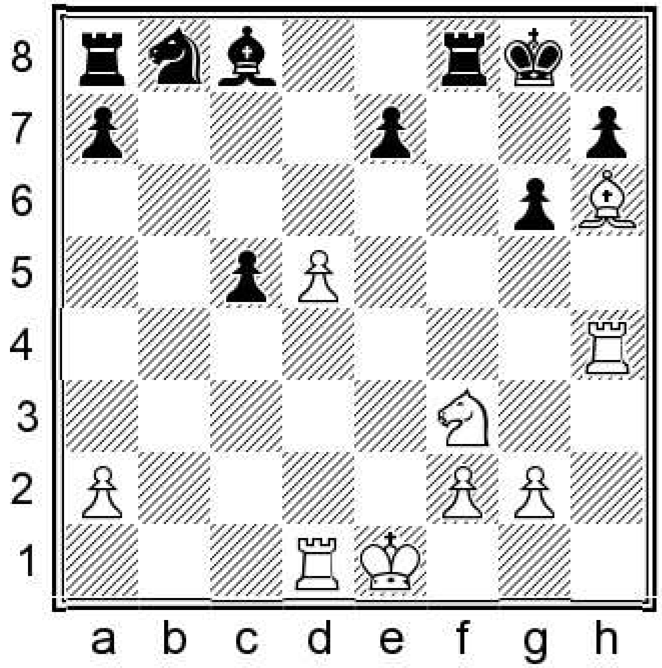
**15...♕xc3+ 16.♗d2 ♕d3 17.♗h6**

17.♗g5 ♕xd1+ 18.♖xd1 ♖f5 19.♖e4 ♗b7 20.♖xe7 ♗xd5



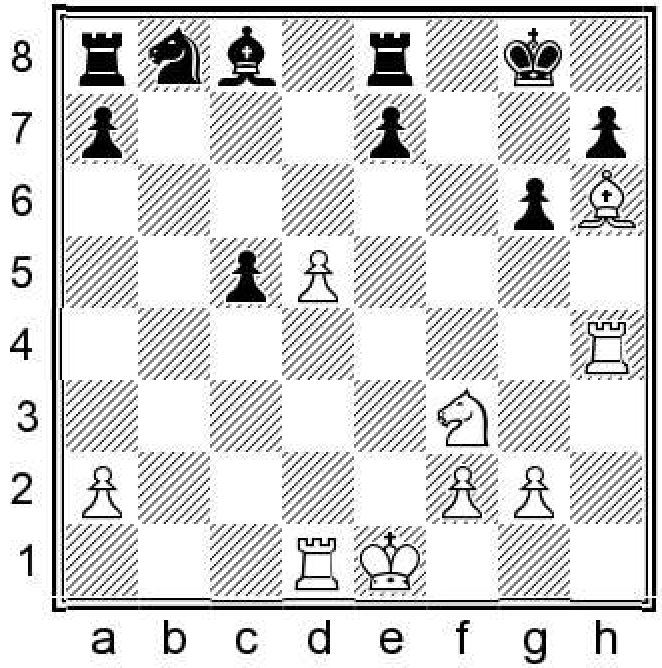
21.g4N (21.♖e8+ ♔f7 22.♖e7+=) 21...♘c6 (21...♖xf3 22.♖xd5 (22.♗h6 ♘d7 23.♖xd5 ♘f6 24.♖de5 ♖h3 25.g5 ♘h5 26.♖xc5 a5 27.♖cc7 ♖b8 28.♗g7 ♖h1+ 29.♔d2 ♖d8+ 30.♔c2 ♘xg7 31.♖xg7+ ♔h8=) 22...♘c6 23.♖c7 ♖e8+ 24.♔f1 ♖e5 25.♖xe5 ♘xe5 26.♗h6 ♖h3 27.g5 ♘g4 28.♖xc5 ♘xh6 29.gxh6 ♖xh6 30.♖a5 ♖h5 31.♖xa7 ♖f5=) 22.gxf5 ♗xf3 23.♖c7 ♖e8+= 24.♔d2 ♗xd1 25.♔xd1 ♘e5 26.fxg6 ♘xg6 1/2 (26) Spirin, A-Chumanov,V corr 147/(162) 2020

**17...♕xd1+ 18.♖xd1**

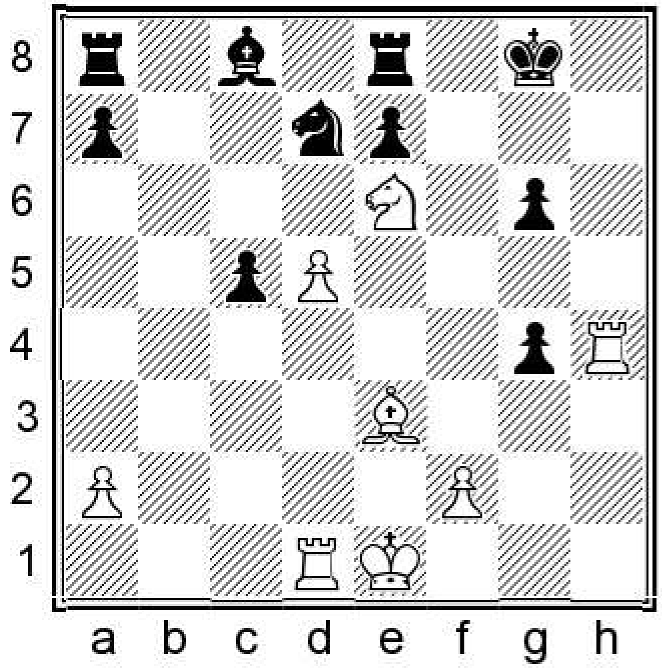


**18...♖f5!**

18...♖e8



19.♗e3N (19.♘g5 - 130/165) 19...♘d7 20.♘g5 h5 (20...♘f6 21.♗xc5 ♗b7 22.♔f1 ♗xd5 23.♘xh7 ♗xa2 24.♘xf6+ exf6 25.♖d7 ♗f7 26.♗xa7=) 21.g4 hxg4 22.♘e6



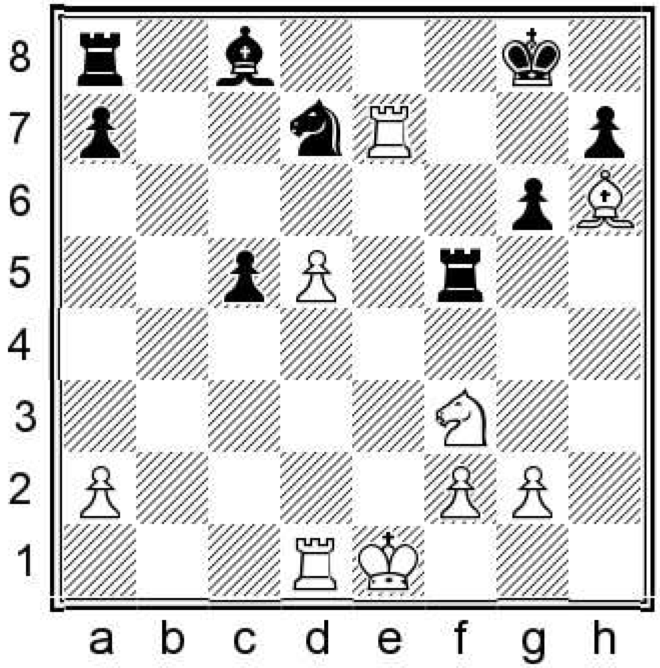
(22.♖h6 ♘e5 23.♗xc5 ♗f5 24.♗d4 ♘f7 (24...♘f3+ 25.♘xf3 gxf3 26.♖h8+ ♔f7 27.♖h7+=) 25.♘xf7 ♔xf7 26.♖h7+= ♔g8 27.♖h8+ ♔f7 28.♖h7+=) 22...♖b8 (22...♘e5! 23.♔f1 (23.♘g5 ♗f5 24.♗xc5 ♖ad8 25.♗xa7 ♗d3∓) 23...♗xe6 24.dxe6 ♘f3 25.♖h1 ♖ac8∓) 23.♖xg4 ♘f8 24.♗xc5 ♖b5 25.♗xa7 ♘xe6 26.dxe6 ♗xe6 27.♖xg6+ ♔f7 28.♖g3 ♖a8 29.♗d4 ♖xa2= Gareyev,T (2606)-Bai,J (2618) lichess. org (Int.-blitz) 147/(162) 2020

**19.♖e4N**

19.d6 e5 20.♗e3 (20.♘g5 ♘d7 21.♖b1 ♖b8 22.♖xb8 ♘xb8 23.♖c4 ♘d7 24.♘e4 ♖h5 25.♗e3 ♔f7

26.♘xc5 ♘xc5 27.♖xc5 ♗d7=) 20...♘d7 21.♘g5 h5 22.f3 ♖b8=

**19...♘d7 20.♖xe7**



**20...♖h5! 21.♗e3**

21.♗g5 ♘b6 22.d6 (22.♖e8+ ♔f7 23.♖e7+ ♔g8=) 22...♗g4 23.d7 ♖h1+ 24.♔e2 ♖xd1 25.♔xd1 ♗xd7 (25...♘xd7 26.♔c2 ♗xf3 27.gxf3 ♘b6 28.♗h6 ♘d5 29.♖g7+ ♔h8 30.♖d7 ♘b6 31.♖c7 ♘d5 32.♖d7=) 26.♗f6 ♗a4+ 27.♔c1 ♖d8 28.♖g7+ ♔f8 29.♖xh7 ♖d1+ 30.♔b2 ♖f1 31.♖xa7 ♖xf2+ 32.♔a3 ♗d7=

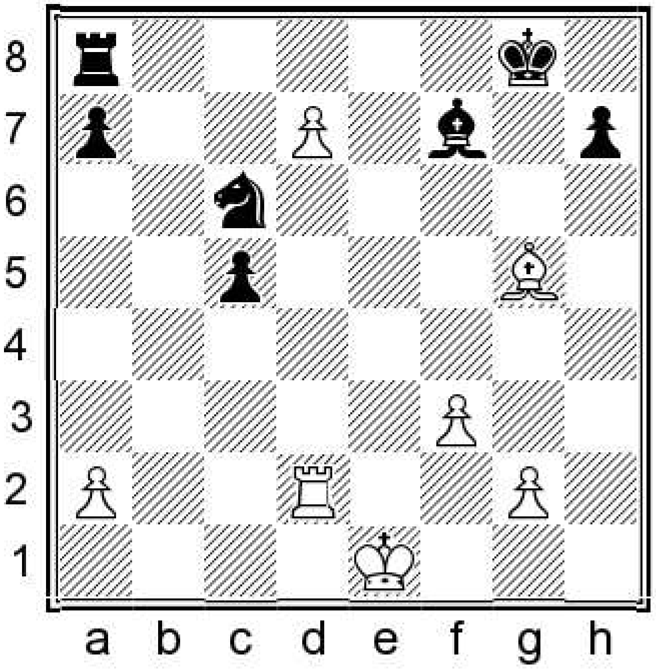
**21...♘f6 22.d6**

22.♗xc5 ♗g4 23.♖xa7 ♖c8 24.♗d4 ♘xd5 25.♔d2 ♘c3 26.♗xc3 (26.♖e1 ♘b5 27.♖g7+ ♔f8 28.♖ee7 ♗xf3 29.♖ef7+ ♔e8 30.♖e7+ ♔f8=) 26...♖d5+ 27.♔c1 ♖xc3+ 28.♔b2 ♖xd1 29.♔xc3 ♗xf3 30.gxf3 ♖f1=

**22...♗g4 23.♖d3 ♘d5 24.♖e5 ♘b4**

24...♘xe3 25.♖exe3 ♗xf3 26.♖xf3 ♖e5+ 27.♖fe3 ♖xe3+ 28.fxe3 ♔f7=

**25.♖d2 ♗xf3 26.♖xh5 ♗xh5= 27.d7 ♘c6 28.f3 g5! 29.♗xg5 ♗f7**



**30.a3**

30.d8=Q+ ♘xd8 31.♗xd8 ♗xa2 32.♖xa2 ♖xd8 33.♖xa7

**30...♘d8 31.♖e2 ♘c6 32.♖d2 ♘d8 33.♖e2 ♘c6 34.♖d2 ♘d8 1/2-1/2**

**163. D97**
**Duda, Jan Krzysztof (2743) - Vachier Lagrave, Maxime (2784)**
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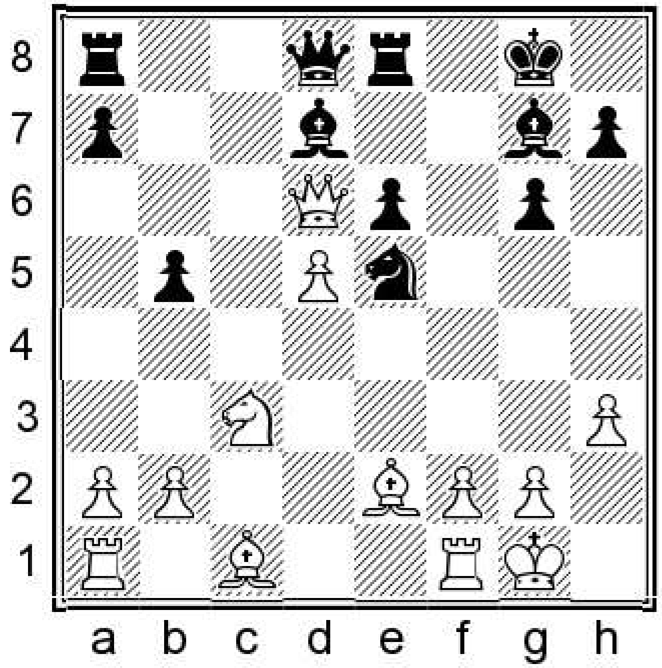
**1.d4 ♘f6 2.c4 g6 3.♘c3 d5 4.♘f3 ♗g7 5.♕b3 dxc4 6.♕xc4 O-O 7.e4 ♘c6 8.♗e2 e5 9.d5 ♘d4 10.♘xd4 exd4 11.♕xd4 c6 12.♕c4 b5 13.♕xc6 ♗d7 14.♕d6 ♖e8 15.e5 ♘g4 16.e6 fxe6 17.h3 ♘e5 18.O-ON**



18.dxe6 - 142/172

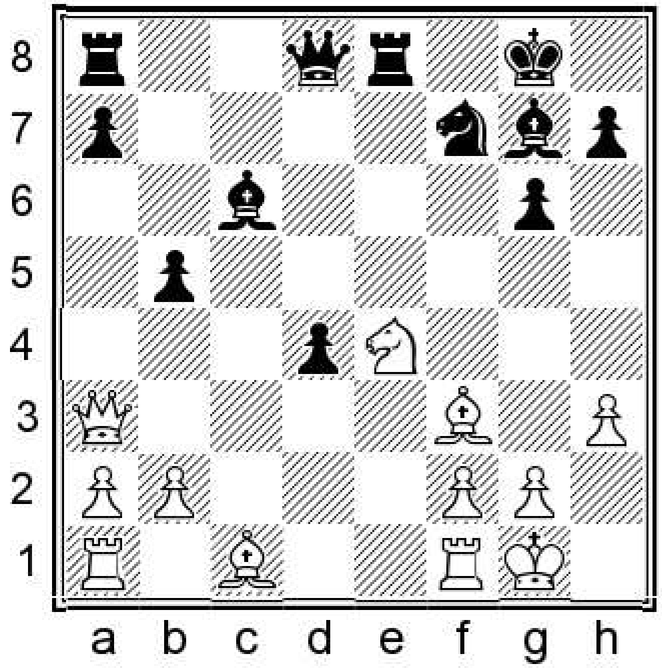
**18...♘f7! 19.♕a3**

19.♕f4 exd5 20.♗e3 ♗e5 21.♕b4 d4 22.♗xd4 a5 23.♕c5 b4 24.♘d5 ♖c8 25.♕b6 ♗f5 26.♕xd8 ♖cxd8 27.♗xe5 ♖xd5 28.f4 ♘xe5 29.fxe5 ♖dxe5 30.♗c4+ ♔g7 31.♖ad1 ♖8e7=

**19...exd5 20.♗f3**

20.♗xb5 ♗xb5 21.♘xb5 ♕d7 (21...♖b8 22.♘c3 d4 23.♘a4 ♕a5≅) 22.♘c3 d4 23.♘a4 ♖ac8≅

**20...d4 21.♘e4 ♗c6?!**



21...♘e5!? 22.♘g5 ♘xf3+ 23.♕xf3 ♕f6 24.♕d5+ ♗e6 25.♘xe6 ♕xe6 26.♕xb5 a6 27.♕a5 ♕e5 28.♕xe5 ♖xe5 29.♗d2 ♖e2 30.♖ad1 ♖f8=∞; 21...b4 22.♕xb4 ♖b8 23.♕a3 ♗f5 24.♘g3 ♗c2=∞

**22.♘g5?!**

22.♘d6! ♗xf3 (22...b4 23.♕xb4 ♖b8 24.♕a3 ♘xd6 25.♗xc6 ♖f8 26.♖b1±) 23.♘xe8 ♗xg2 24.♔xg2 ♕xe8 25.♗f4±

**22...♗xf3 23.♘xf3 ♕d5 24.♖d1 ♘d6 25.♕d3 ♖ac8 26.a4**

26.♗f4 ♘c4 27.♖ab1 ♕e4 28.♕xe4 ♖xe4 29.♗g3 ♖ce8∞

**26...b4 27.♗e3 ♘c4 28.♖ab1 ♘xe3 29.fxe3 b3! 30.exd4**

30.♘xd4 ♗xd4 31.exd4 ♖c2 32.♖d2 ♖xd2 33.♕xd2 ♖c8 34.♕d3 ♖c2 35.♕g3 ♕xd4+ 36.♔h2 ♔g7=

**30...♖c2 31.♖d2 ♕c4**

31...♖ec8 32.♖e2 ♗h6 33.♖e5 ♕c4 34.♕xc4+ ♖8xc4=

**32.♕xc4+ ♖xc4 33.♖d3**

33.d5 ♖d8 34.d6 ♖d7 35.♖e1 ♗f6 36.♖e3 ♖xa4 37.♖xb3 ♖a6 38.♖bd3 ♖b6 39.b3 ♔f7=

**33...♖xa4 34.♖xb3 ♗xd4+ 35.♘xd4 ♖xd4 36.♖b7 ♖d2 37.♖c1 ♖f8! 38.b3**

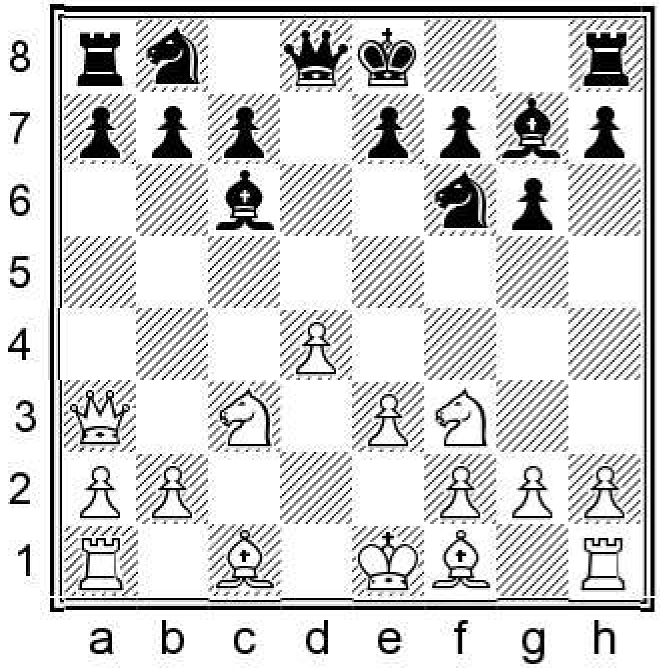
38.♖cc7 ♖ff2 39.♖b8+ ♖f8 40.♖xf8+ ♔xf8 41.♖xa7 ♖xb2 42.♖xh7 ♔g8=

**38...♖f7 39.♖c8+ ♔g7 40.♖xf7+ ♔xf7 41.♖c7+ ♔f6 42.♖xa7 ♖b2= 43.♖b7 h5 44.h4 ♖c2 45.♖b4 ♔f5 46.♔h2 ♖c3 47.♖b5+ ♔g4 48.♖b4+ ♔f5 49.g3 ♖c2+ 50.♔h3 ♔f6 51.♖f4+ ♔g7 52.b4 ♖b2 53.♖c4 ♔h6 54.g4 ♖b3+ 55.♔g2 hxg4 56.♖xg4 ♔h5 57.♖c4 g5 58.hxg5 ♔xg5 59.♔f2 ♔f5 60.♔e2 ♔e5 61.♔d2 ♔d5 62.♖c5+ ♔d4 63.♖h5 ♖xb4 64.♖h4+ ♔c5 65.♖xb4 ♔xb4 1/2-1/2**

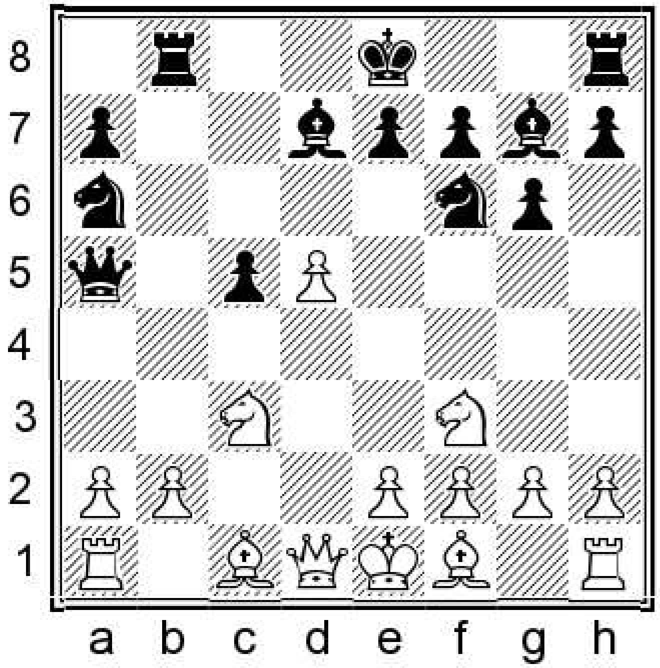
**164. *** D97**
**Shankland, Samuel L (2691) - Vachier Lagrave, Maxime (2784)**
**chess24.com (Int.-rapid) 147/164, 2021**

**1.d4 ♘f6 2.c4 g6 3.♘c3 d5 4.♘f3 ♗g7 5.♕b3 dxc4 6.♕xc4 O-O**

6...♗e6 7.♕a4+ ♗d7 8.♕b3 (8.♕a3 ♗c6 (8...b5 - 136/(154)) 9.e3

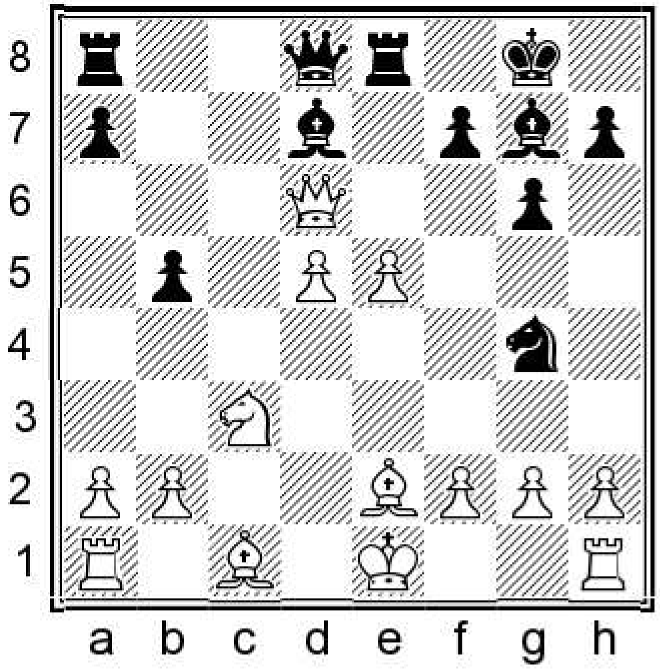


9...♗xf3N (9...♘bd7) 10.gxf3 ♘bd7 11.f4 (11.e4 O-O 12.♗e3 (12.e5 ♘h5∞) 12...c6 13.O-O-O a5 14.♔b1 b5 15.♘e2 ♘b6∞) 11...O-O 12.♗g2 c6 13.O-O e6 14.♖d1 ♕b6 15.♗d2 ♖fd8 16.♗e1 ♗f8 17.♕a4 ♘d5 18.♘xd5 exd5 19.b4 a6∞ Aronian, L (2781)-Vachier Lagrave,M (2784) chess24.com (Int.-m1/4-rapid) 147/ (164) 2021) 8...c5 9.d5 b5 10.♘xb5 ♘a6 11.♘c3 ♖b8 12.♕d1 ♕a5



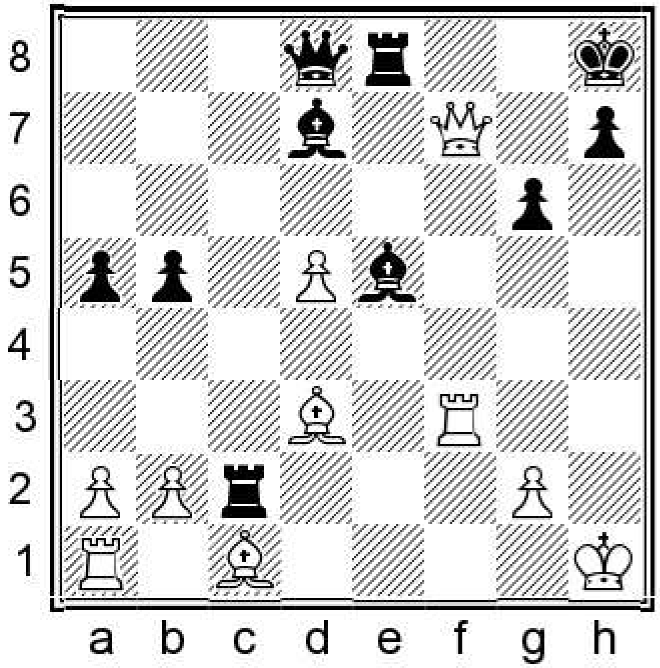
13.♕d2N (13.♘d2 - 146/(161)) 13...♘b4 14.e4 ♗a4! 15.b3 (15.♗d3 ♘xd3+ 16.♕xd3 ♘xe4-+) 15...♗xb3 16.♖b1 ♗c2-+ Aronian,L (2781)-Vachier Lagrave,M (2784) chess24.com (Int.-m1/2-rapid) 147/(164) 2021

**7.e4 ♘c6 8.♗e2 e5 9.d5 ♘d4 10.♘xd4 exd4 11.♕xd4 c6 12.♕c4 b5 13.♕xc6 ♗d7 14.♕d6 ♖e8 15.e5 ♘g4**



**16.♗f4N**

16.f4?! - 147/(164) 16...♘xe5! 17.fxe5 (17.O-O ♘g4 18.♗xg4 ♗xg4 19.♕xd8 ♖axd8 20.h3 ♗f5∓) 17...♗xe5 18.♕b4 a5 19.♕c5 ♖c8 20.♕f2 ♖xc3!-+ 21.O-O (21.bxc3 ♗xc3+ 22.♗d2 ♗xd2+ (22...♗xa1? 23.O-O∞) 23.♔xd2 ♕g5+ 24.♔e1 ♗g4-+) 21...♖c2 22.♕xf7+ ♔h8 23.♗d3 ♗xh2+! 24.♔h1 (24.♔xh2 ♕h4+ 25.♔g1 ♖xg2+! 26.♔xg2 ♗h3+ 27.♔h2 ♗xf1+ 28.♔g1 ♕g3+ 29.♔h1 ♕g2#) 24...♗e5 25.♖f3 Hu,Z (2123)-Tancik,K (2266) Novi Sad 147/(164) 2020 (25.♖f3



25...♗g4! 26.♗g5 (26.♗xc2 ♕h4+-+) 26...♗xf3! 27.gxf3 (27.♗xd8 ♗xg2+ 28.♔g1 ♗d4+ 29.♔h2 ♗xd5+ 30.♗xc2 ♗xf7-+) 27...♖h2+ 28.♔g1 ♕b6+-+)

16.e6 - 142/172

**16...♘xe5 17.O-O a6 18.♕a3**

18.♗e3 ♗g4 19.♕xd8 ♖axd8 20.♗xg4 ♘xg4 21.♗b6 ♖d7 22.♖fd1 ♗xc3 23.bxc3 ♘e5 24.d6 ♘c4 25.♗c7 ♖e6=

**18...♕b6 19.♗e3**

19.♕b3 ♖ac8 20.♗e3 ♕b8 21.♖ad1 ♘c4 22.♗xc4 (22.♗d4 ♗f8=∞) 22...♖xc4=∞

**19...♕b7=∞**

19...♕b8!?

**20.♕b3 ♖ac8 21.a4 ♗g4 22.♖fe1**

22.f3 ♘d7! 23.♗f2 ♗f5 24.♘e4 ♗xe4 25.fxe4 ♘c5 26.♗xc5 ♖xc5 27.♗d3 ♗e5 28.g3 h5=∞

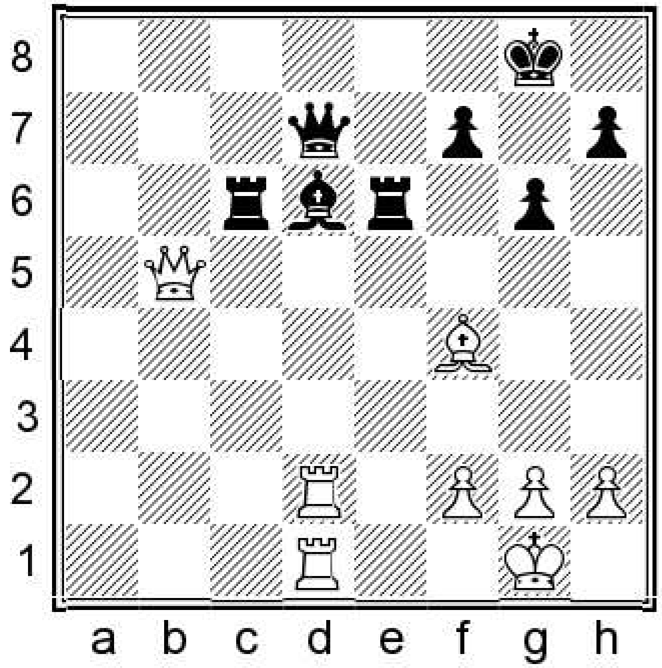
**22...♗xe2 23.♖xe2 ♘c4 24.♖d1 ♘xb2 25.♕xb2 ♖xc3**

25...♗xc3 26.♕b3 b4 27.♖c2 ♖ed8∞

**26.♕b1 ♕d7**

26...b4 27.d6 h6 28.♖ee1 a5∞

**27.axb5 axb5 28.d6 ♗f8 29.♖a2 ♗xd6 30.♖ad2 ♖e6 31.♗f4 ♖c6 32.♕xb5**



**32...♖c1!= 33.♕f1**

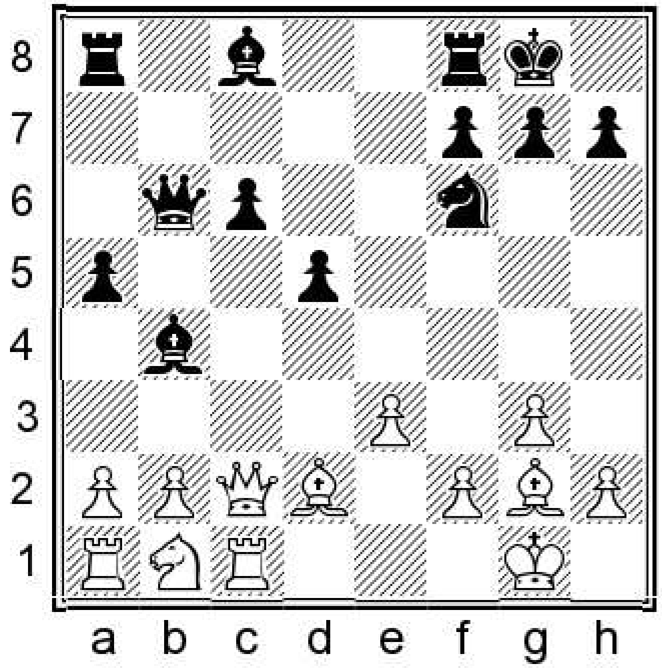
33.♕xd7?? ♖e1+ 34.♖xe1 ♖xe1#

**33...♖xd1 34.♖xd1 ♕e7 35.♗xd6 ♖xd6 36.♖xd6 ♕xd6 37.g3 h5 38.h4 ♕e6 39.♕d3 ♕e1+ 40.♔g2 ♕e6 41.♕d8+ 1/2-1/2**

# E00-E24

**165. * E01**
**Karjakin, Sergey (2752) - Matlakov, Maxim (2698)**
**Russia (ch) 147/165, 2020**

**1.d4 ♘f6 2.c4 e6 3.♘f3 d5 4.g3 ♗b4+ 5.♗d2 a5 6.♗g2 O-O 7.♕c2 c5 8.cxd5 cxd4 9.♘xd4 ♕b6 10.e3 exd5 11.O-O ♘c6 12.♘xc6 bxc6 13.♖c1**



**13...♗e6!**

13...♖b8 - 146/163

**14.♕xc6N**

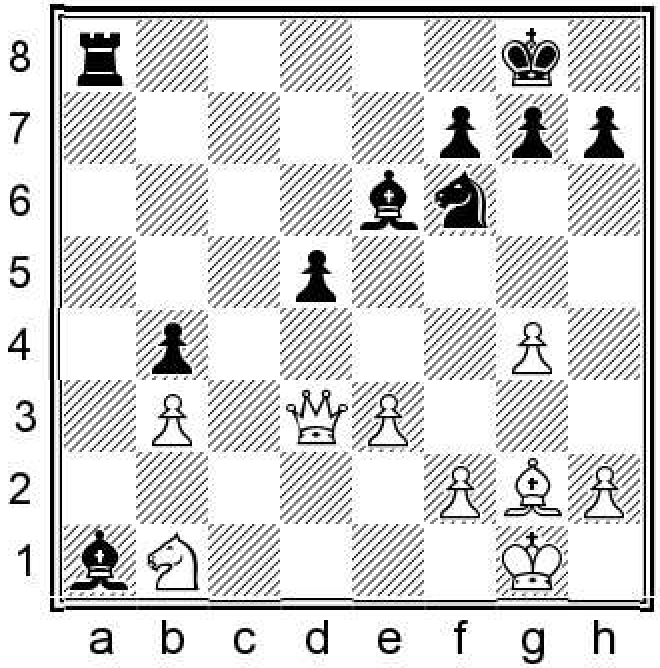
14.♘c3 c5 15.♘a4 ♕a7 16.b3∞ (16.♘xc5? ♖fc8-+)

**14...♗xd2 15.♕xb6 ♗xc1 16.♕d4 ♖fb8 17.b3 ♖b4 18.♕d3**

18.♕e5? ♖c8!-+ Δ Nd7

**18...♗b2 19.a3 ♗xa1 20.axb4 axb4 21.h3**

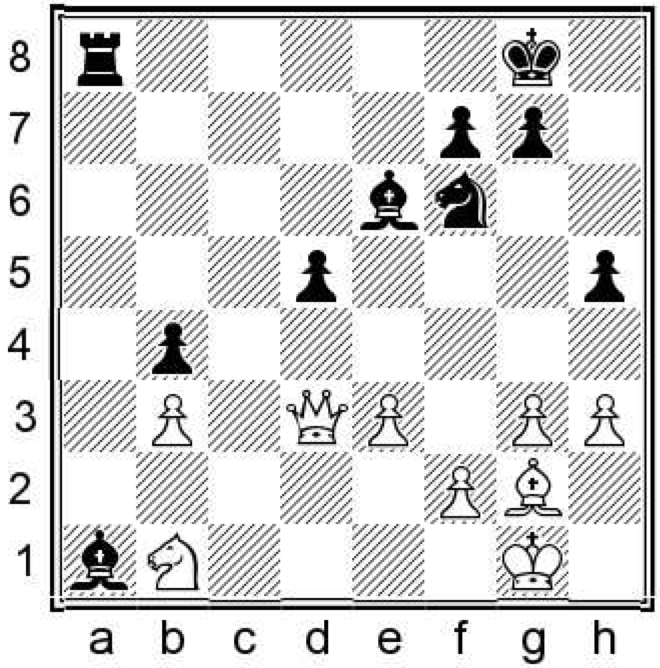
21.g4



21...♖c8! 22.♗f3 (22.g5 ♖c1+ 23.♗f1 ♗c3!=∞ (23...♗h3? 24.♘d2 ♗c3 25.e4!+-)) 22...h5 23.g5 ♘e4 24.♗xe4 dxe4 25.♕xe4 g6=∞

**21...h6** - 147/165

21...h5!?N



22.♘d2 (22.f4 g6∞; 22.g4 hxg4 23.hxg4 ♖c8 24.g5 ♖c1+ 25.♔h2 ♘g4+ 26.♔g3 ♗e5+ 27.f4 ♖e1! 28.♕b5 ♖xe3+ 29.♗f3 ♗d6∞) 22...♗c3 23.♕c2 g6 24.♘f3 ♗f5 25.♕e2 ♖a3 26.♘d4 ♗xd4 27.exd4 ♖xb3=∞ Tsydypov,Z (2558)-Paravyan,D (2647) Khanty-Mansiysk (rapid) 147/(165) 2020

**22.f4 ♖c8?**

22...g6 23.g4 ♔g7! (23...♖a5!? 24.e4 ♔g7 (24...♘xe4? 25.♗xe4 dxe4 26.♕d8++-) 25.e5 (25.exd5 ♗xd5 (25...♘xd5? 26.f5) 26.g5 hxg5 27.fxg5 ♘h5 28.♗xd5 ♘f4 29.♕e4 ♘xd5±) 25...♘e4 26.♗xe4 dxe4 27.♕xe4±) 24.f5 gxf5 25.gxf5 ♗d7 26.♗xd5 ♖a5! 27.e4 ♗xf5! 28.exf5 ♖xd5 29.♕f3±

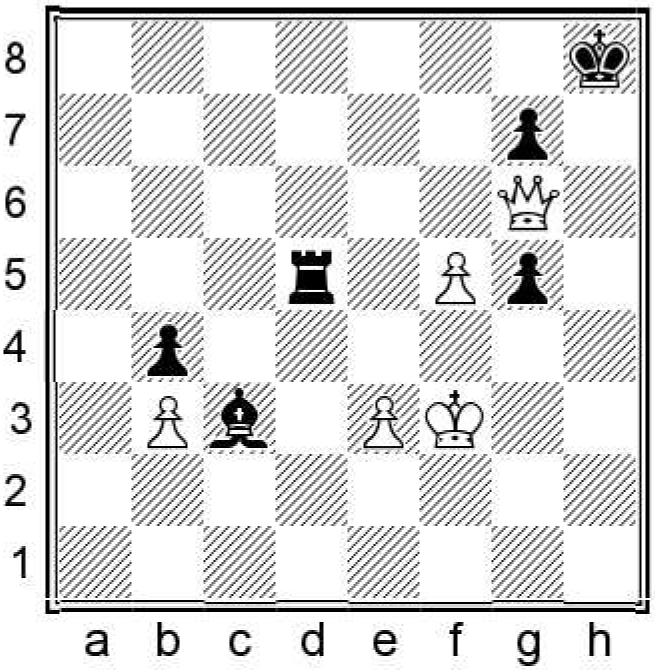
**23.♘d2 ♖c1+ 24.♘f1 ♗c3**

24...♖c5 25.g4 ♗c3 26.♕a6!± Δd4 27.e4 ♗xb3 (27...♘d7 28.f5 ♗xb3 29.♕a7+-) 28.♕a8+ ♔h7 29.e5 ♘d7 30.♗e4+ g6 31.♕d8+-

**25.f5 ♗d7 26.♗xd5 ♗e5 27.g4 ♖c3 28.♕a6! ♘xd5 29.♕a8+ ♗c8 30.♕xd5 ♗f6 31.♘d2 ♖c1+**

31...♖xe3 32.♘e4 ♖xh3 33.♕c6+-

**32.♔h2 ♖d1 33.♔g3 ♗c3 34.♕d8+ ♔h7 35.♕xc8 ♖xd2 36.♕e8 f6 37.h4 ♖d1 38.♔g2 ♖d2+ 39.♔f3 ♖d5 40.♕g6+ ♔h8 41.g5 hxg5 42.hxg5 fxg5**



**43.f6! g4+**

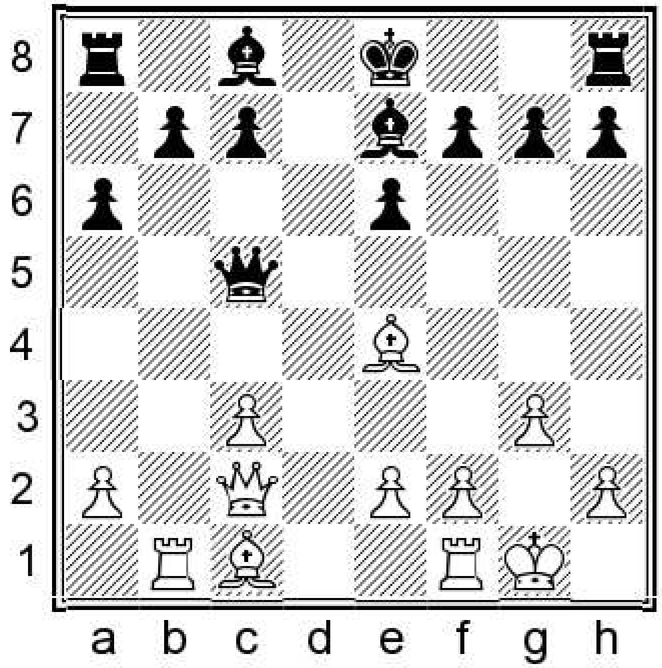
43...♗xf6 44.♕e8+ ♔h7 45.♕e4++-; 43...gxf6 44.♕e8+ ♔g7 45.♕e7+ ♔g6 46.♕e4+ ♖f5+ 47.♔g4+-

**44.♔f4 1-0**

**166. * E04**
**Goganov, Aleksey (2594) - Dubov, Daniil (2702)**
**Russia (ch) 147/166, 2020**

**1.d4 ♘f6 2.c4 e6 3.♘f3 d5 4.g3 dxc4 5.♗g2 a6 6.O-O ♘c6 7.♗g5**

7.♕c2 ♘xd4 8.♘xd4 ♕xd4 9.♘d2 c3 10.bxc3 ♕c5 11.♖b1 ♗e7 12.♘e4 ♘xe4 13.♗xe4

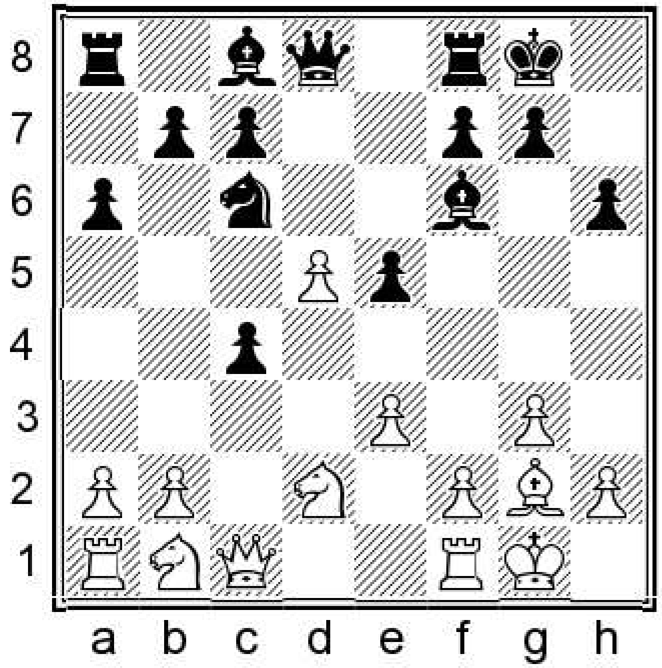


13...h6N (13...c6) 14.c4 (14.♗xb7 ♗xb7 15.♖xb7 ♕c6 16.♖b3 O-O=) 14...O-O 15.♗e3 ♕e5 16.♗xb7 ♗xb7 17.♖xb7 ♗g5! 18.♗a7 ♖fd8 19.f4 ♕d6 20.fxg5 ♖xa7 21.♖xa7 ♕b6+ 22.e3 ♕xa7 23.♕f2 1/2 (23) Dubov,D (2683) -Duda,J (2758) Wijk aan Zee 147/(166) 2020

**7...♗e7 8.e3 O-O 9.♕c1**

9.♘bd2 - 109/330

**9...h6 10.♗xf6 ♗xf6 11.♘fd2 e5 12.d5**



**12...♘e7N**

12...♘a7

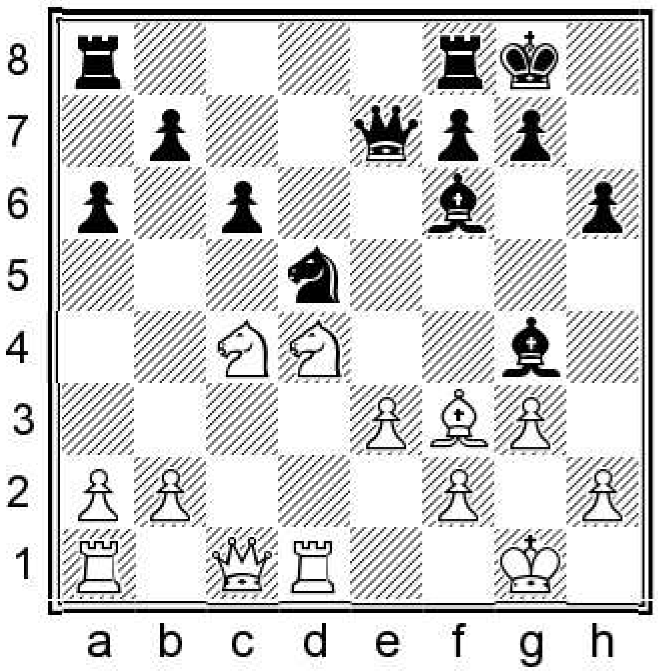
**13.♘xc4?!**

13.♕xc4 e4 (13...c6 14.dxc6 ♘xc6) 14.♘c3 ♗xc3 15.bxc3 ♘xd5 16.♘xe4 ♗e6 17.♘c5 ♘xe3 18.♘xe6 ♘xc4 19.♘xd8 ♖axd8 20.♗xb7 a5=

**13...♘xd5! 14.♖d1 e4 15.♗xe4 c6 16.♘c3 ♗e6 17.♘e2**

17.♘xd5? cxd5 18.♗xd5 ♗xd5 19.e4 ♖c8 20.♖xd5 (20.exd5 b5-+) 20...♕c7 21.e5 ♗e7 22.b3 b5-+

**17...♕e7 18.♘d4 ♗g4 19.♗f3**



**19...♗h3?!**

19...♗xf3 20.♘xf3 ♖ac8!? 21.♕c2 b5 22.♘a5 ♘b4 23.♕e2 c5 24.a3 (24.e4 c4 25.e5 ♘d3) 24...♘c6 25.♘xc6 ♖xc6↑

**20.♗g2?**

20.♘a5 ♖ac8 (20...♖fd8? 21.♘dxc6! bxc6 22.♘xc6 ♕e6 23.♘xd8 ♖xd8 24.♕c4+-) 21.♕d2 ♖fd8 22.♕e2 ♕c7∓ (22...c5 23.♘db3∞)

**20...♗xg2 21.♔xg2 ♖fd8**

21...b5! 22.♘a5 c5 23.♘dc6 ♕e4+ 24.♔g1 c4 25.♘d4 (25.♕d2 ♘e7∓) 25...♖fe8∓

**22.a3 c5 23.♘f3 b5 24.♘cd2**

24.♘a5 ♖ac8 25.♕c2 ♘b6 (25...♕c7 26.♘b3 c4 27.♘bd4 c3 28.bxc3 ♘xc3 29.♖dc1 ♕b7∓) 26.♖xd8+ ♕xd8 27.♖d1 ♕c7∓

**24...c4 25.e4 ♘b6 26.♖e1 ♘d7**

26...♘a4!? 27.e5 ♗g5 28.♘xg5 ♕xg5 29.f4 ♕g6 30.♘e4 ♖d3-+

**27.♖e2 ♘c5 28.e5**

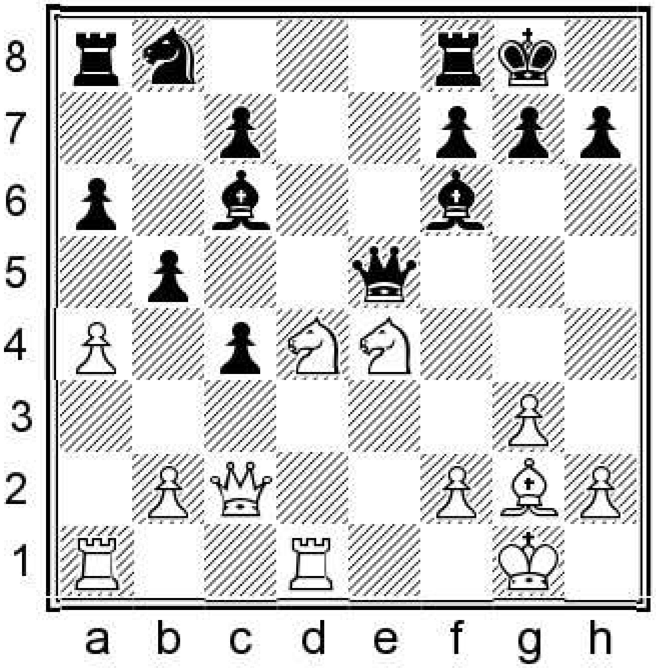
28.♕c2 ♖d3 29.e5 ♗g5 30.♘e4 ♕b7 31.♖ae1 (31.♘xc5 ♕xf3+ 32.♔g1 ♖ad8 33.♘e4 ♗e7 34.♖ae1 h5!-+) 31...♘e6

**28...♗g5 29.♘xg5 hxg5 30.♕c2 ♖d3 31.♖ae1 ♖ad8 32.♘e4 ♕b7 33.♔g1 ♘e6 34.♖e3 g4! 35.♖xd3 cxd3 36.♕c1 ♘d4 0-1**

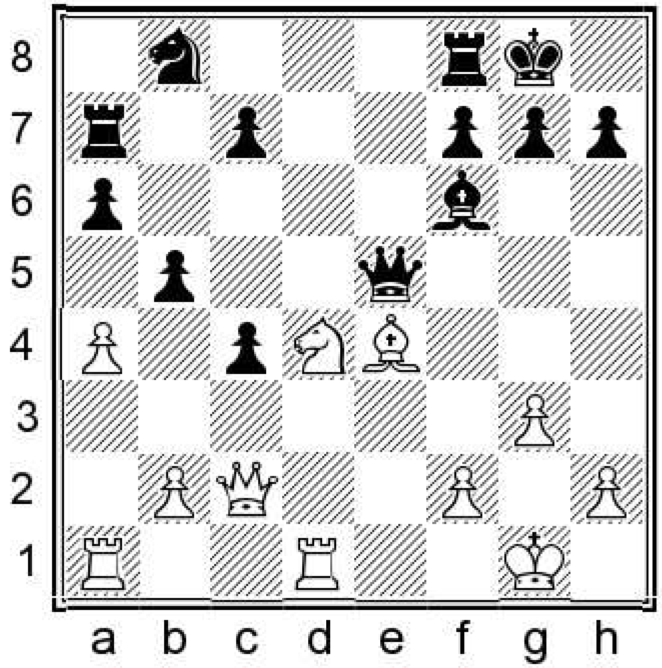
**167. *** E05**
**Giri, Anish (2764) - Navara, David (2719)**
**chess24.com (Int.-m/4-blitz) 147/167, 2020**

**1.d4 ♘f6 2.c4 e6 3.♘f3 d5 4.g3 ♗e7 5.♗g2 O-O 6.O-O dxc4 7.♕c2 a6 8.a4 ♗d7 9.♖d1 ♗c6 10.♗g5 b5 11.♗xf6 ♗xf6 12.♘c3 ♕e8 13.e4**

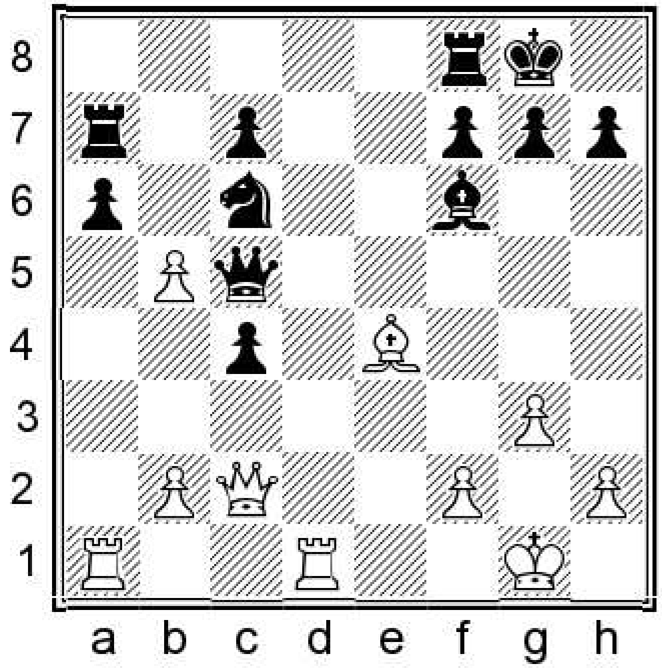
13.d5 exd5 14.♘d4 ♕e5 15.e4 dxe4 16.♘xe4



(16.axb5 - 136/162) 16...♖a7!?N (16...♗xe4 - 147/(167) 17.♗xe4 ♖a7



18.axb5N (18.♘f3 ♕xb2 19.♗xh7+ ♔h8 20.♕f5 g6 21.♕c5 ♗g7 22.♕xa7 ♕f6∞) 18...♕c5 19.♘c6 ♘xc6



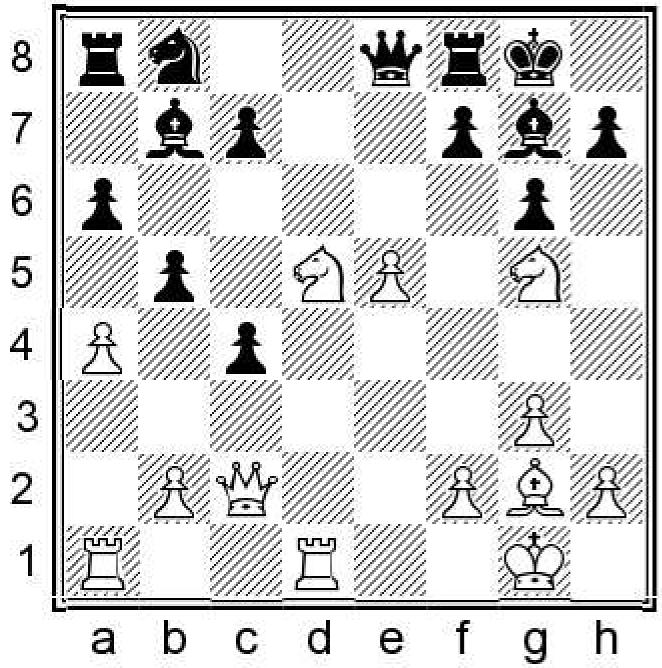
20.♗xc6?! (20.♖d5 ♕b4 (20...♕xd5 21.♗xd5 axb5 22.♖xa7 ♘xa7∞) 21.♗xh7+ ♔h8 22.♖h5 g6 23.♗xg6+ ♔g7 24.♖h7+ ♔g8 25.♗xf7+ ♖xf7 26.♕g6+ ♗g7 27.♖xg7+ ♖xg7 28.♕e6+ ♖f7 29.♕g6+ ♔f8 30.♕h6+=; 20.bxc6 g6=) 20...axb5 21.♖xa7 Dubov,D (2699)-Wei,Y (2732) chess24.com (Int. - rapid) 147/(167) 2020 (21.♖xa7 ♕xc6!↑)) 17.♘xf6+ ♕xf6 18.axb5 ♗xg2 19.♔xg2 ♖b7 (19...♕b6!?) 20.bxa6 ♘xa6 21.♖a5 g6 22.♖d2 1/2 (22) Johnston, A-Norman,N corr 147/(167) 2019

**13...g6 14.d5**

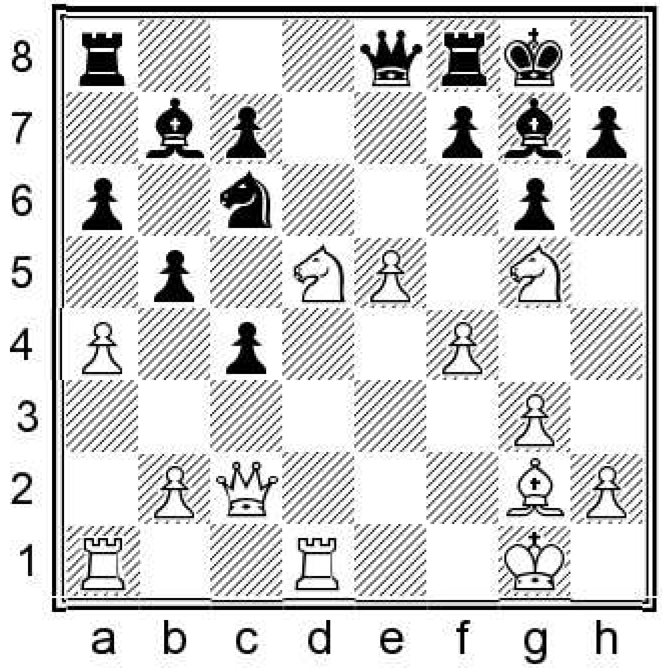
14.h4 - 136/163

**14...exd5**

14...♗b7 15.e5 ♗g7 16.♘g5 exd5 17.♘xd5

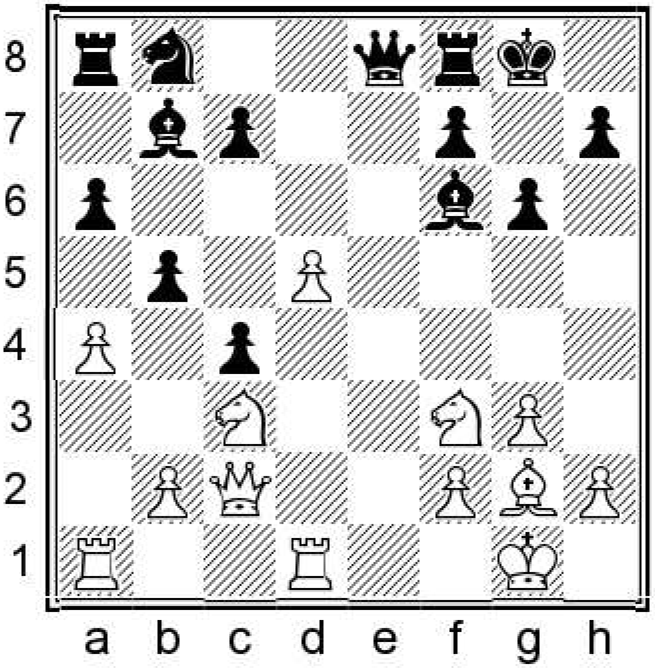


17...♘c6N (17...♗xd5 18.♗xd5 c6 19.♗xf7+! ♖xf7 20.♘xf7 ♔xf7 21.♕d2 ♕xe5 (21...♔f8 22.e6! ♗f6 23.♕e3±) 22.axb5 cxb5 23.♖a3!±) 18.f4



(18.♘xc7 ♕xe5 19.axb5 (19.♘xa8?! ♕xg5 20.♘c7 ♘d4 21.♖xd4 ♗xg2 22.♕d2 ♕c5 23.♖d8 ♗b7∓) 19...♘d4 20.♖xd4 ♗xg2 21.♖xc4 axb5 22.♘xa8 bxc4 23.♔xg2 ♕xg5 24.♕xc4 ♗xb2 25.♖a2 ♗g7=; 18.axb5 axb5 19.♖xa8 ♗xa8 20.♘xc7 ♕xe5 21.♘xa8 ♘d4 22.♕d2 b4=) 18...♘xe5! 19.fxe5 ♕xe5∓ Yuffa,D (2594)-Tomashevsky,E (2701) Moscow (rapid) 147/(167) 2020

**15.exd5 ♗b7**



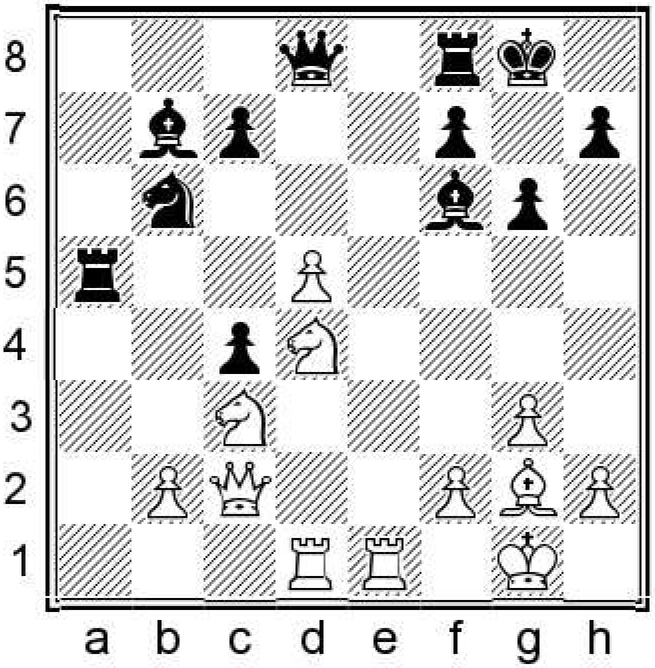
**16.♖e1N**

16.♘d2 ♗g7 17.♘de4 b4 18.♘e2 a5 19.♘c5 ♗c8 20.♘d4 ♘d7 21.♕xc4 ♘xc5 22.♕xc5 ♕e5∞

**16...♕d8 17.♖ad1 ♘d7 18.axb5 axb5 19.♘xb5 ♖a5 20.♘c3**

20.♘fd4 ♘b6 21.♘c6 ♗xc6 22.dxc6 ♖xb5! 23.♖xd8 ♖xd8∞

**20...♘b6 21.♘d4**



21.♘e5 ♗g7 22.♘c6 ♗xc6 23.dxc6 ♕f6∞

**21...♖e8!?**

21...♘xd5 22.♘xd5 ♖xd5 23.♘b5 ♖xd1 (23...c6!? 24.♗xd5 cxd5=∞) 24.♖xd1 ♕c8 25.♗xb7 ♕xb7 26.♕xc4=

**22.♘c6**

22.♕d2 ♖xe1+ 23.♕xe1 ♖a8 24.♘db5 ♕d7 25.♕e3 ♘a4 26.♕f4 ♔g7∞

**22...♗xc6 23.dxc6 ♖xe1+ 24.♖xe1 ♕d3**

24...♖e5 25.♖d1 ♕e7=

**25.♕xd3 cxd3 26.♖d1 ♘c4 27.♘d5 ♘xb2**

27...♗xb2 28.♘xc7 d2 29.♘d5 ♖a1 30.♖xa1 ♗xa1 31.♗f3 ♘e5 32.♘f6+ ♔g7 33.♗d1 ♘xc6 34.♘e4=; 27...♗d4 28.♖xd3 ♖a1+ 29.♗f1 ♘e5 30.♖a3 ♖c1=

**28.♘xf6+ ♔g7 29.♖d2**

29.♖b1 d2 30.♗f3 (30.♘e8+ ♔f8) 30...♔xf6 31.♖xb2 ♖a1+ 32.♔g2 d1=Q 33.♗xd1 ♖xd1 34.♖b7 ♔e6 35.♖xc7 h5±

**29...♖a1+ 30.♗f1 ♘c4 31.♘e8+ ♔f8 32.♖xd3 ♔xe8 33.♖d7 ♖c1 34.♔g2 ♘e5 35.♖xc7 ♔d8 36.♖a7 ♖xc6 37.♖a2 ♔e7 38.♖e2 ♔f6 39.♖d2 g5 40.♖b2 h5 41.♖a2 ♔g6 42.♖b2 f6 43.♖a2 h4 44.gxh4 gxh4 45.♖a4 ♖c2 46.♖xh4 f5 47.h3 ♔g5 48.♖d4 ♘g6 49.♖c4 ♘h4+ 50.♔g3 f4+ 51.♖xf4 ♖c3+ 52.f3 ♘f5+ 53.♖xf5+ ♔xf5 54.h4 ♖c1 55.♗h3+ 1/2-1/2**

**168. E08**
**Enchev, Ivajlo (2491) - Parligras, Mircea Emilian (2591)**
**chess.com (ol-rapid) 147/168, 2020**

**1.d4 ♘f6 2.c4 e6 3.♘f3 d5 4.g3 ♗b4+ 5.♗d2 ♗e7 6.♗g2 O-O 7.O-O c6 8.♕c2 ♘bd7 9.♗f4 b6 10.♘c3 dxc4 11.♘d2 ♘d5 12.♘xc4 ♘xf4 13.gxf4 ♗b7 14.♖fd1**

14.f5 exf5 15.♕xf5 g6 16.♕h3 ♖c8∞ Δ Ba6

14.e3 ♕c7 15.a4 a6 16.♖ac1 b5 17.♘e5 ♘xe5 18.fxe5 c5 19.♗xb7 ♕xb7 20.dxc5 ♗xc5 21.♕e4 ♕b8⇄

**14...♕c7 15.e3**

15.f5 ♖ad8!? (15...exf5 16.♕xf5 g6 17.♕f3 b5!? 18.♘e3 b4 19.♘a4 ♗d6 20.♕h3 ♗a6⇄) 16.♖ac1 ♕f4 17.fxe6 fxe6 18.e3 ♕h4⇄

**15...♖ad8 16.a4**

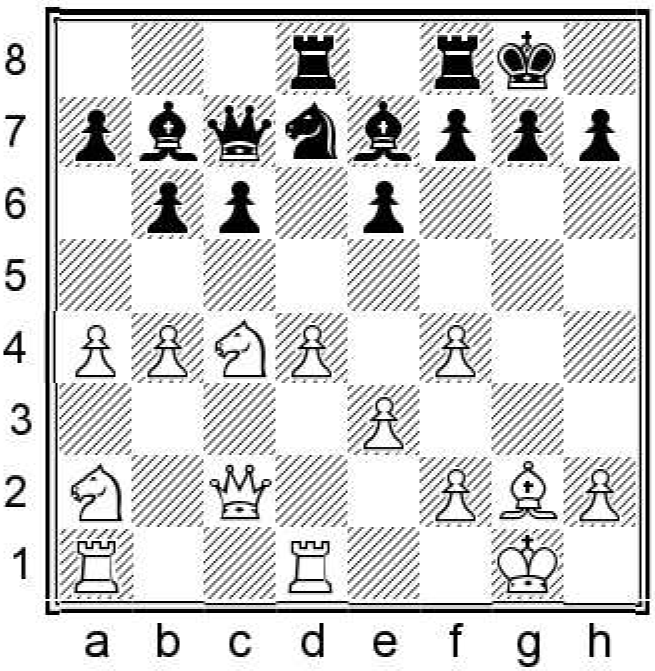
16.♖ac1 c5 17.d5 exd5 18.♘xd5 (18.♗xd5 ♘f6 19.♗xb7 ♕xb7 20.♖xd8 ♖xd8 21.♖d1 g6=) 18...♗xd5 19.♖xd5 b5 20.♘e5 ♘xe5 21.♖xe5 ♗d6 22.♖d5 ♗e7=

**16...♗b4 17.♘a2**

17.♕b3 - 111/(256)

17.♖ac1 ♗xc3 18.♕xc3 c5 19.d5 exd5 20.♗xd5 ♘f6 21.♗xb7 ♕xb7 22.♘e5 ♘d7=; 17.♘e4 ♗e7 18.a5 c5 19.axb6 axb6 20.dxc5 ♘xc5=

**17...♗e7 18.♘c3 ♗b4 19.♘a2 ♗e7 20.b4**



20.♖ac1 g5!? 21.fxg5 ♗xg5 22.f4 ♗h4 23.♘c3 ♔h8∞

**20...c5N**

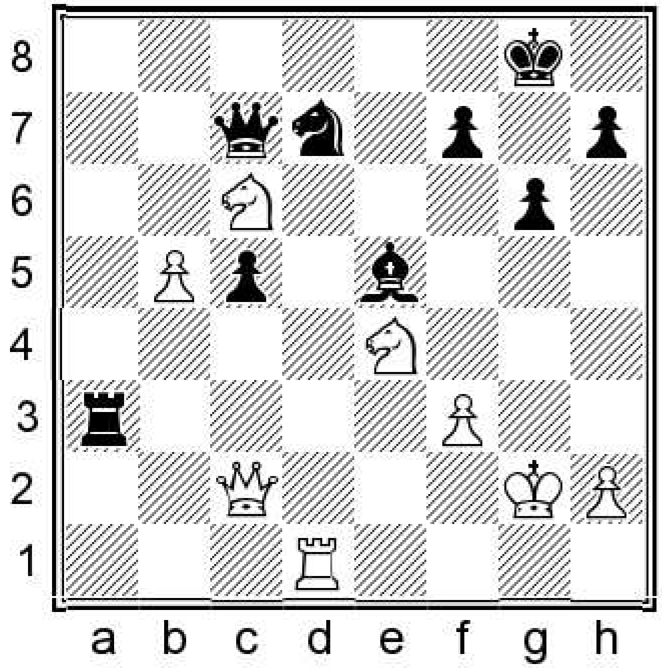
20...♘f6 21.♘e5 ♘d5 22.♖ac1 ♖c8 (22...♘xb4) 23.♕b3 (23.b5 ♗a3 24.♖a1 cxb5 25.♕xc7 ♖xc7 26.axb5 ♗b2 27.♖ab1 ♗a3 28.♖b3 ♗d6⇄) 23...♕d6 24.♖c4↑ ♖c7 25.♘c3 ♖fc8 26.♖c1 g6 27.b5 cxb5 28.♘xb5 ♖xc4 29.♖xc4 ♕b8 30.♘c3 ♘xc3 31.♕xc3 ♖xc4 32.♕xc4 ♗d6=

**21.dxc5 bxc5 22.b5 ♗xg2 23.♔xg2 ♕b7+**

23...g5!?⇄

**24.f3 ♕c7**

24...♘b6 25.♘a5 ♕c7 26.♘c6 ♖xd1 27.♖xd1 a6 28.♘c3 axb5 29.axb5 ♖a8 30.f5 exf5 31.♕xf5 g6 32.♕c2 ♖a3 33.e4± Δ♗f6 34.e5! ♗xe5 35.♘e4 ♘d7



36.h4! ♗g7 37.h5 ♕f4 38.♖d3 ♖xd3 39.♕xd3 ♘f8 40.b6±

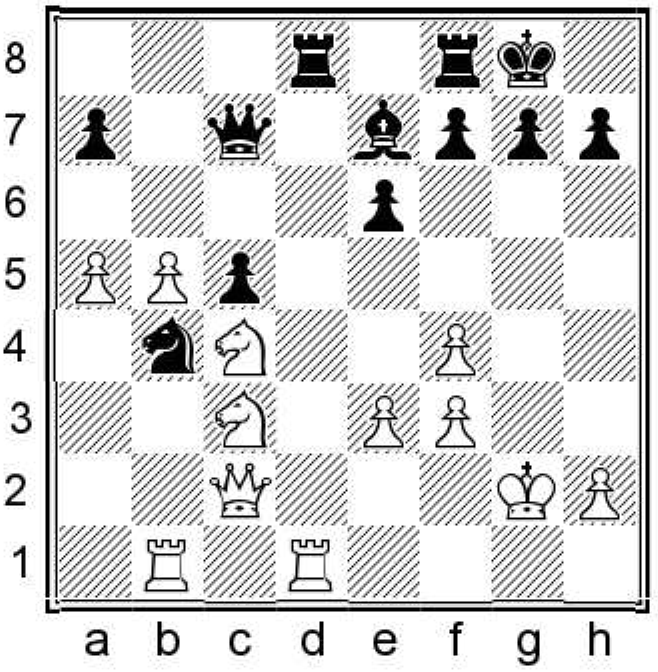
**25.a5 ♘f6**

25...g5 26.♕e4 gxf4 27.♕xf4 ♕xf4 28.exf4 ♘f6 (28...♗f6 29.♖ab1 ♘b8 30.♘e5±) 29.♖xd8 ♖xd8 30.♘c3 ♘d5 31.♘xd5 exd5 32.♘e5 ♗d6 33.♘c6 ♖a8 34.♔f2±

**26.♘c3**

26.b6 axb6 27.axb6 ♕b8 28.♖xd8 ♗xd8 29.♘c3 ♘d5 30.♕b3 ♘xc3 31.b7! ♗f6 32.♖a8 ♕xa8 33.bxa8=Q ♖xa8 34.f5 exf5 35.♘d6 ♖f8 36.♘xf5 ♖d8 37.♕b6 c4 38.♘d6 ♘d5 39.♕c5 ♗e7 40.♕xd5 ♖xd6 41.♕xc4 g6 42.e4 ♖e6±

**26...♘d5 27.♖ab1 ♘b4?!**



27...♗f6 28.b6 ♕b7 29.♘e4 ♗e7 30.♕b3 axb6 31.axb6 ♖b8 32.f5 ♗d8 33.♔h1 ♘xb6 34.♘cd6 ♕d7 35.fxe6 ♕xe6 36.♕xe6 fxe6 37.♘xc5 ♖xf3 38.♘xe6 ♗e7 39.♘d4 ♖f6! 40.♘c6 ♗xd6 41.♘xb8 ♘c4⇄

**28.♕e2**

28.♕a4! ♗f6 29.b6! ♕c8 30.♖xd8 ♕xd8 31.♖d1 ♕a8 32.♘b5 axb6 33.♘xb6 ♕a6 34.♖d7±

**28...♖b8 29.♖d2**

29.a6 ♖bd8 30.♖xd8 ♖xd8 31.♖d1 ♘d5 32.♘xd5 exd5 33.♘e5 ♗f8 34.e4 d4 35.♕a2±

**29...♗f6 30.♘e4 ♖xb5!**

30...♗e7 31.♔h1 ♖fd8 32.b6 axb6 33.axb6 ♕c6 34.♖xd8+ ♖xd8 35.♖g1 ♘d3 36.♕a2±

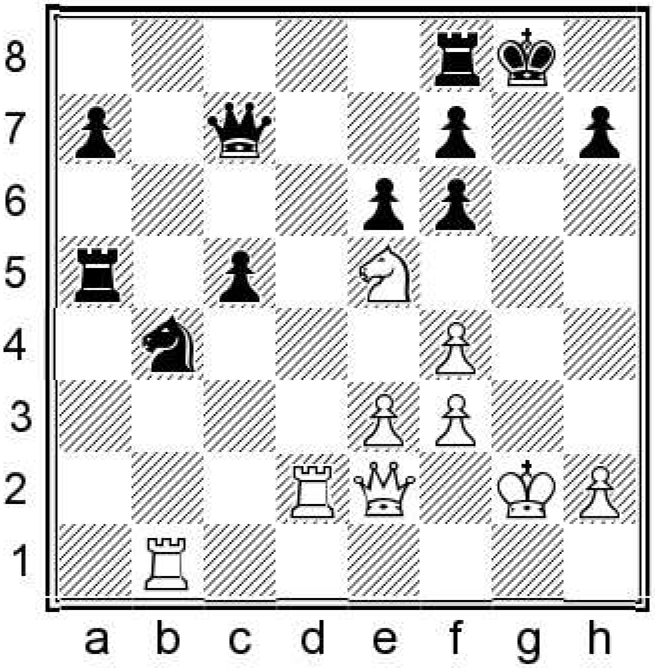
**31.♘e5**

31.♘xf6+ gxf6 32.♘b6 ♖xa5 33.♘d7 ♖d8 34.♘xf6+ ♔f8 (34...♔h8? 35.♔h1+-) 35.♖bd1 ♖xd2 36.♖xd2 ♕e7 37.♘xh7+ ♔g7 38.♘g5 ♘d5∞

**31...♖xa5?**

31...a6 32.♘xf6+ gxf6 33.♘d7 ♖d8 34.♘xf6+ ♔f8! 35.♖bd1 ♖xd2 36.♕xd2 c4! 37.♕d4 ♘d5 38.e4 ♘xf4+ 39.♔h1 ♔e7 40.e5 ♘d3 41.♘g8+ ♔f8 42.♘f6 ♔e7=

**32.♘xf6+ gxf6**



**33.♘d7?!**

33.♖d7! ♖a2 34.♕xa2 ♕xd7 35.♘xd7 ♘xa2 36.♘xf8 ♔xf8 37.♖b8+ ♔e7 (37...♔g7 38.♖c8+-) 38.♖b7+ ♔e8 39.♖c7+-

**33...♖d8 34.♖bd1 ♔h8**

⌓34...♘d5 35.♘xf6+ ♔g7 36.♘xd5 ♖xd5 37.♖xd5 exd5 38.♖xd5 c4=

**35.♕f2**

35.♔h1 ♘d5 36.♘xf6 ♕e7 37.♘g4! ♖g8 38.♕c4 h5 39.♘h6 ♖g7 40.♖xd5! exd5 41.♕xd5 f6 42.♘f5 ♕b7 43.♘xg7 ♕xd5 44.♖xd5 ♔xg7 45.♔g2±

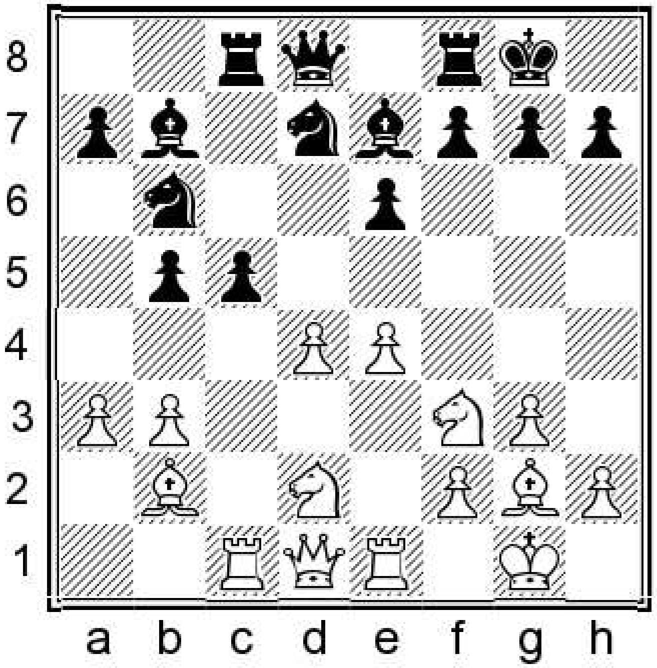
**35...♘d5 36.♘xf6 ♕e7 37.♘xd5 exd5 38.♖xd5 ♖g8+ 39.♔h1 ♕f6= 40.♕c2 ♖a1 41.♖xc5 ♖xd1+ 42.♕xd1 ♕b2 43.♖c2 ♕g7 44.♖a2 a5 45.♕a1 ♕xa1+ 46.♖xa1 ♖a8 1/2-1/2**

**169. E15**
**Nikolic, Predrag (2571) - Karpov, Anatoly (2617)**
**Leiden (rapid) 147/169, 2020**

**1.d4 ♘f6 2.c4 e6 3.♘f3 b6 4.g3 ♗a6 5.b3 ♗b4+ 6.♗d2 ♗e7 7.♗g2 c6 8.♗c3 d5 9.♘bd2 O-O 10.O-O ♘bd7 11.♖c1 ♖c8 12.♖e1**

12.♖c2 - 75/462

**12...c5 13.♗b2 ♗b7 14.cxd5 ♘xd5 15.a3 b5 16.e4 ♘5b6**



**17.a4!?N**

17.♕e2 a6 18.dxc5 ♖xc5 19.♕e3 h6 20.♖ed1 ♖xc1 21.♖xc1 ♕b8∞

**17...bxa4 18.bxa4 a5 19.♘c4 ♘xc4 20.♖xc4 ♘b6**

⌓20...♘f6 21.♘e5 cxd4 22.♖xc8 ♕xc8 23.♕xd4 ♗c5 (23...♕a8∞) 24.♕c4 ♘g4!? 25.♗d4□ ♗b4 26.♖c1 ♘xe5 27.♗xe5 ♕xc4 28.♖xc4 ♖c8 29.♖xc8+ ♗xc8 30.♗f1=

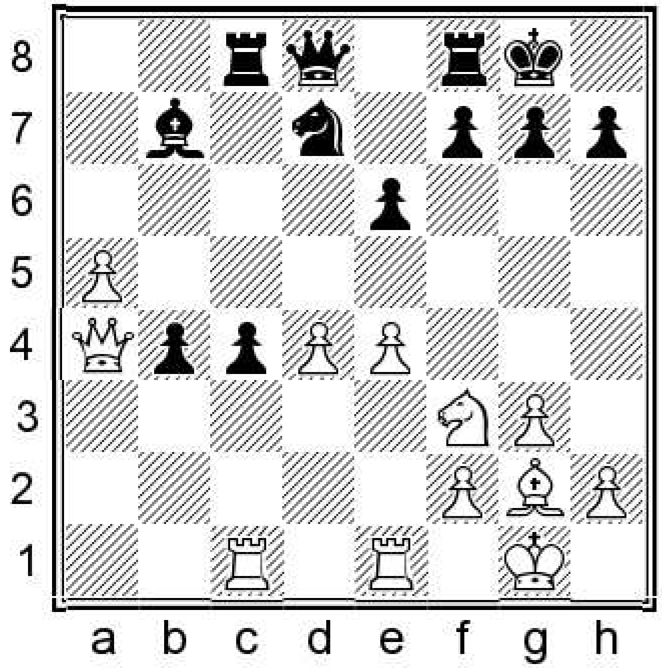
**21.♖c1 c4?!**

⌓21...cxd4 22.♖xc8 ♗xc8 23.♕a1!? ♗d7 24.♗xd4 ♗f6 25.♗xf6 ♕xf6 26.e5 (26.♘e5 ♗xa4 27.♖b1 ♕d8 28.♕c3 ♘d7 29.♘xd7 ♕xd7 30.♕xa5=) 26...♕d8 27.♘d2 Δ♗xa4 28.♘e4=∞

**22.♗c3 ♗b4 23.♗xb4**

23.♕d2!? ♕d6 24.♖b1 ♗xc3 25.♕xc3 ♘xa4 26.♕xa5 ♗c6 27.♕b4 ♕xb4 28.♖xb4 c3 29.♘e5 ♘b2! 30.♖c1 f6 31.♘xc6 ♖xc6 32.♗f1 ♖fc8 33.f4±

**23...axb4 24.a5! ♘d7 25.♕a4**



**25...♕e7?**

25...♘f6! 26.d5 (26.♕xb4?! ♗xe4) 26...exd5 27.♕xb4 dxe4 28.♘g5 (28.♕xb7 exf3 29.♗h3 ♖b8 30.♕xf3 ♕xa5 31.♖ed1=) 28...♖b8 29.♕xc4 ♕xa5 30.♘xe4 ♘xe4 31.♗xe4 ♖fe8 32.♖b1!? ♗xe4 33.♕xe4 ♕xe1+! 34.♖xe1 ♖xe4 35.♖xe4=

**26.♕b5! ♘f6 27.d5**

27.♘e5! c3 28.♘d3 ♖fd8 29.d5±

**27...♕d7?**

27...c3!

**28.♕xb4 exd5 29.♘e5 ♕c7 30.exd5!+- ♘xd5**

30...♗xd5 31.♗xd5 ♘xd5 32.♕b5+-

**31.♕b5 ♖cd8 32.♖xc4 ♕e7 33.♘d3 ♕a3 34.♕xb7 ♕xd3 35.♖a4 ♘c3 36.♖aa1 ♖d7 37.♕b6 ♖d6 38.♕e3 ♕xe3 39.♖xe3 ♘b5 40.a6 ♘a7 41.♖e7 ♘c8 42.♖b7 1-0**

**170. E16**
**Dubov, Daniil (2710) - Carlsen, Magnus (2862)**
**chess24.com (Int.-m2/3-rapid) 147/170, 2021**

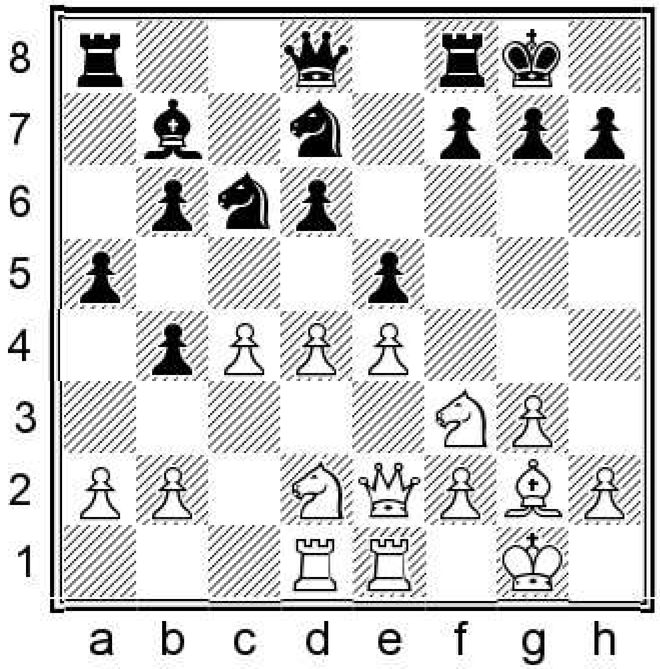
**1.d4 ♘f6 2.c4 e6 3.♘f3 b6 4.g3 ♗b7 5.♗g2 ♗b4+ 6.♗d2 c5 7.♗xb4 cxb4 8.O-O O-O 9.♘bd2 a5 10.♖e1 d6 11.e4 ♘fd7 12.♕e2**

12.♕c2 - 44/671

**12...e5**

12...♘a6 13.e5 dxe5 14.♘xe5 ♗xg2 15.♔xg2 ♘xe5 16.♕xe5±

**13.♖ad1 ♘c6**



**14.♘f1!± ♕f6N**

14...♕c7 15.♘e3 ♘e7 16.♘d5 ♘xd5 17.cxd5±

**15.♘e3**

15.dxe5!? ♘dxe5 (15...♘cxe5 16.♘d4 ♘c5 17.f4 ♘c6 18.♘b5 ♖ad8 19.♘e3±) 16.♘h4 ♘g6 17.♘f5 ♖ad8 18.♘1e3±

**15...♘xd4**

15...♖ad8 16.♘d5 ♕e6 17.♘c7 ♕f6 (17...♕h6 18.h4 exd4 19.♘xd4 ♘xd4 20.♖xd4 ♘c5 21.♖ed1±) 18.♕e3 ♘e7 19.♖d2±

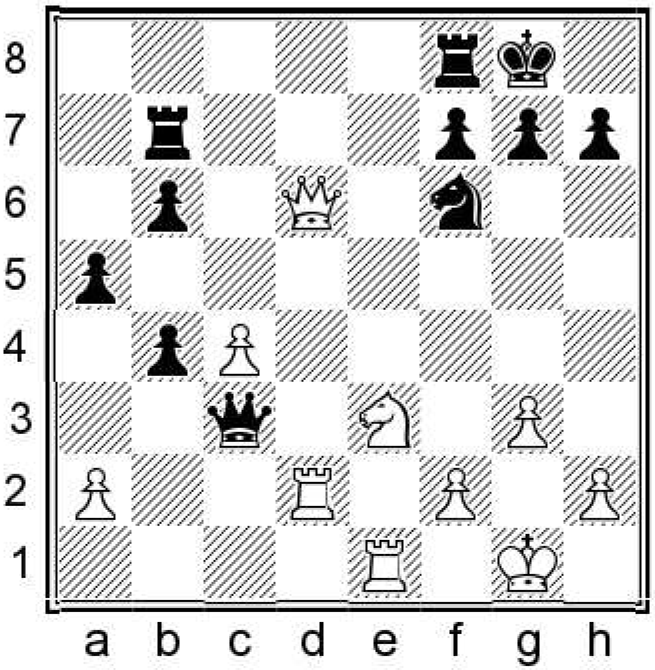
**16.♘xd4 exd4 17.e5**

17.♘f5! ♘c5 18.♖xd4 d5 (18...♖ad8 19.♖ed1+-) 19.cxd5 ♗c8 20.♖d2 ♗xf5 21.exf5 ♖ad8 (21...♕xf5 22.d6+-) 22.g4±

**17...♕xe5 18.♗xb7 ♖a7 19.♕g4! ♘f6 20.♕xd4 ♖xb7 21.♕xd6 ♕xb2?**

21...♕xd6 22.♖xd6 ♖e8 23.♔f1 ♘e4 24.♖c6 ♖bb8 25.♖d1±

**22.♖d2! ♕c3**



22...♕a3 23.♘g4! ♘e8 (23...♘xg4? 24.♕xf8+! ♔xf8 25.♖d8#; 23...♖bb8 24.♘xf6+ gxf6 25.♔g2! ♖bd8 26.♕xf6 ♖xd2 27.♕g5+ ♔h8 28.♕xd2 ♕c3 29.♕d6 ♔g8 30.♖e5+-) 24.♕d8 ♕a4 25.♕g5 ♖b8 (25...f6 26.♕d5+ ♖bf7 (26...♖ff7 27.♖de2+-) 27.♖e7 h5 28.♘e3 g6 29.♖xf7 ♖xf7 30.♕e6 ♔f8 31.♖d8+-) 26.♘h6+ ♔h8 27.♘f5 ♖g8 (27...g6 28.♖xe8!+-) 28.♕f4 ♖a8 29.♖e3! ♖f8 30.♕d4 ♖g8 (30...♘f6 31.♘xg7! ♔xg7 32.♕e5 h6 33.♖d6+-) 31.♘h6 ♖f8 32.♖e7+-

**23.♘d1!+- ♖e8**

23...♕a3? 24.♕xf8+! ♔xf8 25.♖d8+ ♘e8 26.♖exe8#

**24.♖xe8+**

24.♕d8 ♔f8 25.♖xe8+ ♘xe8 26.♖e2+-

**24...♘xe8 25.♘xc3 1-0**

**171. E19**
**Vitiugov, Nikita (2715) - Makarian, Rudik (2458)**
**Moscow (rapid) 147/171, 2021**

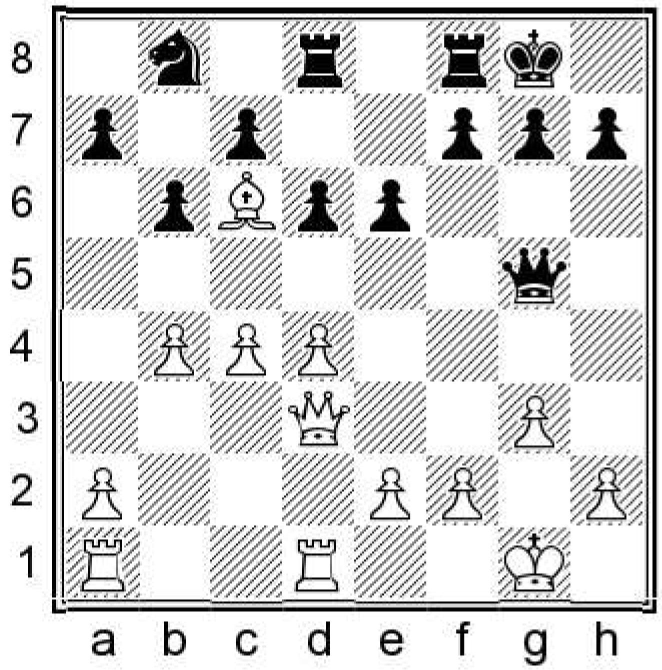
**1.d4 ♘f6 2.c4 e6 3.♘f3 b6 4.g3 ♗b7 5.♗g2 ♗e7 6.O-O O-O 7.♘c3 ♘e4 8.♕c2 ♘xc3 9.♕xc3 ♗e4 10.♖d1 ♗f6 11.♗f4 d6 12.♕e3 ♗b7 13.♕d3**

13.h4 - 84/432

**13...♘d7 14.♘g5 ♗xg5 15.♗xb7 ♖b8 16.♗xg5 ♕xg5 17.♗c6 ♖bd8 18.b4**

18.f4 ♕e7 19.b4 ♘b8 20.♗f3 c5 21.a3±

**18...♘b8**



**19.♗f3N**

19.♗g2 c5 20.♕a3 cxb4 21.♕xa7 ♕a5 22.♕xa5 bxa5 23.♖ac1 (23.a3 b3 24.a4 ♖c8∞) 23...♖c8 24.c5±

**19...c5 20.♕a3 cxb4 21.♕xb4**

21.♕xa7 ♕a5 (21...♘d7?! 22.a3 bxa3 23.♕xa3±) 22.♕xa5 bxa5 23.♖ac1 ♖c8 (23...♖d7 24.c5 d5 25.c6 ♖c7 26.e4±) 24.c5 d5 (24...dxc5 25.dxc5 ♖c7 26.c6 ♖fc8 27.♖c5 a4 28.♖dc1±) 25.e4 dxe4 26.♗xe4 ♘c6 27.♔f1±

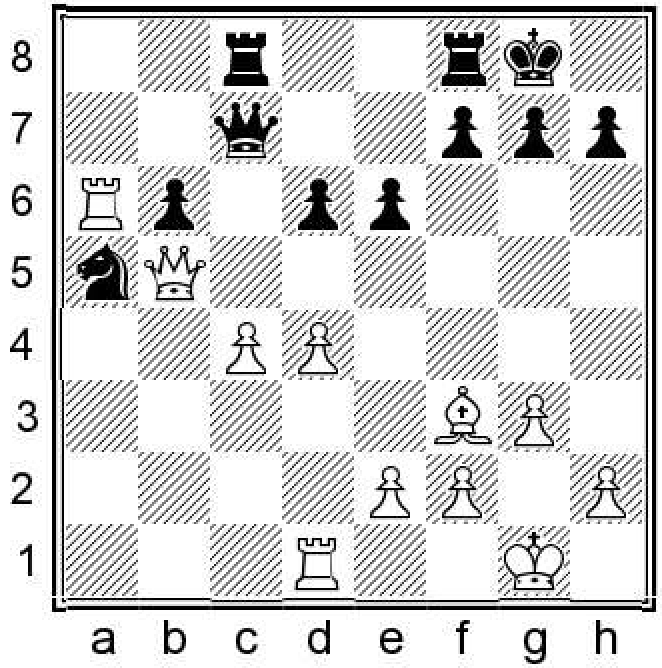
**21...♕e7 22.a4 ♕c7**

⌓22...♖c8 23.♕b5 (23.a5 ♘c6 24.♗xc6 ♖xc6 25.axb6 axb6 26.d5 (26.♖a6 ♖fc8 27.♖xb6 ♖xb6 28.♕xb6 ♖xc4=) 26...exd5 27.cxd5 ♖c2 28.e3 ♕f6 29.♕f4 ♕xf4 30.gxf4 ♖b8=) 23...♕c7 24.♖ac1 ♘c6 25.♗xc6 ♕xc6 26.a5 h6 27.axb6 axb6=

**23.a5 ♘c6 24.axb6 axb6 25.♕b5± ♖c8**

25...♘e7 26.♖a4 (26.♖a6 d5 27.cxd5 ♘xd5 28.♕b3±) 26...d5 (26...♖c8 27.♖b1±) 27.e3 dxc4 28.♖xc4 ♕d6 29.♖a1 ♖d7 30.♖a6 ♖b8 31.♔g2±

**26.♖a6 ♘a5**



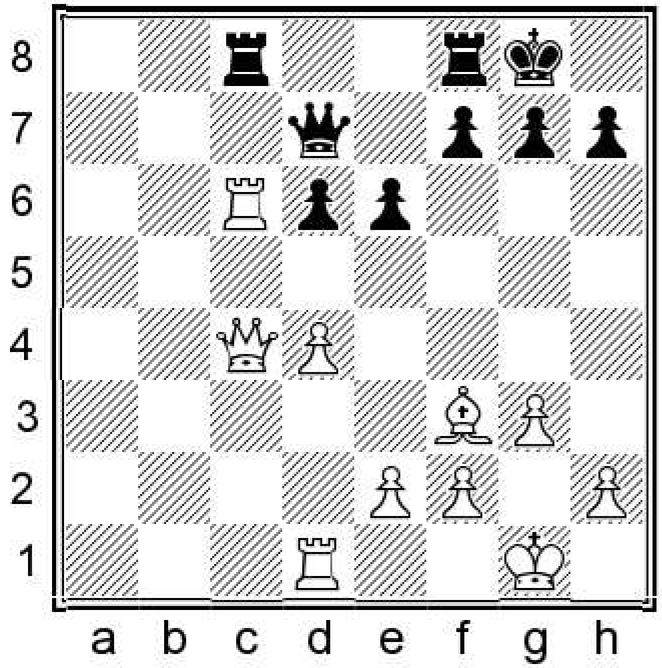
26...♘e7 27.♖xb6 ♕xc4 28.♕xc4 ♖xc4 29.♖xd6±

**27.♖xb6?!**

27.c5! dxc5 28.♖xb6 ♘c4 29.♖c6 ♕d7 30.♕xc4 (30.e3 ♘d6 31.♕b6 ♖xc6 32.♗xc6 ♘c8 33.♕xc5±) 30...♖xc6 31.♗xc6 ♕xc6 32.dxc5 ♖c8 33.♖c1±

**27...♖b8?**

27...♘xc4! 28.♖b7 (28.♖c6 ♕d7 29.d5 (29.♕xc4



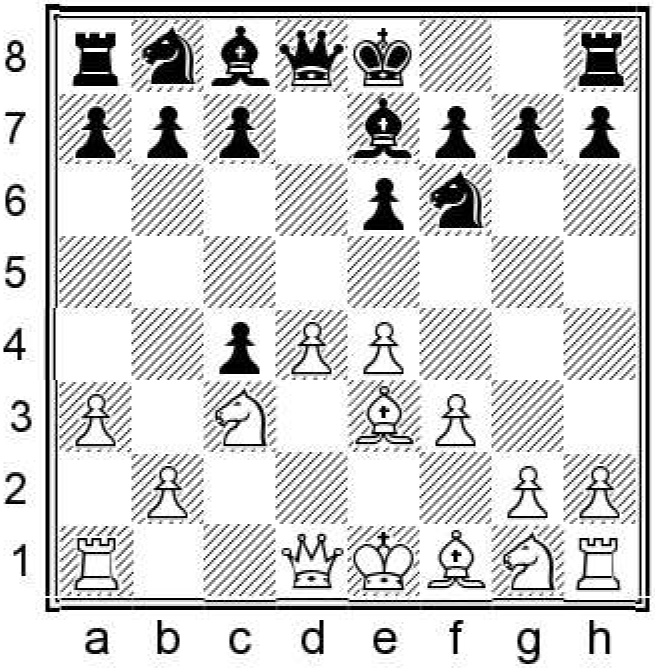
29...d5! 30.♖xc8 dxc4 31.♖xc4 g6∓; 29.♖c5 ♕xb5 30.♖xb5 d5=) 29...♘e5 30.♖b6 ♕xb5 31.♖xb5

♘xf3+ 32.exf3 e5=) 28...♕a5 29.d5 (29.♕xa5 ♘xa5 30.♖a7 ♘c4 (30...♘b3 31.♖a3 ♘c1 32.♔f1 d5) 31.d5 e5 32.♖b1 (32.♖a6 ♖fd8 33.♖c1 ♘d2 34.♖xc8 ♖xc8 35.♖xd6 ♘xf3+ 36.exf3 ♔f8 37.♖b6 ♖c1+ 38.♔g2 ♔e7 39.♖b7+ ♔f6 40.d6 ♖d1 41.d7 ♔e6=) 32...♖a8) 29...♕xb5 30.♖xb5 ♖b8 31.♖db1 ♖xb5 32.♖xb5 ♘e5 33.♗g2 ♘d7 34.♗h3 (34.dxe6 fxe6 35.f4 ♖b8=) 34...♘c5=

**28.c5 1-0**

**172. !N E20**
**Wojtaszek, Radoslaw (2705) - Esipenko, Andrey (2677)**
**Wijk aan Zee 147/172, 2021**

**1.d4 ♘f6 2.c4 e6 3.♘c3 ♗b4 4.f3 d5 5.a3 ♗e7 6.e4 dxc4 7.♗e3**



**7...b5!N**

7...O-O - 66/451

**8.♘xb5 ♗a6!**

8...c6 9.♘c3 ♗a6 10.♕a4 ♕b6 11.O-O-O (11.♘d1!?) 11...♗b5 12.♕c2±

**9.a4**

9.♕a4 ♘fd7 10.♘c3 O-O 11.♖d1 c5 12.d5 ♘b6 13.♕c2 exd5 14.♘xd5 (14.exd5? ♖e8 15.♔f2 ♘8d7∓) 14...♘c6!? (14...♘xd5 15.♖xd5 ♘d7 16.♘e2 ♕c7∞) 15.♘f6+ ♗xf6 16.♖xd8 ♖fxd8=∞

**9...c6**

⌓9...O-O

**10.♘a3 ♗xa3?!**

10...O-O 11.♘xc4 ♘bd7 12.♖c1↑

**11.♖xa3 ♘bd7**

11...♕a5+ 12.♕d2 ♕xd2+ 13.♗xd2±

**12.♘e2?!**

12.♕c2±

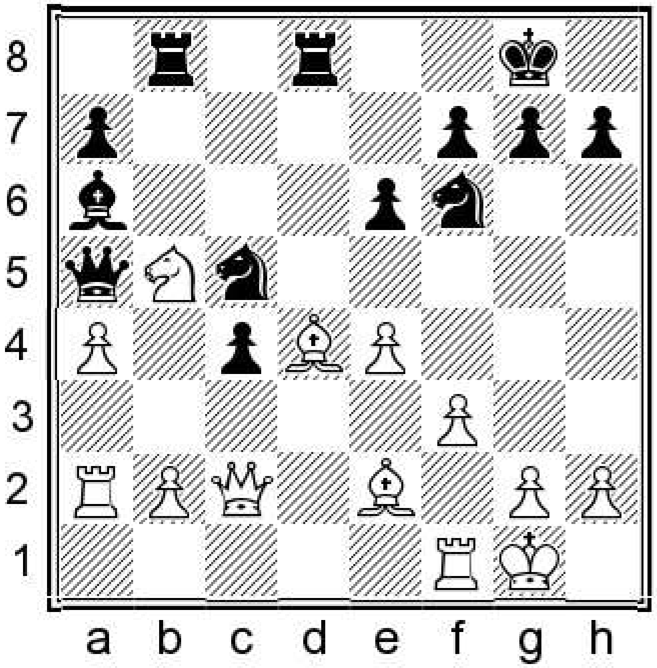
**12...♖b8 13.♖a2**

13.♕d2

**13...O-O 14.♘c3 ♕a5 15.♗e2 ♖fd8= 16.♕c2**

16.♕c1 c5 17.O-O cxd4 18.♗xd4 ♘c5 19.♗xf6 gxf6 20.♕f4 ♘d3 (20...♘d7!?) 21.♕xf6 ♕b6+ 22.♔h1 ♕d4 (22...♘f2+ 23.♖xf2 ♕xf2 24.♕g5+ ♔f8 25.♖a1 ♖d7 26.♖f1 ♕b6 27.♕h6+ ♔e7 28.e5=)

**16...c5 17.O-O cxd4 18.♗xd4 ♘c5 19.♘b5**



**19...♖xd4! 20.♘xd4 ♘b3! 21.♘b5□ ♗xb5 22.axb5 ♕xa2 23.♗xc4 ♘a1**

23...♕a4 24.♕xb3 (24.♗xb3 ♕xb5 25.♗c4 ♕xb2 26.♕xb2 ♖xb2 - 24.Qb3) 24...♕xb3 25.♗xb3 ♖xb5 26.♗c4 ♖xb2 27.♖d1 ♖b8 28.e5 ♘e8 29.♖d7 a5 30.♖a7 ♖c8 31.♗b3=

**24.♕c3 ♕a4 25.b3?!**

25.♖b1=

**25...♘xb3 26.♕xb3**

26.♖d1 h6∓

**26...♕xb3 27.♗xb3 ♖xb5 28.♖c1 g5 29.♖c3**

29.♗a4

**29...♔g7 30.♔f2 h5 31.♔e3 h4 32.g3**

32.♗c2

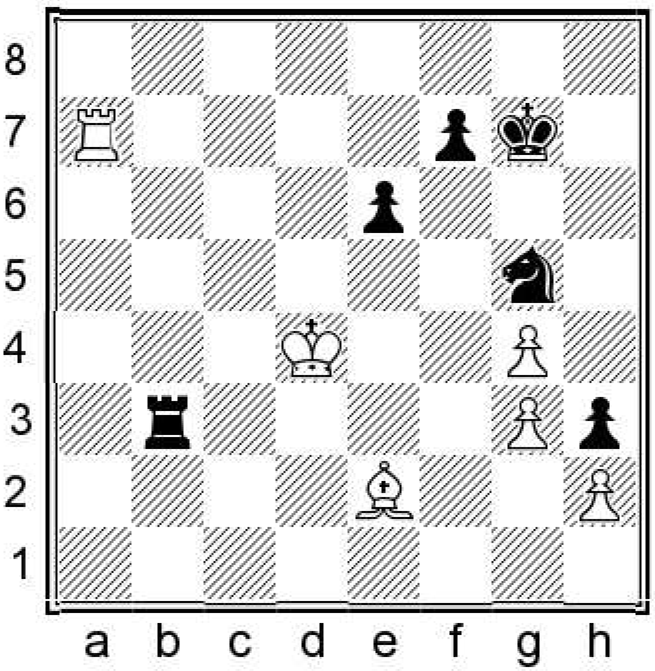
**32...h3! 33.♗d1 ♖b2 34.♗e2 g4**

34...♖a2!?

**35.fxg4 ♘xe4 36.♖a3 ♘g5**

⌓36...♔f6

**37.♖xa7 ♖b3+ 38.♔d4?**



38.♗d3

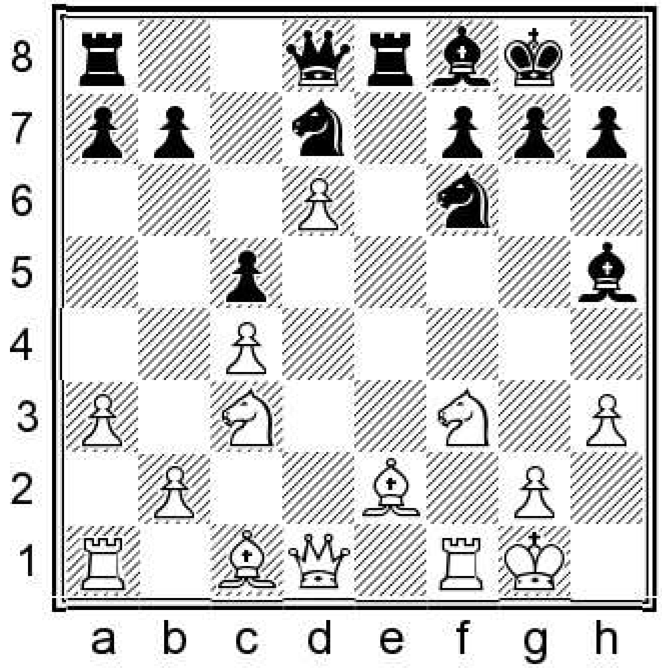
**38...♖b1!-+ 39.♔e3?!**

39.♖a2

**39...♖h1 40.♖a5 ♔f6 41.♗f3 ♖xh2 42.♖a1 ♖b2 0-1**

**173. E20**
**Nepomniachtchi, Ian (2784) - Karjakin, Sergey (2752)**
**Russia (ch) 147/173, 2020**

**1.d4 ♘f6 2.c4 e6 3.♘c3 ♗b4 4.f3 d5 5.a3 ♗e7 6.e4 dxe4 7.fxe4 c5 8.d5 exd5 9.exd5 O-O 10.♗e2 ♖e8 11.♘f3 ♗g4 12.O-O ♘bd7 13.d6 ♗f8 14.h3 ♗h5**



**15.♗f4N**

15.♘b5 - 144/177

**15...♕b6 16.b3 ♖ad8**

16...♘e4 17.♘d5 (17.♘xe4 ♖xe4 18.♕d2 ♖ae8 19.♗d3 ♗xf3 20.♖xf3 ♖d4 21.♖e1 ♕d8 22.♖xe8 ♕xe8 23.♗g3∞) 17...♕c6 18.♘h4 ♗xe2 19.♕xe2 ♘xd6 20.♕h5 g6 21.♕f3 ♔h8∞

**17.♖a2**

17.a4 ♘e4 (17...♗xf3 18.♗xf3 ♘e5 19.♘b5 ♖d7 20.a5 ♕d8 21.♗xe5 ♖xe5 22.a6±) 18.♘b5 ♘xd6 (18...♗xd6 19.♗xd6 ♘df6 20.a5 ♕c6 21.♘e5 ♖xe5 22.♗xe5 ♖xd1 23.♖axd1 ♗xe2 24.♖d8+ ♘e8 25.♖e1 f5 26.♖xe2 ♔f7∞) 19.♗xd6 ♘f6 20.a5 ♕c6 21.♘e5 ♖xe5 22.♗xe5 ♖xd1 23.♗xd1∞

**17...h6**

17...♗xf3 18.♗xf3 ♘e5 19.♗g5 (19.♗xe5 ♖xe5 20.♘d5 ♕xd6 21.♘xf6+ gxf6 22.♕xd6 ♖xd6 23.♗xb7 ♔g7=) 19...♘xf3+ 20.♕xf3 ♕xb3 21.♗xf6 gxf6=

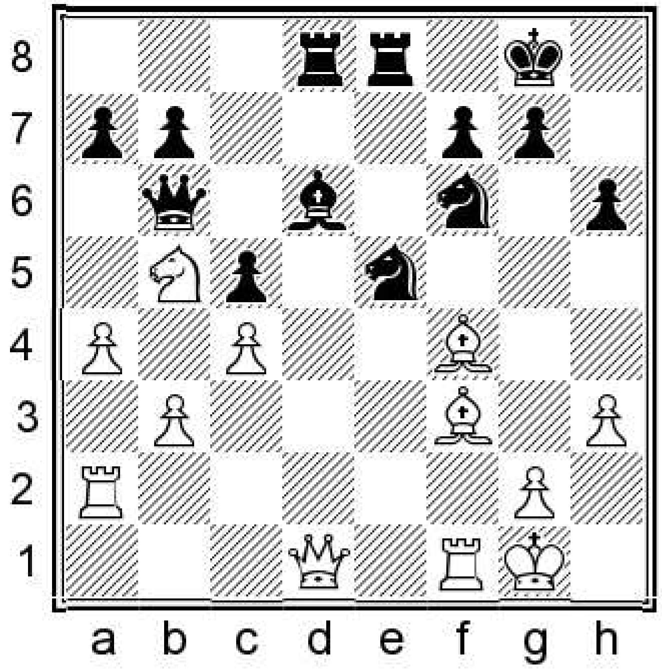
**18.a4**

18.♖d2 ♘e4 19.♘xe4 ♖xe4 20.♗g3 ♖e3 21.♗f4 ♖e4=

**18...♗xf3?!**

18...♕c6 19.a5 a6∞; 18...♕a5!?

**19.♗xf3 ♘e5 20.♘b5!± ♗xd6?**



20...♖d7 21.a5 ♕d8 22.a6 ♗xd6 23.♘xd6 ♖xd6 24.♗xe5 ♖xd1 25.♖xd1 ♕b6 26.♗xf6 gxf6 27.axb7 ♔g7±; 20...♘xf3+ 21.♕xf3 ♕c6±

**21.a5!+- ♕a6 22.♖d2! ♘xf3+ 23.♖xf3 ♘e4**

23...♗e7 24.♘c7

**24.♘xd6 ♘xd2 25.♕xd2 ♖e6 26.♖d3 b6 27.♘f5 ♖xd3 28.♕xd3 ♕b7 29.♕d5! ♕xd5 30.cxd5 ♖e1+ 31.♔f2 ♖d1 32.♔e2 1-0**

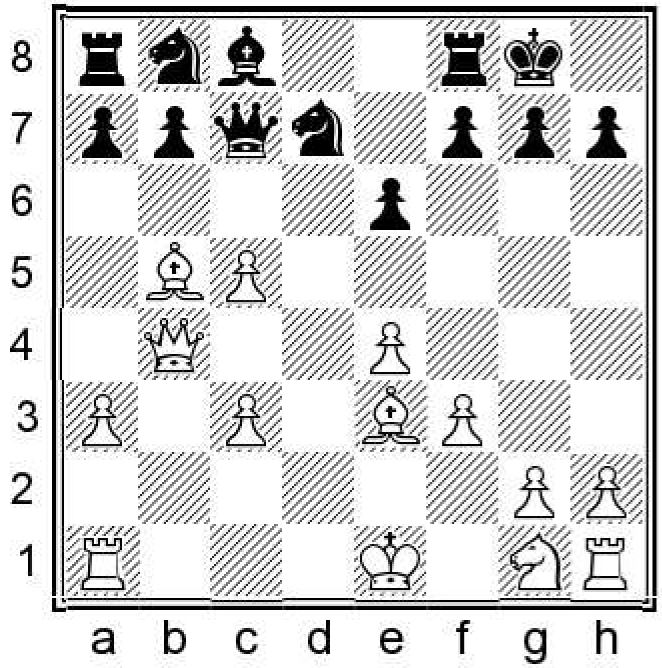
# E25-E49

**174. E25**
**Vakulenko, Oleksandr (2232) - McPhillips, Joseph (2425)**
**Great Britain (Int.-playoff) 147/174, 2020**

**1.d4 e6 2.c4 ♘f6 3.♘c3 ♗b4 4.f3 d5 5.a3 ♗xc3+ 6.bxc3 c5 7.cxd5 ♘xd5 8.dxc5 ♕a5 9.e4 ♘f6 10.♗e3 O-O 11.♕b3 ♘fd7 12.♗b5**

12.a4 - 146/177

**12...♕c7 13.♕b4**



**13...f5?N**

13...♘c6 14.♗xc6±; 13...♘e5! Δ Bd7, Δ Nbc6

**14.exf5 ♖xf5 15.♘e2 ♘f6**

15...♘xc5 16.O-O±

**16.c4 ♖h5?!**

16...♘fd7 17.O-O (17.♘g3 ♘xc5) 17...♘xc5 18.♖ad1±

**17.♕d2 ♗d7**

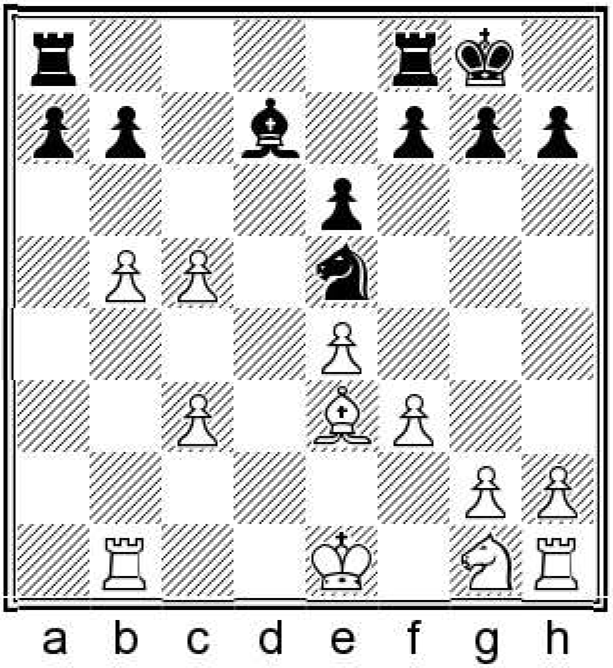
17...♖xh2? 18.♖xh2 ♕xh2 19.♕d8++-

**18.♘f4 ♖e5 19.O-O+- ♘c6 20.♘d3 ♖h5 21.g4 ♖h3 22.♘f4 ♖h4 23.♗f2 ♖h6 24.g5 ♘h5 25.gxh6**

**♘xf4 26.♗g3 g5 27.♗xf4 gxf4 28.♕g2+ 1-0**

**175. E25**
**Fedoseev, Vladimir (2674) - Karjakin, Sergey (2752)**
**Russia (ch) 147/175, 2020**

**1.d4 ♘f6 2.c4 e6 3.♘c3 ♗b4 4.f3 d5 5.a3 ♗xc3+ 6.bxc3 c5 7.cxd5 ♘xd5 8.dxc5 ♕a5 9.e4 ♘f6 10.♗e3 O-O 11.♕b3 ♘fd7 12.♗b5 ♘a6 13.♗xa6 ♕xa6 14.a4 ♘e5 15.♕b5 ♕xb5 16.axb5 ♗d7 17.♖b1**



**17...♖fc8N**

17...♘c4

**18.♘e2 ♘d3+ 19.♔d2 ♘xc5 20.c4 b6**

20...a6!?

**21.♗xc5**

21.♘c3 ♘b7 22.♖b4 ♘a5 23.♔d3 ♖c7=

**21...♖xc5 22.♖b4 a5 23.bxa6□ ♖xa6 24.♘c3 ♔f8 25.♖hb1 f6**

⌓25...♖a3 26.♔d3 b5!=

**26.♔d3 ♖c6 27.f4**

27.♖1b2!?

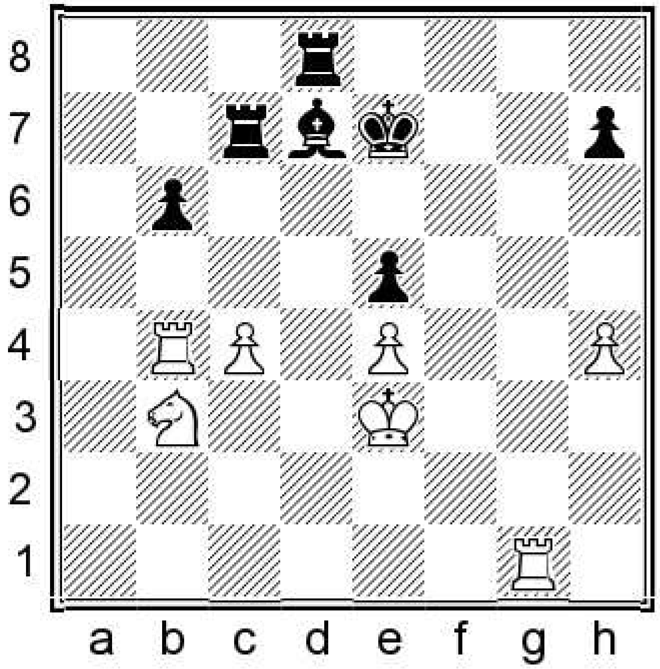
**27...♗e8 28.g4 ♔e7 29.h4 ♖a8! 30.♘b5 ♖d8+ 31.♔e3 ♖c5**

31...e5!?

**32.♘d4 ♗d7 33.♘b3 ♖c7 34.g5**

34.♘d2 b5! 35.cxb5 ♖c3+ 36.♔e2 e5 37.f5 ♖g3

**34...e5! 35.gxf6+ gxf6 36.fxe5 fxe5 37.♖g1**



**37...b5! 38.♘d2**

38.cxb5 ♖c2 39.b6 ♗e6 40.♖g7+ ♔f6! 41.♖c7 ♖xc7 (41...♖h2!? 42.b7 ♖h3+ 43.♔f2 ♖h2+ 44.♔g1 ♖e2 45.♖c1 ♖g8+ 46.♔f1 ♖gg2=) 42.bxc7 ♖c8=

**38...♔f6 39.♖f1+**

39.cxb5 ♖c3+ 40.♔e2 ♖c5 41.b6 ♖c2=

**39...♔e7 40.♖g1**

40.cxb5? ♖c3+ 41.♔e2 ♗g4+ 42.♘f3 ♖a8-+

**40...♔f6 1/2-1/2**

**176. E32**
**Yu, Yangyi (2709) - Rapport, Richard (2759)**
**chess.com (Int.-rapid) 147/176, 2020**

**1.d4 ♘f6 2.c4 e6 3.♘c3 ♗b4 4.♕c2 d6 5.♘f3 ♘bd7 6.♗d2 e5**

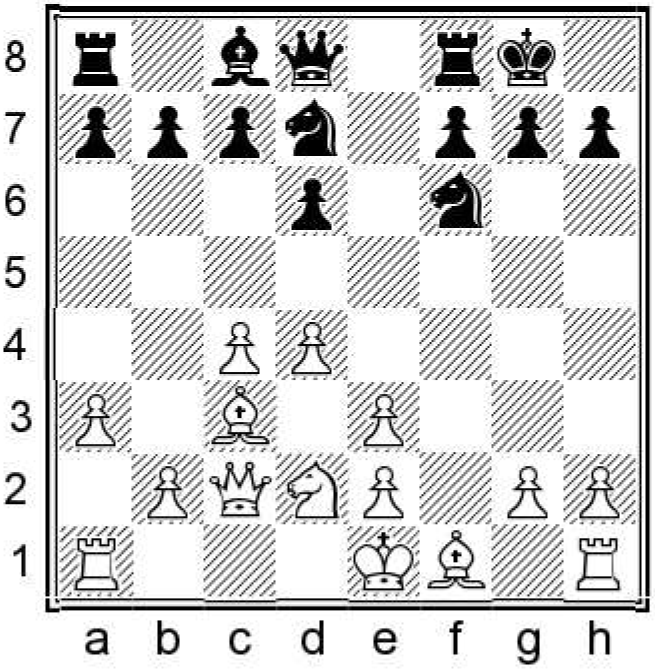
6...O-O - 74/ 508

**7.a3 ♗xc3 8.♗xc3 e4 9.♘d2**

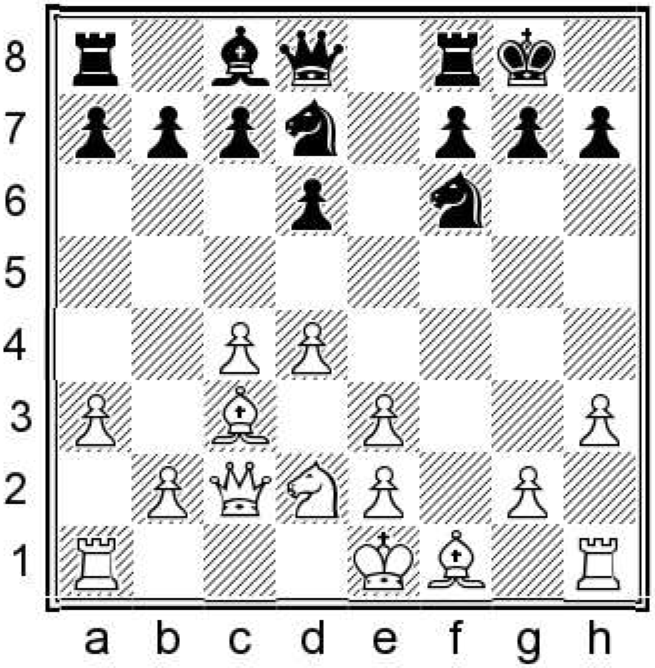
9.♘g5?! e3! 10.fxe3 (10.f3 d5!? 11.c5 (11.b3?! O-O 12.g3 a5 13.a4 (13.♗g2 h6 14.♘h3 a4 15.c5 (15.bxa4?! dxc4 16.♗b4 ♖e8 17.♘f4 (17.♕xc4?! ♘b6 18.♕d3 ♖xa4-+)) 15...axb3 16.♕xb3 g5!?∓

×Bg2, Nh3) 13...c6 14.♗g2 h6 15.♘h3 dxc4 16.bxc4 ♘b6∓) 11...O-O 12.g3 ♖e8 13.♗g2 h6 14.♘h3 g5 (14...♘f8 15.♘f4 c6 16.O-O g5 17.♘d3 ♗f5∓) 15.♘g1 ♘f8 16.O-O-O ♘h5∓) 10...♕e7 11.♗d2 (11.e4? h6 12.♘h3 ♘xe4∓) 11...h6 12.♘h3 b6!? 13.♘f2 ♗b7∓

**9...e3!? 10.fxe3 O-O**

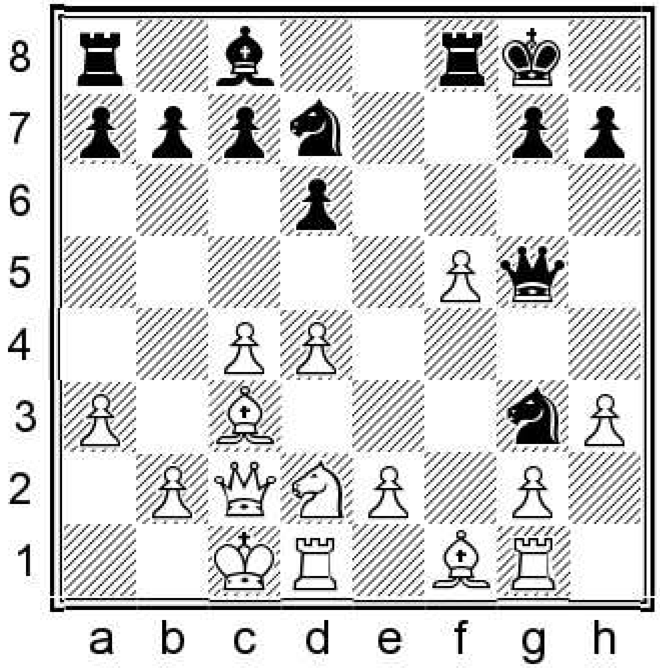


**11.h3?!N**



11.e4 ♖e8 12.g3 c5 13.e3 (13.♗g2 ♘g4 14.♗f3 ♕g5⯹) 13...cxd4 14.exd4 ♘xe4 15.♘xe4 ♘f6 16.♗g2 ♗f5 (16...♘xe4? 17.O-O ♘xc3 (17...d5 18.cxd5 ♕xd5 19.♖ae1 f5 20.g4! g6 21.gxf5 gxf5 (21...♗xf5?? 22.♖f4+-) 22.♖f3+-) 18.♕xc3±) 17.O-O ♗xe4 18.♗xe4 ♘xe4∞

**11...♘h5!∓ 12.O-O-O ♘g3 13.♖g1 f5! 14.e4 ♕g5 15.exf5?!**



15.♔b1 fxe4 16.♘xe4 ♘xe4 17.♕xe4 ♘f6 18.♕c2□ ♕e3 (18...♗f5 19.e4 ♘xe4 20.♗d3 ♖ae8∞) 19.♖h1 ♘e4 20.♖d3 ♕g5 (20...♕f2 21.♖f3 ♗f5! 22.♔a1 (22.♖xf2? ♘xf2 23.♖g1 ♗xc2+ 24.♔xc2 ♖ae8+-) 22...♕h4 23.♕d1 ♘xc3 24.♖xc3 ♗e4=∞) 21.♖f3 (21.♗e1?! ♗f5 22.♔a1 ♗g6∓ (22...♘f6? 23.♕d2 ♕xd2 24.♖xd2∞)) 21...♗f5 22.♔a2 ♘xc3+ 23.♕xc3 ♗e4 24.♖xf8+ ♖xf8∓

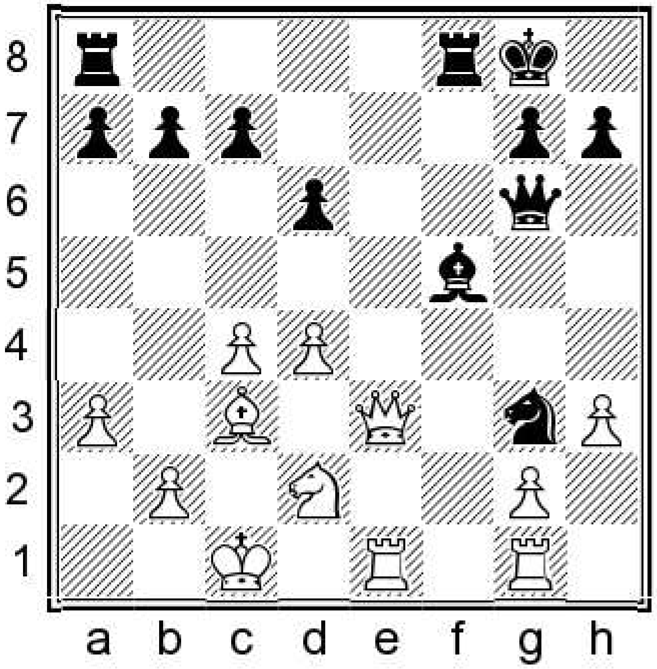
**15...♘f6!∓**

15...♕e3? 16.♕d3! ♕xg1 17.♕xg3 ♖xf5 18.c5!? ♕f2 (18...♖f7 19.cxd6 cxd6 20.e4 ♕f2 21.♕xd6+-; 18...dxc5) 19.♕xf2 ♖xf2 20.cxd6 cxd6 21.♘e4 ♖f8 22.♘xd6+-; 15...♘xf5? 16.♕d3 ♘g3 (16...♘e3? 17.♘e4 ♕g6 (17...♕h6 18.♗d2+-) 18.♕xe3 ♖e8 19.g4 ♖xe4 20.♕d3+-) 17.e4±

**16.e4 ♘fxe4 17.♗d3**

17.♔b1 ♘xc3+ 18.♕xc3 ♗xf5+ 19.♔a1 ♖ae8 20.c5 (20.♘f3 ♕e3! 21.♗d3 (21.♕xe3 ♖xe3+- ×Bf1, Rg1) 21...♘e2 22.♗xe2 ♕xc3!? 23.bxc3 ♖xe2+-) 20...♘xf1 21.♖dxf1 ♗e6 22.♖xf8+ ♖xf8 23.♖e1 ♕d5 24.b3 dxc5 25.dxc5 ♖f2∓

**17...♘f2 18.♖de1 ♘xd3+ 19.♕xd3 ♗xf5 20.♕e3 ♕g6**



**21.♕f3?**

21.♘f1 ♘xf1 22.♖exf1 ♖fe8 23.♕f3 ♗e4 24.♕g4 ♕xg4 25.hxg4 ♗d3 26.♖e1 ♗xc4∓

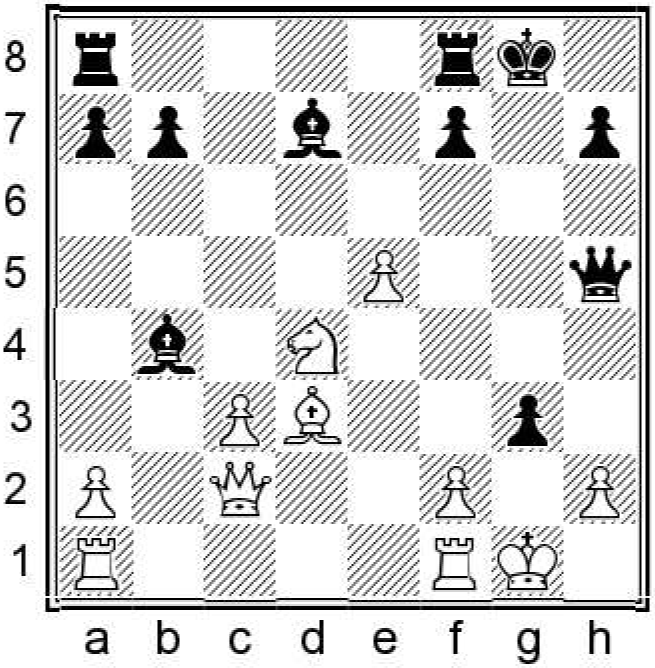
**21...♖ae8-+ 22.♕d5+ ♔h8 23.♕xb7 ♘e2+ 24.♖xe2 ♖xe2 25.♕xc7 ♕g3**

25...♗b1! 26.♔d1 (26.♘xb1? ♕c2#) 26...♖fe8-+

**26.♘f3 ♕f4+ 27.♘d2 ♕e3 0-1**

**177. E32**
**Khismatullin, Denis Rimovich (2604) - Esipenko, Andrey (2682)**
**Russia 147/177, 2020**

**1.d4 ♘f6 2.c4 e6 3.♘c3 ♗b4 4.♕c2 O-O 5.e4 d5 6.e5 ♘e4 7.♗d3 c5 8.♘f3 cxd4 9.♘xd4 ♘d7 10.♗f4 ♕h4 11.g3 ♕h5 12.O-O g5 13.cxd5 gxf4 14.dxe6 ♘xc3 15.exd7 ♗xd7 16.bxc3 fxg3**



**17.fxg3N**

17.hxg3 - 145/177

**17...♖ac8 18.♗xh7+ ♔g7**

⌓18...♔h8 19.♕e4 (19.♗f5? ♗xc3-+; 19.e6 ♗xc3 20.♕e4 - 19.Qe4 (20.♕d1? ♕xd1 21.♖axd1 ♗a4! 22.e7 ♖fe8 23.♗f5 ♗xd1 24.♖xd1 ♗xd4+ 25.♖xd4 ♖c1+ 26.♔f2 ♖xe7-+)) 19...♗xc3 20.e6□ (20.♖f4 ♖c4! 21.♕d3 ♖fc8-+) 20...♗c6 (20...♖c4 21.exd7 ♖xd4 22.♕f5 ♕xf5 23.♗xf5 ♗xa1 24.♖xa1=) 21.♕e3 ♗xa1 (21...♗xd4 22.♕xd4+ ♔xh7 23.e7 ♖fe8 24.♖f4 ♕d5 25.♖h4+ ♔g6 26.♖g4+ ♔h5 27.♖h4+ ♔g6=) 22.♗f5=∞

**19.e6!**

19.♖ad1 ♗xc3 20.♘f5+ ♗xf5 21.♗xf5 ♗d4+ 22.♖xd4 ♖xc2 23.♗xc2=∞

**19...fxe6**

19...♖xc3 20.♕e4 fxe6 21.♕xb7 ♗c5 22.♕xd7+ ♖f7 23.♖xf7+ ♕xf7 24.♕xf7+ ♔xf7 25.♔g2 ♗xd4 26.♖d1±; 19...♗xe6 20.♘xe6+ fxe6 21.♖xf8 ♗c5+ 22.♖f2 ♕xh7 23.♕e2±

**20.♖xf8 ♗xf8 21.♗e4 ♗c5 22.♔h1**

22.♔g2!?

**22...e5?!**

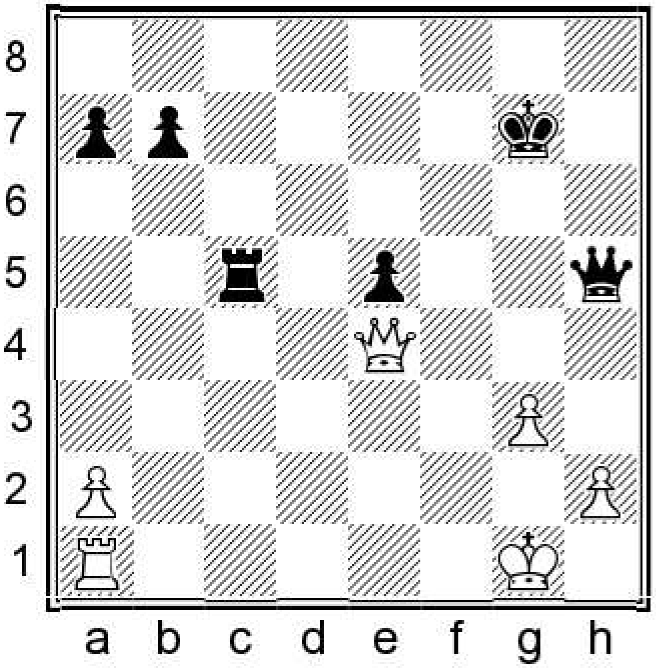
22...♗xd4 23.♕d3 ♕e5 (23...♗xc3 24.♕xd7+ ♕f7 25.♕xc8 ♗xa1 26.♕xb7±; 23...♗c6 24.♗xc6 ♖xc6 25.♕xd4+ ♔g6 26.♕xa7 ♕d5+ 27.♔g1 ♖xc3 28.♕f2±) 24.cxd4 ♕xe4+ 25.♕xe4 ♗c6=∞

**23.♘b3 ♗b6**

23...♗e7!?

**24.c4! ♖h8?!**

24...♕g4?! 25.♖e1 ♗c6 26.♗xc6 ♖xc6 27.♕c3! ♗c7 28.♘d2 ♕d4 29.♕b4+-; 24...♗g4 25.c5 ♗f3+ 26.♔g1 ♗xe4 27.♕xe4 ♗xc5+ 28.♘xc5 ♖xc5



29.♖f1! ♖c7 30.♔g2±; 24...♖f8

**25.c5 ♗c7 26.♖e1**

26.♗xb7 e4 27.♕g2 ♗h3 28.♕xe4 ♗xg3 29.♕d4+ ♗e5 30.♖g1+ ♔f6 31.♕f2+ ♗f5 32.♖g2 ♕d1+ 33.♕g1 ♕xg1+ 34.♔xg1 ♖h7 35.♗f3 ♖h3 36.♗d1 ♖h4⩱; 26.♕f2!?; 26.♖f1 ♗h3 27.♖f2±

**26...♗g4**

26...b6!?

**27.♕f2**

27.♖f1 ♗h3 - 26.Rf1

**27...♖f8 28.♕e3 ♖h8**

⌓28...♕h6 29.♕xh6+ ♔xh6 30.♔g2 (30.♗xb7 ♖f2 31.♗d5±) 30...b6 31.c6±

**29.h4 b6 30.♘d2**

30.♖f1!?

**30...♖f8 31.♔g2**

31.c6!?+-

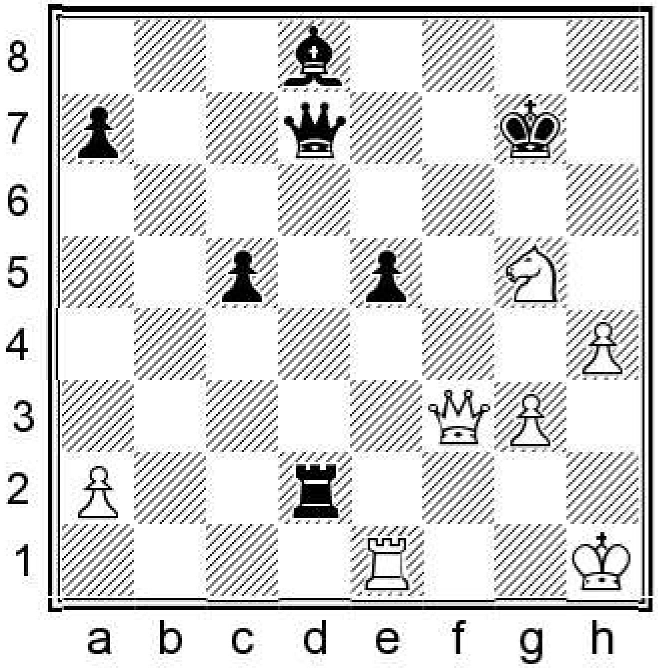
**31...bxc5 32.♗f3 ♖d8 33.♗xg4 ♕xg4 34.♘e4 ♖d4 35.♘g5 ♕d7 36.♕f3?**

36.♘f3+-

**36...♖d2+?**

36...♗d8±

**37.♔h1 ♗d8**



**38.♕h5?**

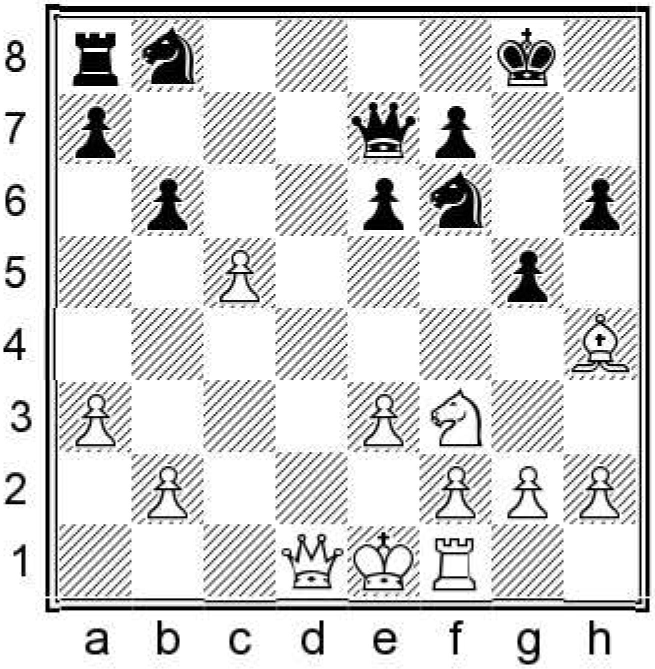
38.♖f1! ♕d5 (38...♗xg5? 39.♕f8+ ♔g6 40.♕g8+ ♕g7 41.♕e8+ ♔h7 (41...♔h6 42.♖f7 ♗f6 43.♖xg7 ♗xg7 44.♕e6+ ♔h7 45.h5+-) 42.♖f7 ♗f6 43.♖xg7+ ♗xg7 44.h5+-) 39.♘e4 ♖d4 40.♕f8+ ♔g6 41.♕f5+ ♔g7 42.♖e1±

**38...♗xg5 39.♕xg5+ ♔h7= 40.♕h5+ ♔g8 41.♕g6+ ♔h8 42.♕h6+ ♔g8 1/2-1/2**

**178. * E36**
**Wang, Hao (2763) - Ding, Liren (2791)**
**chess.com (Int.-rapid) 147/178, 2020**

**1.d4 ♘f6 2.c4 e6 3.♘c3 ♗b4 4.♕c2 O-O 5.a3 ♗xc3+ 6.♕xc3 d5 7.♗g5 dxc4 8.♕xc4 b6 9.♖d1 ♗a6 10.♕a4 h6 11.♗h4 ♕e7 12.♘f3 ♖d8 13.♘e5**

13.e3 ♗xf1 14.♖xf1 c5 15.dxc5 ♖xd1+ 16.♕xd1 g5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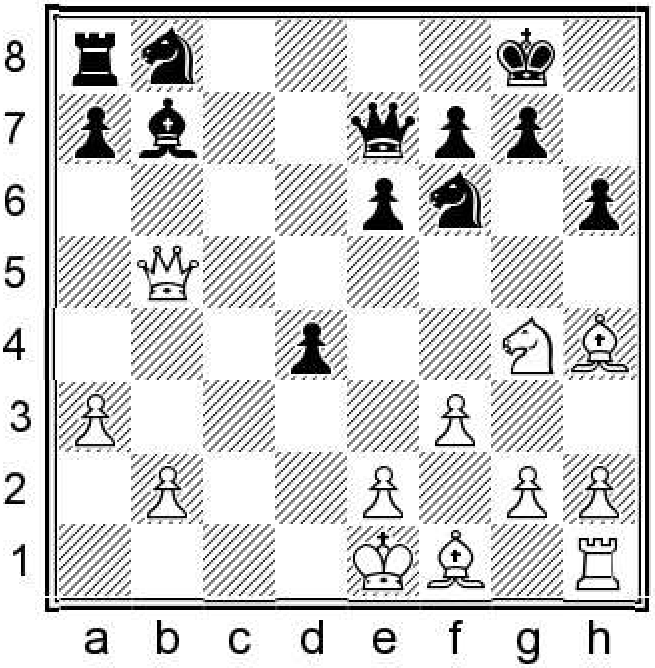
17.♘xg5N (17.♗g3 - 137/182) 17...hxg5 18.♗xg5 [Δ Qf3+-] 18...♘bd7□ 19.♕f3 ♖c8 20.c6 ♕c5 21.♗xf6 ♕c1+ 22.♔e2 ♕c2+= Wang,H (2763)-Wei,Y (2732) chess.com (Int.-rapid) 147/(178) 2020

**13...c5 14.f3 b5 15.♕a5 ♖xd4 16.♖xd4 cxd4 17.♘g4 ♗b7N**

17...b4

**18.♕xb5**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18.e4 dxe3 19.♗xb5 ♘bd7 20.♕c7 ♖c8 21.♘xf6+ gxf6 22.♕xb7 ♖c1+ 23.♔e2 ♖xh1 24.♕xd7 ♕c5 25.♕d8+ ♔h7 26.♗d3+ f5 27.♕f6 ♔g8 28.♕d8+ ♔h7=; 18.♘xf6+ gxf6 19.♕d2 ♘d7 20.♕xd4 ♖c8∞

**18...♗d5! 19.e4**

19.♕d3!?

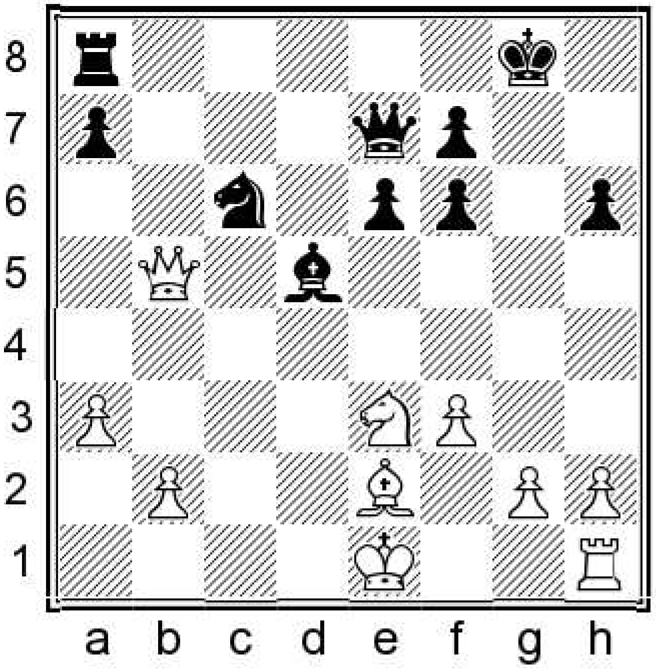
**19...dxe3□ 20.♗xf6**

20.♘xe3 ♘c6 21.♗e2 ♘d4 22.♕d3 ♘xe2 23.♕xe2 ♕c5=; 20.♘xf6+ gxf6 21.♕d3 ♘c6 22.♕xe3 ♔g7=

**20...gxf6 21.♘xe3**

21.♘xh6+ ♔f8 22.♘f5 exf5 23.♕xd5 ♕c7 24.♗c4 ♘c6 25.O-O ♖b8=

**21...♘c6 22.♗e2**



**22...♖b8**

22...♘d4!?

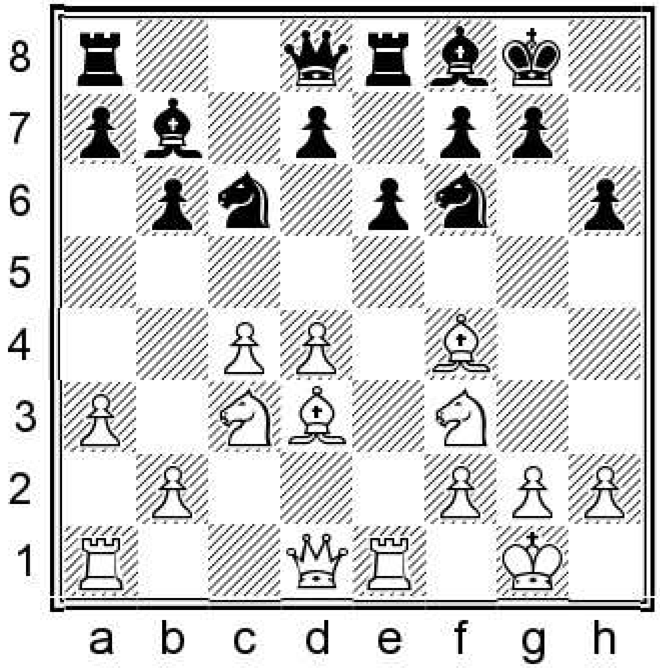
**23.♘xd5□ exd5 24.♕xc6 ♖xb2 25.♕c8+ ♔g7 26.♕g4+ ♔h8 27.♕c8+ ♔g7 28.♕g4+ ♔h8 29.♕c8+ ♔g7 1/2-1/2**

**179. E43**
**Vitiugov, Nikita (2720) - Fedoseev, Vladimir (2674)**
**Russia (ch) 147/179, 2020**

**1.d4 ♘f6 2.c4 e6 3.♘c3 ♗b4 4.♘f3 b6 5.e3 ♗b7 6.♗d3 O-O 7.O-O c5 8.♘a4 cxd4 9.exd4 ♖e8 10.a3 ♗f8 11.♘c3**

11.♖e1 - 111/278

**11...h6 12.♗f4 ♘c6 13.♖e1**



**13...d6N**

13...d5

**14.h3 ♖c8**

14...♘a5!? 15.d5 (15.b4 ♗xf3 16.♕xf3 ♘b3 17.♖ad1 ♘xd4 18.♕e3 e5∓) 15...exd5 16.cxd5 ♘xd5 17.♘xd5 ♗xd5 18.♗h7+ ♔xh7 19.♕xd5 ♕d7 20.b4 ♘c6 21.♖xe8 ♖xe8 22.♖c1 ♘d8 23.♗e3=∞

**15.d5**

15.b4!?

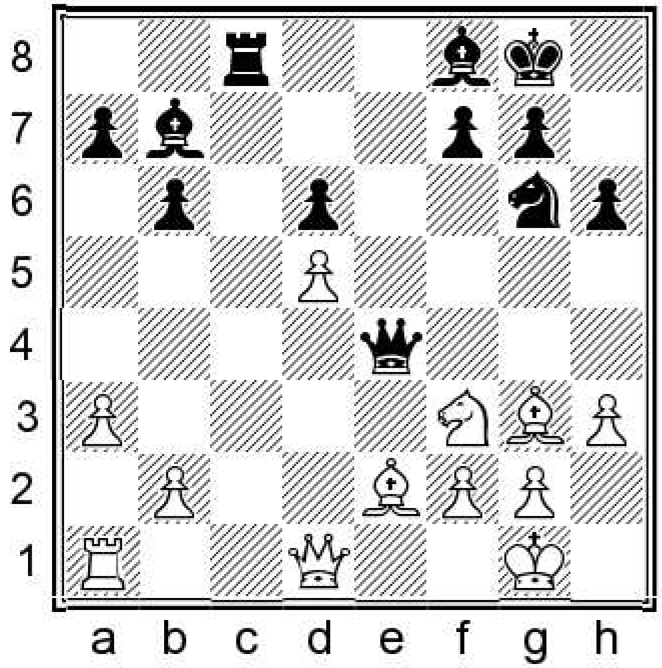
**15...exd5 16.♖xe8 ♕xe8 17.cxd5 ♘e5**

17...♘a5 18.♗b5 ♕d8 19.♕d3 ♘b3 20.♖e1±; 17...♘e7!? 18.♘b5 ♘g6 (18...♘exd5 19.♘xd6 ♗xd6 20.♗xd6 ♘e4 21.♗h2 ♘c5∞) 19.♗xd6 ♘xd5 20.♗xf8 ♕xf8 21.♗e4 (21.♘xa7 ♖a8 22.♘b5 ♘df4=∞) 21...♘e3 22.♕d3 ♗xe4 23.♕xe4 ♕c5=

**18.♗e2 ♘g6 19.♗g3 ♘e4**

19...♘xd5 20.♘xd5 ♗xd5 21.♗a6 ♗xf3 22.♕xf3=∞; 19...♖c5!?

**20.♘xe4 ♕xe4**



**21.♘d4! ♘e5 22.♘b5 ♕xd5 23.♗f1**

23.♕xd5 ♗xd5 24.♘xd6 ♗xd6 25.♖d1 ♘f3+ 26.♗xf3 (26.gxf3 ♗xg3 27.fxg3 ♗b3=) 26...♗xg3 27.♗xd5 ♗h4=

**23...a5 24.♕xd5 ♗xd5 25.♘xd6! ♗xd6 26.♖d1 ♘f3+ 27.gxf3 ♗xg3 28.♖xd5 ♗h4 29.♗d3 ♖d8 30.♖xd8+ ♗xd8= 31.a4 ♗f6 32.b3 ♗e5 33.♗c4 ♔f8 34.♔g2 h5 35.♔f1 ♔e7 36.♔g2 ♔f8 37.♔f1 ♗f4 38.♔g2 ♔e7 39.♔f1 ♔f8 40.♔g2 ♔e7 1/2-1/2**

**180. E49**
**Petrosyan, Manuel (2607) - Bellahcene, Bilel (2501)**
**chess.com (Int.-blitz) 147/180, 2020**

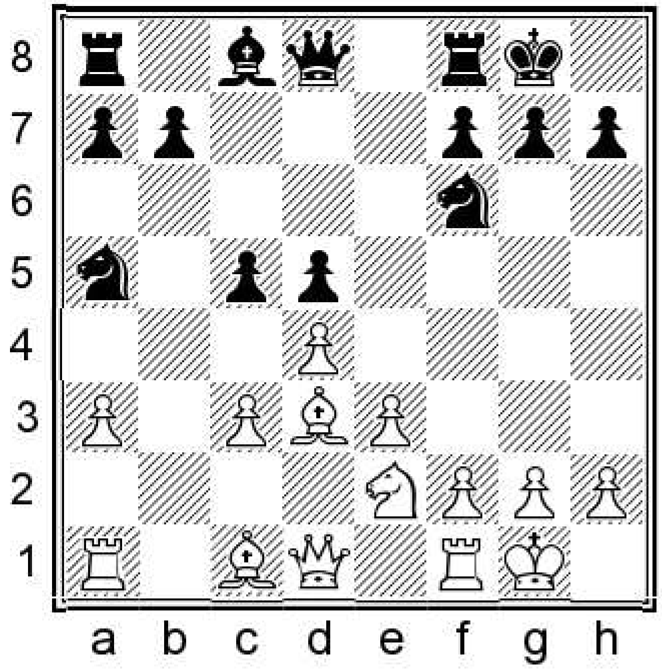
**1.c4 e6 2.♘c3 d5 3.d4 ♗b4 4.a3 ♗xc3+ 5.bxc3 ♘f6 6.e3 O-O 7.cxd5 exd5 8.♗d3 ♘c6**

8...♗g4 - 77/530

8...b6 - 105/310

8...c5 - 127/189

**9.♘e2 ♘a5 10.O-O c5**



**11.f3N**

11.♘g3 ♗e6 12.dxc5 ♖c8 13.a4 ♘d7 14.c6 ♖xc6 15.♗a3 ♖e8 16.f4 ♘f6!? 17.♗b5 ♗g4 18.♕d4 h5⯹; 11.♘f4 b6 (11...c4 12.♗c2 ♖e8 13.f3 b6 14.♖e1±) 12.a4 ♖e8 13.dxc5 bxc5 14.♗a3 ♕c7 15.♘h5 ♘e4 16.f3 ♘d6⇄

**11...♖e8 12.♘g3 ♗e6**

12...h5 13.♖b1 b6 14.♕e1 cxd4 15.cxd4 ♘b7 16.a4 ♘d6 17.h4 ♗b7 18.♕f2±

**13.a4**

13.♔h1!? ♕c7 (13...h5!? 14.e4 dxe4 15.fxe4 ♗g4 16.♕e1 cxd4 17.♗g5 dxc3 18.♗c2 ♖e5!? 19.♗xf6 gxf6 20.h3 h4 21.♖f4 ♖g5∞) 14.e4 dxe4 (14...c4 15.♗c2 ♘b3 (15...h6 16.e5 ♘h7 17.f4±) 16.♖b1 ♘d7 17.e5 ♘xc1 18.♕xc1 f6 19.f4±) 15.fxe4 ♗g4 16.♕e1 cxd4 17.cxd4 ♘b3 18.♖b1 ♘xd4 19.♗b2 ♖ad8 20.♕f2 ♕d7 21.h3 ♗xh3 22.gxh3 ♕xh3+ 23.♕h2 ♕xh2+ 24.♔xh2 ♘g4+ 25.♔h3 ♘e5 26.♖bd1±

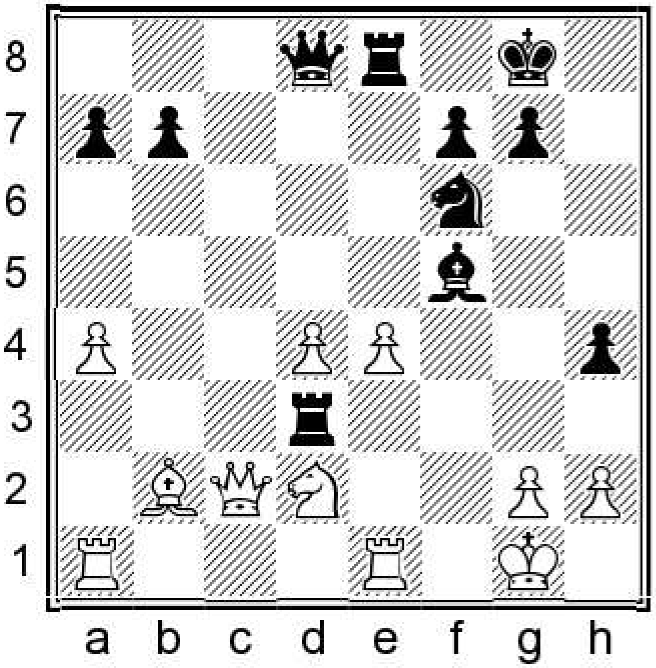
**13...♖c8 14.♗a3**

14.♗b5 ♗d7 15.♖e1 ♗xb5 16.axb5 cxd4 17.cxd4 ♕b6 18.e4 ♘c4⇄

**14...cxd4 15.cxd4 ♘c4 16.♖e1 h5 17.♘f1 h4⇄ 18.♗xc4?! ♖xc4 19.♘d2 ♖c3 20.♗b2 ♖d3?!**

20...♖c6 21.♖c1 ♖xc1 22.♗xc1 h3 23.g4 ♘h7 24.♘f1 ♘g5 25.♘g3 ♗d7∓

**21.♕c2 ♗f5 22.e4 dxe4 23.fxe4?**



23.♘xe4 ♗xe4 24.fxe4 ♖xd4 25.♗xd4 ♕xd4+ 26.♕f2 ♕xf2+ 27.♔xf2 ♘xe4+ 28.♔f3 f5 29.♖ac1±

**23...♖xd4! 24.♗xd4 ♕xd4+ 25.♔h1 ♗xe4?!**

25...♘xe4! 26.♘xe4 ♖xe4 27.♕d1 ♖xe1+ 28.♕xe1 h3∓

**26.♘xe4 ♘xe4 27.h3 ♘g3+ 28.♔h2 ♖f8**

28...♖e4 29.♖xe4 ♘xe4 30.♖e1 ♕e5+ 31.♔g1 f5∞

**29.♖ad1 ♕f4 30.♕d2??**

30.♔g1 b6 31.♕c6 g6 32.♕d7 ♘f5 33.♕xa7 ♖c8 34.♕xb6 ♖c2 35.♖d8+ ♔g7 36.♖d3 ♕xa4 37.♖f3∞

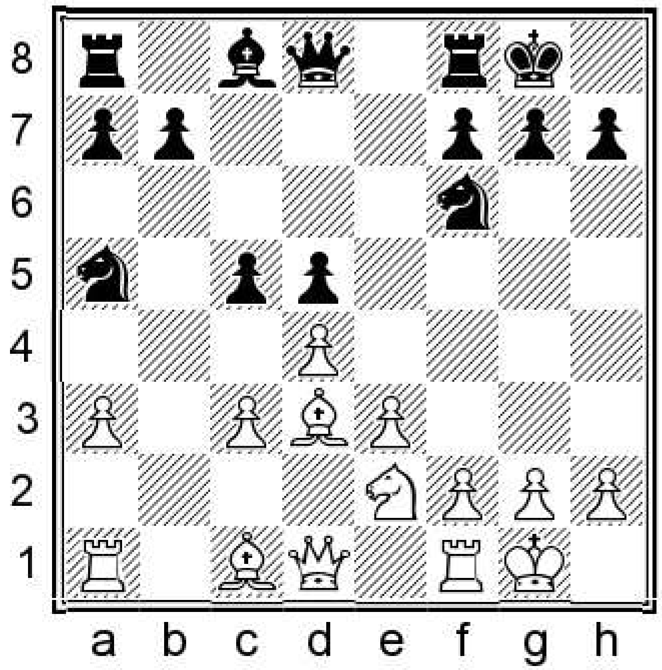
**30...♘f1+ 31.♔g1 ♘xd2 32.♖e2 ♘c4 0-1**

**181. E49**
**Nisipeanu, Liviu Dieter (2657) - Bluebaum, Matthias (2672)**
**Bad Wiessee 147/181, 2020**

**1.d4 ♘f6 2.c4 e6 3.♘c3 ♗b4 4.a3 ♗xc3+ 5.bxc3 d5 6.cxd5 exd5 7.e3 O-O 8.♗d3 ♘c6 9.♘e2 ♘a5**

9...♗g4 10.f3 ♗h5 11.♘f4±

**10.O-O c5!?**



10...b6 11.♘g3 ♖e8 (11...♗b7 12.f3 ♖e8 13.e4!? (13.♖a2 c5 14.♖e2 ♖c8 15.♘f5 cxd4 16.cxd4 ♘c4 17.♔h1 (17.g4 g6∞) 17...♘d6 18.♘xd6 ♕xd6 19.♖fe1 g6∞) 13...dxe4 14.fxe4 ♘xe4 15.♘f5↑ Δ♖e6 16.c4 ♖g6 17.d5 ♘d6 18.♘xd6 ♕xd6 (18...♖xd6? 19.♗xh7+!+-) 19.♕f3±) 12.f3 c5 13.♖a2 ♘b7 (13...a6 14.♖af2 ♖a7 15.♖e1 ♖ae7 16.a4±) 14.♖e2 cxd4 15.cxd4 h5 16.♘h1!? ♘d6 17.♘f2 ♗f5 18.♗xf5 ♘xf5 19.e4 ♘e7 20.e5 ♘h7 21.g4↑

**11.dxc5N**

11.f3 - 147/180

**11...♕c7**

11...♗d7 12.a4 ♖e8 13.♕c2 ♕c8 14.♗a3 ♘c4 15.♕a2 ♘xa3 16.♕xa3 ♕c7 17.♕b4±

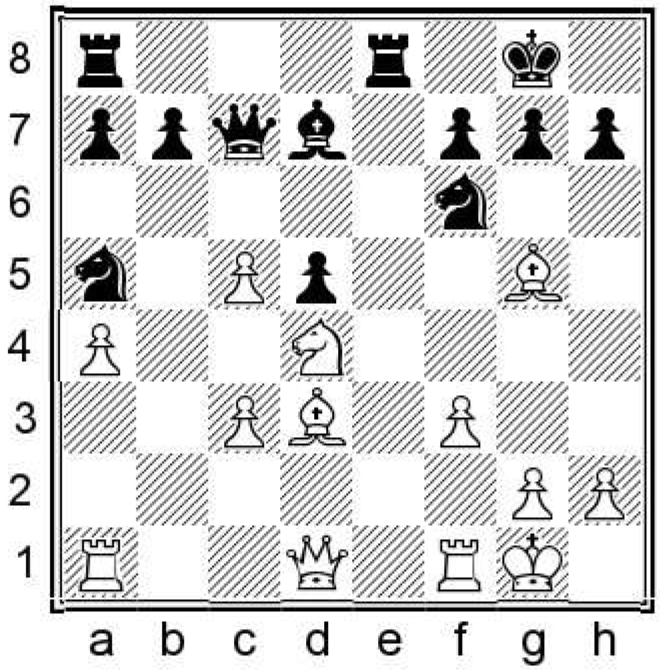
**12.a4 ♗g4**

12...♖d8 13.h3 ♘c4 14.♗a3 ♘xa3 15.♖xa3 ♕xc5 16.♕b3 ♗e6 17.♕b4 ♖ac8 18.♖aa1 ♘e4 19.♖fc1±

**13.f3**

13.♗a3!? ♖fe8 14.♕c2 ♗xe2 15.♗xe2 ♘c4 16.♗xc4 ♘g4 17.g3 dxc4 18.♖ad1 ♘e5 19.♖d6±

**13...♗d7 14.♘d4 ♖fe8 15.♗a3!? ♖xe3 16.♗c1 ♖ee8 17.♗g5**



**17...♕e5**

17...♕xc5!? 18.♗xf6 gxf6 19.f4 (19.♔h1 ♕xc3 20.♖c1 ♕b2∞) 19...♖e3 (19...♕xc3 20.♗f5=∞) 20.♔h1 ♕xc3 21.♗f5 ♘b3 22.♕g4+ ♔h8 23.♕h5 ♗xf5 24.♘xf5 ♘xa1 25.♕xf7 ♖g8 26.♘xe3 ♕xe3 27.♕xf6+ ♖g7 28.♖xa1 ♕e4 29.♖g1 d4=

**18.♕d2**

18.♗h4 ♘c4 19.♖e1 ♕c7 20.♖b1 ♕xc5 21.♗xf6 gxf6 22.♖xb7 ♘e5 23.♖e3 ♘xd3 24.♕xd3 ♖xe3 25.♕xe3 ♕c8 26.♖b4 a5 (26...♖b8? 27.♘c6! ♗xc6 28.♖g4+ ♔h8 29.♕h6+-) 27.♖b6 ♖a6 28.♖b2 ♖a8 Δ Rb8=

18.♕c1!? ♘c4 19.a5 a6 20.♗h4 ♕e3+ 21.♕xe3 ♖xe3 22.♗xc4 dxc4 23.♖fb1 ♗c6 24.♗xf6 gxf6 25.♘xc6 bxc6 26.♖b6 ♖xc3 27.♔f2 ♖c2+ 28.♔g3 c3 29.♖xc6 ♔g7 30.♖a4±

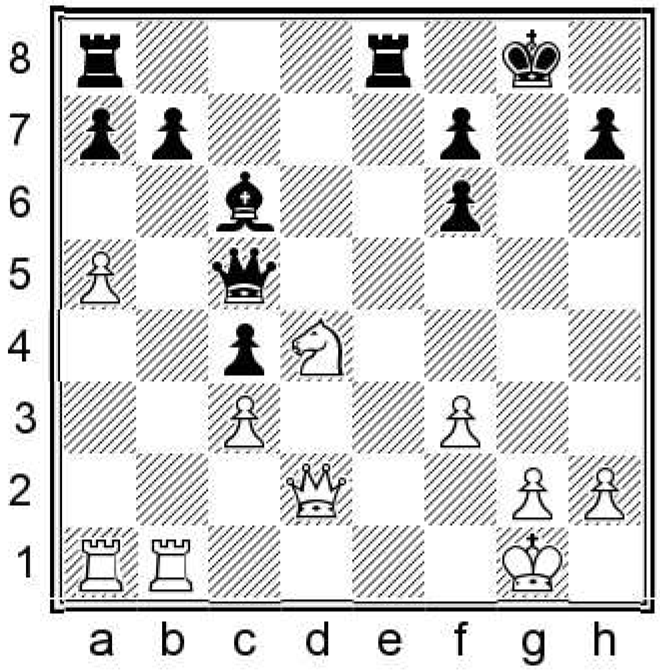
**18...♘c4 19.♗xc4 dxc4 20.♖fb1**

20.♗xf6 ♕xf6 21.♘b5 ♗xb5 22.axb5 ♖ad8 23.♖fe1 ♖xe1+ 24.♖xe1 g6=

**20...♗c6 21.a5 ♕xc5**

⌓21...♘d7 22.a6 ♕xc5 23.axb7 ♖ab8 24.♗e3 ♖xb7 25.♖xb7 ♗xb7 26.♘c2 ♕c6 27.♗xa7 ♘e5 28.♘d4 ♕g6⇄

**22.♗xf6 gxf6**



**23.♕h6**

23.♕f4! ♔g7 24.♖b4 ♕e5 25.♘f5+ ♔h8 26.♖xc4 ♗d5 27.♖d4±

**23...♕d6 24.♖b4 ♖e5**

24...b5 25.♘xb5 ♗xb5 26.♖xb5 ♖e5 27.♖xe5 ♕xe5 28.♕d2 ♖e8 29.♖a4 ♕b5=

**25.♖xc4 ♗d7= 26.♖b4**

26.f4 ♖e4 27.♘b5 ♕e6 28.♖xe4 ♕xe4 29.♕xf6 ♕e3+ 30.♔h1 ♖e8 31.h3 ♗c6=

**26...♖c8 27.♕d2 ♖h5 28.g3 ♖c7 29.♖ab1 ♖xa5 30.♖xb7 ♖xb7 31.♖xb7 ♖a1+ 32.♔g2 ♕d5 33.♖b2 a5 34.♘e2**

34.♘b3 ♕xd2+ 35.♖xd2 ♖a3 36.♖xd7 ♖xb3=

**34...♕xd2 35.♖xd2 ♗e6 36.♖d8+ ♔g7 37.♘f4 ♖a2+ 38.♔g1 f5 39.♘xe6+ fxe6 40.c4⊕ 1-0**

# E50-E74

**182. E52**
**Lupulescu, Constantin (2656) - Brkic, Ante (2594)**
**chess.com (ol-rapid) 147/182, 2020**

**1.d4 ♘f6 2.c4 e6 3.♘f3 d5 4.♘c3 ♗b4 5.e3 O-O 6.♗d2 b6 7.cxd5 exd5 8.♗d3**

8.♖c1 ♗b7 - 144/187

**8...♗b7**

8...♖e8 9.O-O ♗a6

**9.O-O**

9.♖c1 ♖e8 (9...a6 - 140/188) 10.♘b5!? - 144/185

9.♘e5 - 143/187

**9...a6**

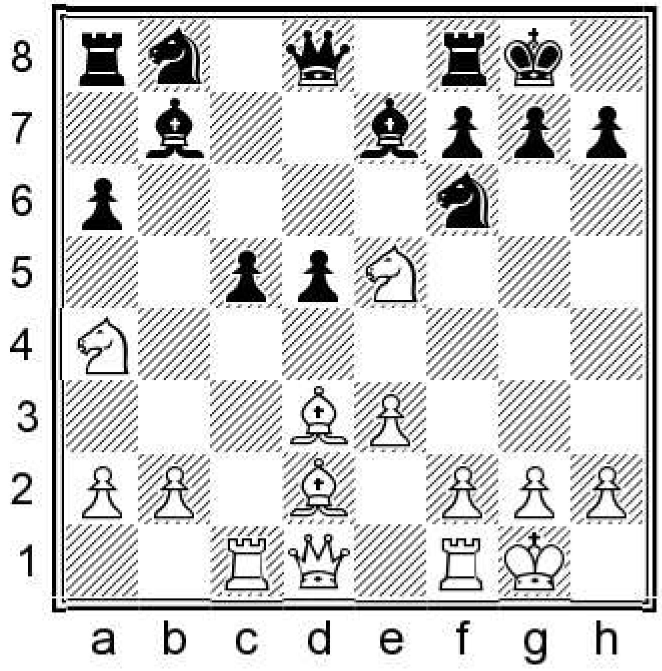
9...♗d6 - 145/185

9...♘bd7 - 145/186

**10.♘e5 ♗e7 11.♖c1 c5 12.dxc5**

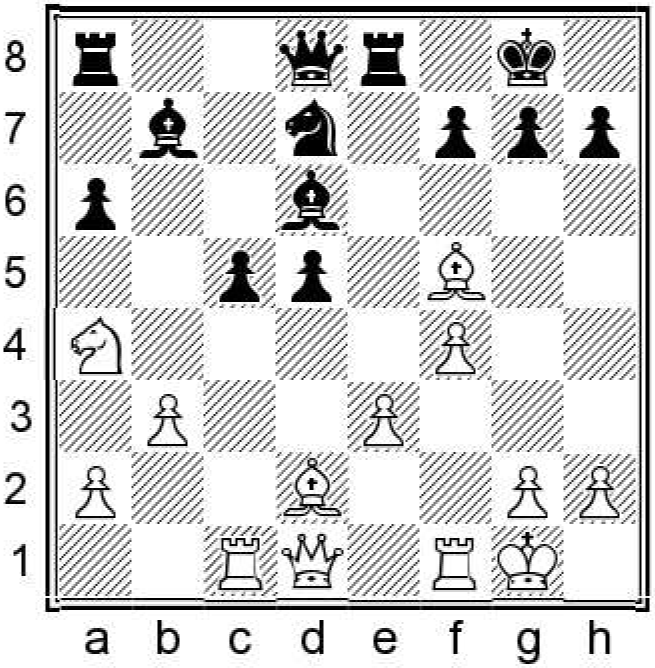
12.♕f3 ♘c6 13.♖fd1 (13.♕h3 ♘xe5 14.dxe5 ♘e4 15.♖fd1 ♕c8=) 13...♖e8 (13...cxd4 14.♘xc6 ♗xc6 15.exd4 ♕d7 16.♗f4±) 14.♕h3 cxd4 15.exd4 ♘xd4 16.♘g4 g6 17.♗e3 ♘e6 18.♗c4 ♖c8∞; 12.b3 ♘c6 (12...♘bd7 13.♘xd7 ♘xd7 14.♕f3 ♘f6 15.dxc5 bxc5 16.♖fd1 ♗d6 17.♘a4 ♕e7 18.♕h3 ♘e4 19.♗xe4 dxe4 20.♗a5! Δ Nb6±) 13.♘xc6 (13.♕f3 ♘xe5 14.dxe5 ♘e4 15.♖fd1 f5⇄) 13...♗xc6 14.♘e2 ♗d6 15.♘g3 g6 (15...♖e8 16.♗b4! ♘d7 17.♗c3±) 16.♗c3 (16.♗b4 cxd4 17.♖xc6 ♗xb4 18.♕f3 ♗d6 19.exd4 ♔g7 20.♖fc1 ♘g8 21.♕xd5 ♗xg3 22.♕xd8 ♗xf2+ 23.♔xf2 ♖fxd8 24.♖xb6 ♖xd4 25.♖xa6 ♖xa6 26.♗xa6 ♖d2+=) 16...♖e8 17.♗b2 a5 18.♕f3 ♖e6 19.a4 h5!?⇄

**12...bxc5 13.♘a4**



**13...c4!?N**

13...♗d6 14.f4 (14.♘xc5 ♗xc5 15.♖xc5 ♕e7 16.♕b3 ♕xc5 17.♕xb7 ♖a7 18.♕b3 ♖e8 19.♗c3 ♕d6 20.♗d4 ♖ae7 21.f4 ♘bd7 22.♘xd7 ♖xd7 23.♕a4 ♖de7 24.h3 ♖e6∞) 14...c4 15.♗b1 ♘bd7 16.♗c3 ♕e7 17.♘xd7 ♘xd7 (17...♕xe3+? 18.♔h1 ♘xd7 19.♕g4 d4 20.♖ce1+-) 18.♖f3 ♘f6 19.♖g3↑ g6 20.♕d4 ♗c6! 21.h4 (21.♗c2 ♗xa4 22.♗xa4 ♗c5 23.♕xf6 ♗xe3+ 24.♖xe3 ♕xe3+ 25.♔f1 ♕xc1+ 26.♔f2 d4! 27.♗xd4 ♕d2+=) 21...♗xa4 22.♕xf6 ♕xf6 23.♗xf6 ♖ab8 24.h5 ♗c5 25.♔f2!? d4 26.exd4 ♖xb2+ 27.♔f3 ♗c6+ 28.♗e4 ♗xe4+ 29.♔xe4 ♗e7 30.♗xe7 ♖e8 31.♖xc4 ♖xe7+ 32.♔d5±; 13...♖e8 14.b3 (14.f4 c4 15.♗b1 ♘c6 16.♗c3 ♖b8⇄; 14.♘g4 ♘xg4 15.♕xg4 ♘d7 16.♗c3 d4!? 17.exd4 ♘f6 18.♕h3 cxd4 19.♗d2 ♗c8 20.♕g3 ♗d6 21.♕h4 ♗d7∞ 22.♘c5 ♗xc5 23.♖xc5 ♗b5!=; 14.♗c3 ♗d6=) 14...♗d6 15.f4 ♘bd7 16.♘xd7 ♘xd7 17.♗f5



17...d4! 18.exd4 cxd4 19.♗c3 dxc3 20.♕xd6 ♖e2 21.♖f2 ♕e8 22.♔f1 ♕e3! 23.♖xe2 ♗xg2+ 24.♖xg2 ♕xc1+ 25.♔f2 c2 26.♗xd7 ♕d1 27.♕e5 g6 28.♘c3 ♕d2+ 29.♔g3 ♕d3+ 30.♔h4 c1=Q 31.♘d5 ♕dd1 32.♘f6+ ♔g7 33.♘d5+ ♔g8=

**14.♗b1 ♘c6 15.♗c3 ♖e8**

15...♘xe5 16.♗xe5 ♖e8 17.♕d4 ♖c8 18.♗f5 ♖c6 19.♖fd1±

**16.♘xc6**

16.♘g4!? ♘xg4 (16...♖b8 17.b3! cxb3 18.♘c5!? d4 19.♘xb7 ♖xb7 20.exd4 b2 21.♗xb2 ♘xg4 22.♕xg4 ♖xb2 23.♖xc6 ♖d2 24.g3 ♖xd4 25.♕e2 a5 26.♖e1↑) 17.♕xg4 g6 18.f4 ♗b4! 19.f5 ♘e5 20.♕d4 a5!? 21.h4 (21.a3 ♗xc3 22.♘xc3 ♖a6 23.♖f2 ♕b6 24.♕f4 f6 25.h4 ♘d3⇄) 21...♖a6 22.fxg6 hxg6 23.h5 ♖f6 24.hxg6 fxg6 25.♖f4 ♖xf4 26.♕xf4 ♕e7 27.♖f1 ♘d3⇄

**16...♗xc6 17.♗d4 ♖b8 18.♕c2 g6 19.♘c3 ♕c7**

19...♗d6!? 20.b3 (20.h3 ♗c7⇄ Δ Qd6) 20...♘g4 (20...♗c7 21.♕e2 ♕d6 22.g3 cxb3 23.axb3 ♗b6!? 24.♕xa6 ♗xd4 25.♘b5 ♖xb5 26.♖xc6 ♕b8 27.exd4 ♘e4⯹) 21.h3 ♘e5 22.f4 ♘d3 23.♖cd1 ♕e7 24.♕e2 ♗xf4 (24...♘xf4 25.♕f3↑) 25.exf4 ♕xe2 26.♘xe2 ♖xe2 27.♗xd3 cxd3 28.♖f2 ♗b5 29.a4 ♗d7=

**20.h3 ♘d7 21.♖fd1 ♘f8**

21...♘e5 22.f4 ♘d3 23.♘xd5! ♕b7 (23...♗xd5 24.♕xd3 ♕xf4 25.exf4 cxd3 26.♖xd3 ♗e6 27.♗e5±) 24.♖xd3 cxd3 25.♘xe7+ ♖xe7 26.♕d2 ♗e4 27.♗xd3 ♗xd3 28.♕xd3±

**22.♘e2**

22.♘e4!? dxe4 23.♕xc4 ♖bc8! 24.♗xe4 ♗xe4 25.♕xc7 ♖xc7 26.♖xc7 ♘e6 27.♖a7 ♗c2 28.♖c1 ♘xd4 29.exd4 ♗d3 30.♖e1 ♔f8 31.♖e3 ♗b5 32.b3 ♗a3=

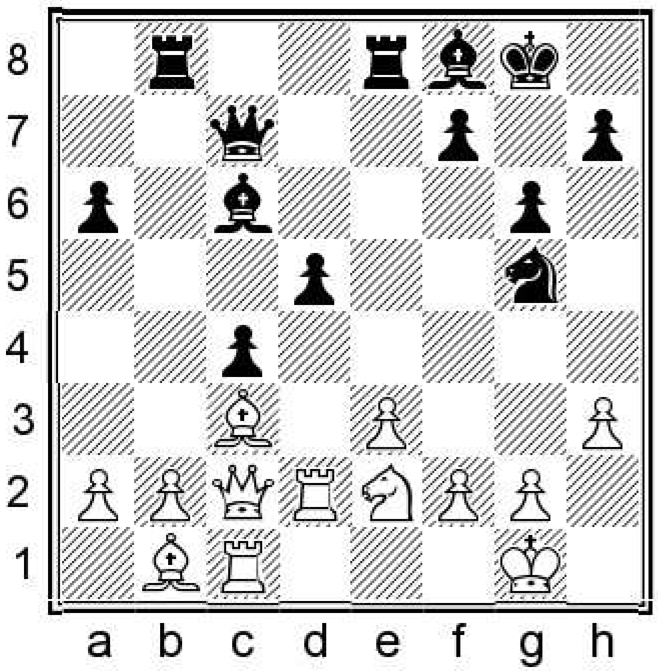
**22...♘e6 23.♗c3 ♗f8**

23...a5!? 24.♕d2 ♗b4 25.♘d4 ♘xd4 26.♕xd4 ♗xc3 27.♕xc3 a4⇄

**24.♖d2**

24.♕d2 ♗a8 25.♘d4 ♘g5 26.b3 ♗d6 (26...♗g7 27.h4 ♘e4 28.♗xe4 ♖xe4 29.♘f3±) 27.♗a1 ♗b4 28.♕e2 ♗a3 29.♗b2 ♗xb2 30.♕xb2 ♕e7 31.h4 ♘e6 32.♘xe6 ♕xe6 33.♖d4!±

**24...♘g5**



24...a5 25.♕d1 ♕b7 26.♗c2 ♗b4⇄

**25.♕d1!?**

25.♘f4 ♘e4 26.♘xd5 ♗xd5 (26...♕b7 27.♕xe4!±) 27.♖xd5 ♘xc3 28.♕xc3 (28.bxc3 ♕c6 29.♖cd1 ♖b5 30.♕d2 ♕b6 31.♗c2 ♖b2 32.a4 ♖a2⇄) 28...♕b7 29.♖cd1 (29.♕xc4? ♖ec8-+) 29...♖ec8 30.b3 cxb3 31.♕b2 ♕b6 (31...bxa2 32.♕xa2↑) 32.♖d7 ♕e6=

**25...♕b7**

⌓25...♘e6 26.♘d4 ♘xd4 27.♖xd4 ♗g7 28.b3 cxb3 29.axb3 ♗b7 30.♕d2 ♖bc8=

**26.♘f4± ♘e4?**

26...♗g7?! 27.♗xg7 ♔xg7 28.♘xd5 ♖e5 29.e4 ♖be8 30.♘e3 ♗xe4 31.♗xe4 ♘xe4 32.♘xc4 ♘xd2 33.♘xe5 ♘b3 34.♖c3±; 26...♗b4 27.♗xb4 ♕xb4 28.b3 ♘e4 29.♗xe4 ♖xe4 30.♘xd5 ♗xd5 31.♖xd5 cxb3 32.axb3 ♕xb3 33.♖c8+ ♔g7 34.♖xb8 ♕xb8 35.♕a1+ ♔g8 36.♕xa6±

**27.♗xe4 dxe4**

27...♖xe4 28.♘xd5 ♗g7 29.♘f6+ ♗xf6 30.♗xf6 ♖e6 31.♗c3+-

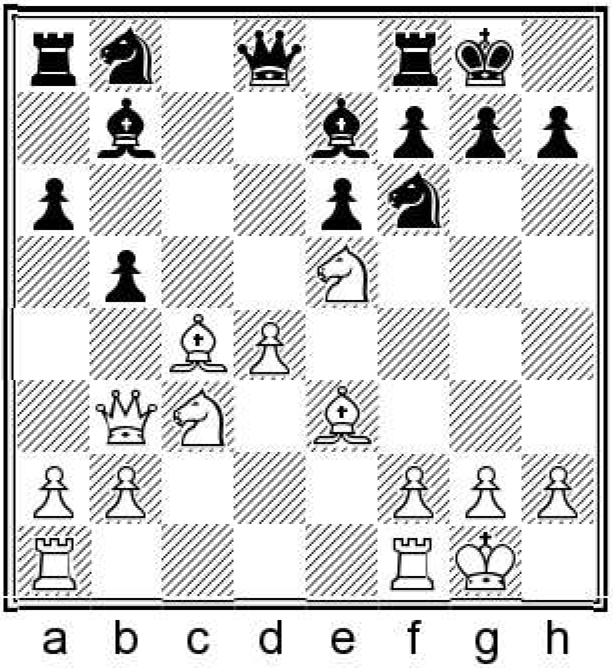
**28.♖d6! ♗g7 29.♗xg7 ♔xg7 30.♖xc4+- ♖bc8 31.♕d4+ ♔g8 32.h4 h5 33.♘xh5 gxh5 34.♖h6 1-0**

**183. E54**
**Van Foreest, Jorden (2682) - Huschenbeth, Niclas (2612)**
**Espana 147/183, 2020**

**1.d4 ♘f6 2.c4 e6 3.♘c3 ♗b4 4.e3 O-O 5.♗d3 c5 6.♘f3 d5 7.O-O cxd4 8.exd4 dxc4 9.♗xc4 b6 10.♕a4 ♗e7 11.♗e3N**

11.♗f4

**11...♗b7 12.♘e5 a6 13.♕b3 b5**



**14.♘xf7!?**

14.a4 b4 (14...♗xg2? 15.♗xe6! ♗xf1 (15...bxa4 16.♘xf7 ♖xf7 17.♗xf7+ ♔h8 18.♕xa4 ♗xf1 19.♔xf1±) 16.♘xf7 ♖xf7 17.♗xf7+ ♔f8 18.♔xf1±) 15.♘e2 ♘d5∞

**14...♖xf7**

14...♔xf7? 15.♗xe6+ ♔e8 16.♖fe1+- →

**15.♗xe6 ♕e8 16.♖fe1 ♗c8**

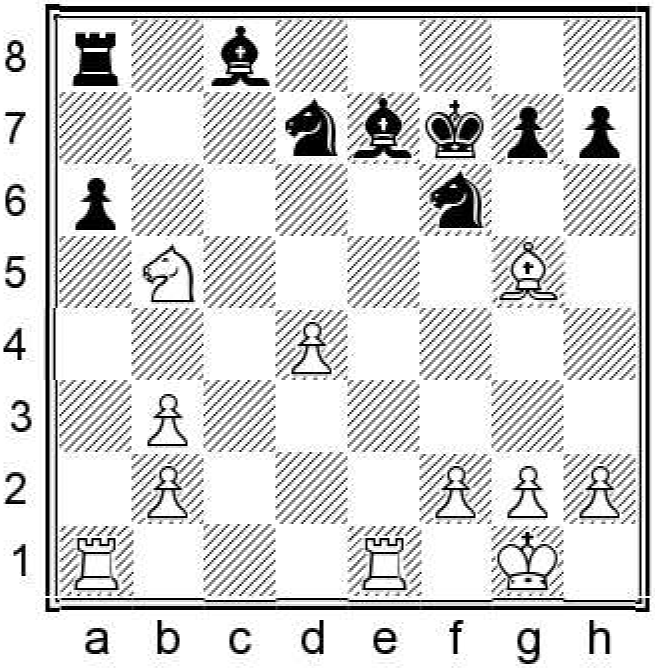
16...♘c6!? 17.♗g5 (17.♗f4 ♗d8 (17...♘xd4 18.♗xf7+ ♕xf7 19.♖xe7! ♘xb3 20.♖xf7 ♔xf7 21.axb3±; 17...♗c8 18.♗xf7+ ♕xf7 19.d5 ♘a5 20.♕c2∞) 18.♖ad1 ♘a5 19.♕c2 ♔h8 20.♗xf7 ♕xf7∞) 17...♖d8 18.♖ad1 ♗c8∞

**17.♗xf7+ ♕xf7 18.♗g5 ♕xb3**

⌓18...♘c6 19.♖ad1 (19.♗xf6 ♕xb3□ (19...gxf6 20.♘d5! ♗d8 21.♖ac1 ♘xd4 (21...♗d7 22.♕g3+! ♔h8 23.♕d6 ♘a5 24.♘e7! ♗e8 25.♘f5 ♘b7 26.♕a3 ♗d7 27.♘h6 ♕g7 28.♕f3!+-) 22.♘xf6+ ♗xf6

23.♖e8+ ♔g7 24.♕xf7+ ♔xf7 25.♖exc8±) 20.axb3 ♗xf6 21.♘xb5 ♗f5∞) 19...♗f5 20.♕xf7+ ♔xf7 21.d5∞

**19.axb3 ♔f7 20.♘xb5 ♘bd7?!**



20...♘c6 21.d5 (21.♗f4 ♗b7 22.♘d6+ ♗xd6 23.♗xd6 ♖d8 24.♗c5 ♘d5=∞) 21...♘xd5 (21...♖b8 22.♗xf6 (22.dxc6 ♖xb5±) 22...♖xb5 (22...gxf6 23.dxc6 ♖xb5 24.♖ed1!±) 23.♗xg7 ♘b4 24.d6 ♗xd6 25.♖ad1±; 21...♘b4 22.d6 ♗d8 23.♖ec1±) 22.♗xe7 ♘cxe7⩲; 20...♗d7 21.♘a3 ♗b4 22.♖ed1 ♘d5=∞

**21.♗f4! ♗b7 22.♗d6**

22.♘d6+ ♗xd6 23.♗xd6⩲

**22...♗d8□ 23.♘a3**

23.♘c7 ♗xc7 24.♖e7+ ♔g8 25.♗xc7 ♗c6=∞; 23.♘c3!?

**23...♘b6?!**

23...♗d5 24.♘c4 ♘e8 25.♗g3±

**24.♘c4± ♘bd5 25.b4 ♖c8 26.♖ac1**

26.♘e5+ ♔e6 (26...♔g8 27.b5! axb5 28.♖a7 ♘e4 29.♗c5 ♘xc5 30.dxc5 ♗a8 31.♖ea1 ♘c7 32.f4±) 27.♗f8 (27.♗c5±) 27...♘e8 (27...♘d7 28.♘c4+ ♔f6 29.♘d6 ♘xf8 30.♘xb7+-) 28.b5 axb5 29.♖a7 ♖c7 30.♗c5±

**26...♘d7?!**

26...♘e8; 26...♖a8

**27.♘a5! ♖xc1 28.♖xc1 ♗xa5 29.bxa5 ♔e6 30.♗g3 ♘b4?!**

30...♘f8

**31.♖e1+! ♔f6**

⌓31...♔f7

**32.♗d6 ♘d3**

32...♘c6 33.d5+-; 32...♘d5 33.f3+-

**33.♖e3+- ♘c1 34.♗e7+ ♔g6**

34...♔f5

**35.f3**

35.b4! ♘f6 (35...♗d5 36.b5 ♗c4 (36...axb5 37.a6 ♘b6 38.♗c5 ♘c4 39.♖e8) 37.b6) 36.♖e6 ♔f7 37.♖b6

**35...♗d5 36.b4 ♗c4 37.♔f2 ♘d3+ 38.♔g3 ♔f5 39.h4 h6?!**

39...♘f4

**40.♔h2**

40.h5

**40...h5 41.♗d8 g6?! 42.♗g5**

42.♖e7!?

**42...♘b8 43.d5!? ♘d7**

43...♗b5□

**44.g4+! 1-0**

**184. E60**
**Andersen, Mads (2577) - Chatalbashev, Boris (2522)**
**Danmark (ch) 147/184, 2020**

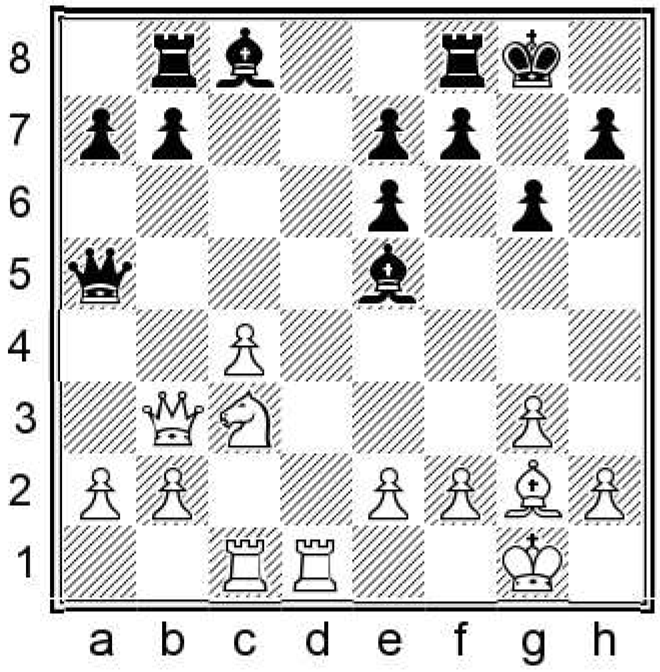
**1.d4 ♘f6 2.c4 g6 3.g3 c5 4.♘f3 ♗g7 5.♗g2 ♕a5+ 6.♘c3 ♘e4 7.♕d3 cxd4 8.♘xd4 ♘c5 9.♕d1 ♘c6 10.♗e3 ♘e6 11.♘xe6 dxe6**

11...♗xc3+ - 68/(487)

**12.O-O O-O 13.♕b3 ♘d4 14.♗xd4 ♗xd4 15.♖ac1N**

15.♖fd1

**15...♖b8 16.♖fd1 ♗e5**



**17.c5! ♖d8**

17...♕xc5 18.♘d5 ♕a5 (18...♕d6 19.♘f6+ ♗xf6 20.♖xd6 exd6 21.♕a3±) 19.♘xe7+ ♔g7 20.a4±

**18.♖xd8+ ♛xd8 19.♕a4 ♝d7**

19...a6? 20.♖d1 ♕f8 (20...♕c7 21.♕e8+ ♔g7 22.♖d8+-) 21.♕a5+-

**20.♛xa7 ♕c8**

20...♗c6 21.♗xc6 bxc6 22.♖d1 ♕e8 23.♘a4 ♗xb2 (23...♖d8 24.♖d3±) 24.♘b6±

**21.♖d1±**

21.b4±

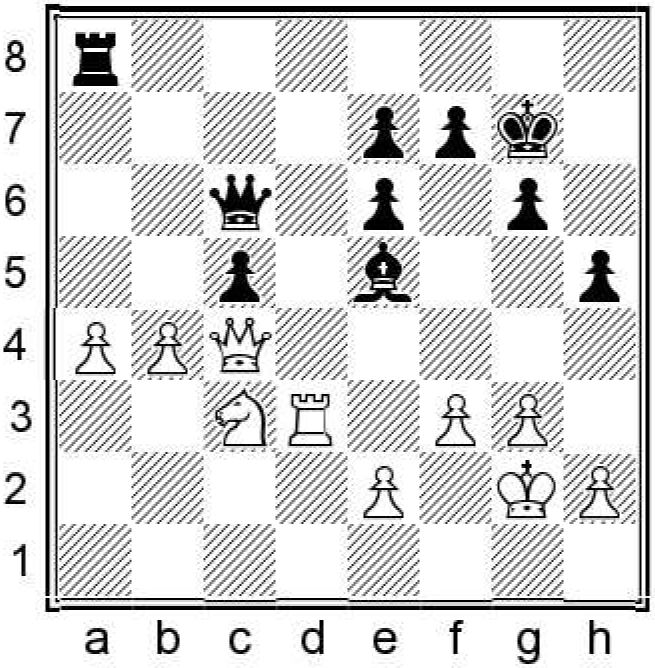
**21...♔g7 22.♕a5 ♗c6 23.♖d3 ♗xg2 24.♔xg2 ♕c6+ 25.f3 ♖c8 26.b4 h5 27.♕b5**

27.♘b5 ♗b8 28.a4 h4 29.♖d8+-

**27...♖a8 28.♕c4 b6**

28...♕a6 29.b5 ♕a5 30.♘e4 (30.c6 bxc6 31.bxc6±) 30...♕e1 31.♕c2 h4 32.♕d1±

**29.a4 bxc5**



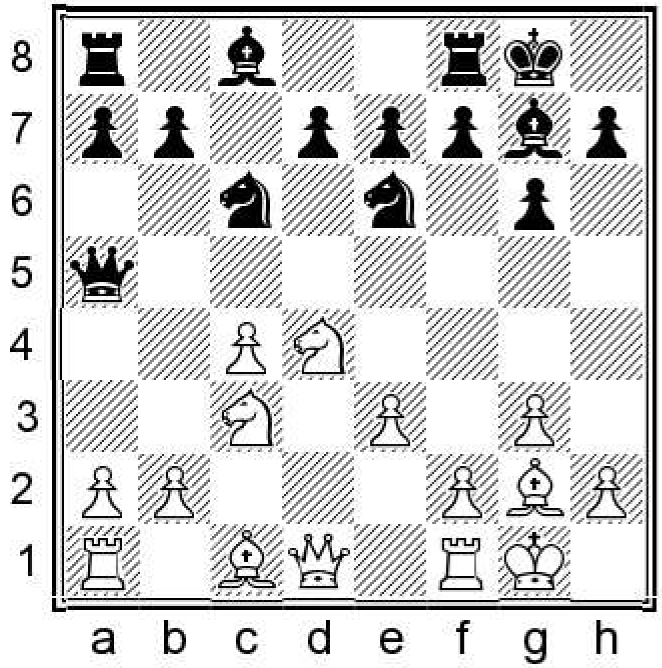
**30.b5!**

30.bxc5 ♕a6 31.♕xa6 ♖xa6 32.♘b5 ♖xa4 33.f4 ♖b4 34.♘a7±

**30...♕c7 31.♘e4+- ♖c8 32.♘d2 h4 33.f4 ♗f6 34.♘f3 hxg3 35.hxg3 ♕a5 36.e4 ♗a1 37.♖a3 ♗b2 38.♖b3 ♗a1 39.♖a3 ♗b2 40.♖b3 ♗a1 41.b6 ♖b8 42.♖b5 ♕a6 43.a5 ♖c8 44.♖xc5! ♕xc4 45.♖xc4 ♖xc4 46.b7 1-0**

**185. E60**
**Drygalov, Sergey (2490) - Belous, Vladimir (2524)**
**chess24.com (Int.-m/4-rapid) 147/185, 2021**

**1.d4 ♘f6 2.♘f3 g6 3.c4 ♗g7 4.g3 c5 5.♘c3 ♕a5 6.♗g2 ♘e4 7.♕d3 cxd4 8.♘xd4 ♘c5 9.♕d1 ♘c6 10.e3 ♘e6 11.O-O O-O**



**12.♖e1N**

12.♘xe6 - 69/(499)

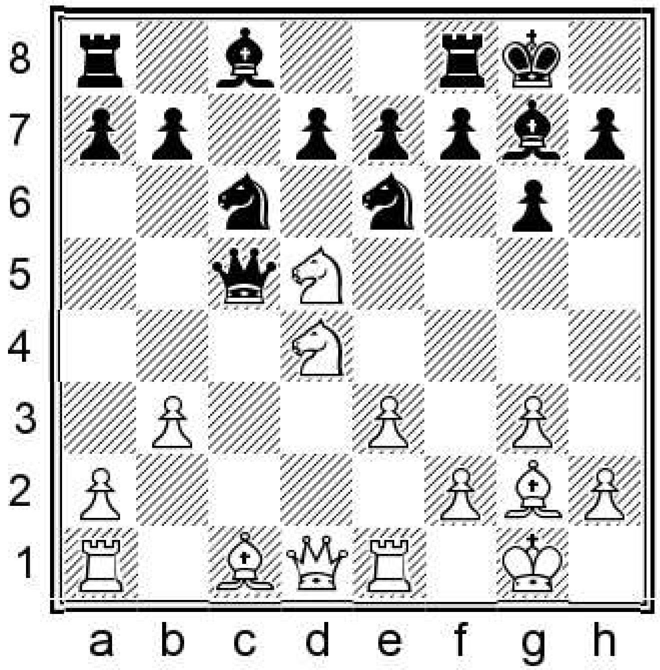
**12...♕c5**

12...♘exd4 13.exd4 ♗xd4 14.♗h6 ♗xc3 (14...♖e8 15.♖c1±) 15.bxc3 ♖e8 16.♕f3± (16.♕d2±)

**13.♘d5 ♕xc4**

13...♘exd4?! 14.exd4 ♗xd4 (14...♕xd4 15.♘xe7+ ♘xe7 16.♕xd4 ♗xd4 17.♖xe7 ♗f6 18.♖e2±) 15.♖e4! ♗xf2+ 16.♔h1 a5 17.♗h6±

**14.b3 ♕c5**



**15.b4! ♕d6**

15...♘xb4 16.♗a3 a5 17.♖c1+-

**16.♘b5?!**

16.b5! ♘e5 (16...♘cd8 17.a4 ♘c5 18.♗a3+-; 16...♘cxd4 17.exd4 ♗xd4 18.♗h6 ♗xa1 19.♕xa1 f6 20.♗xf8 ♔xf8 21.♕c1 ♔g7 22.♖xe6! dxe6 23.♘c7+-) 17.♗b2 ♘c5 18.♗a3 ♘c4 19.♗b4±

**16...♕b8 17.♖b1 a6**

17...d6 18.♘bc3 ♗d7 19.f4 ♕d8 20.♗b2♾

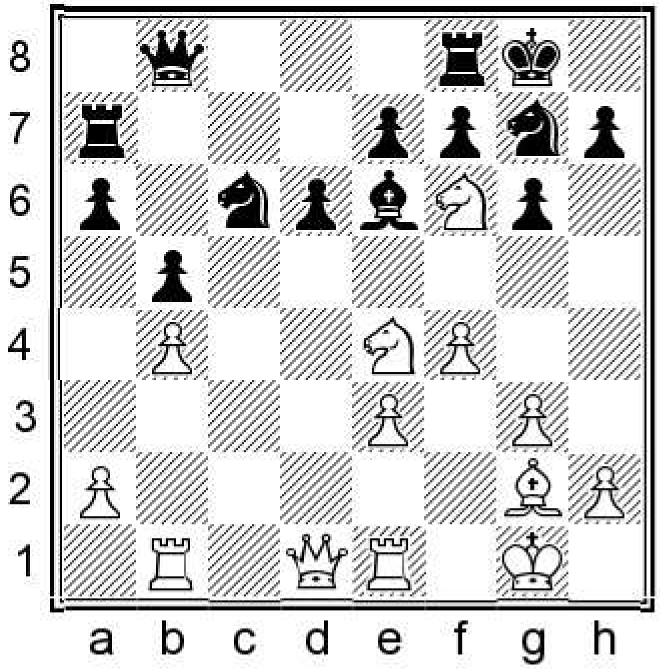
**18.♘bc3 b5 19.♗b2 d6 20.♘e4**

20.♕d2 ♖a7 21.f4↑

**20...♖a7 21.♗xg7 ♘xg7**

21...♔xg7 22.♖c1 ♗d7 23.♕d2♾

**22.f4 ♗e6 23.♘df6+**



**23...exf6?!**

23...♔h8 24.♘xh7 ♔xh7 25.♘g5+ ♔g8 26.♘xe6 ♘xe6 27.♗xc6 ♖c8 28.♗e4 ♘g7∞

**24.♘xf6+ ♔h8 25.♗xc6 ♗xa2?!**

25...♕b6 26.♖c1 ♖c7 27.♘d5 ♗xd5 28.♗xd5 ♔g8 29.♕d2±

**26.♖a1 ♕b6**

26...♗c4 27.♕d4 ♖c8 28.♗d5 ♘f5 29.♕b2±

**27.♖xa2 ♕xc6 28.♖c2 ♕b6?!**

28...♕a8 29.♕xd6 a5 30.bxa5 ♖xa5 31.♖d2 ♖a6 32.♕d4±

**29.♘d5 ♕d8 30.♕d4 ♖a8 31.♖ec1 f6 32.♖c6 ♘e6 33.♕d3**

33.♕d2 ♘g7 34.♘c7+-

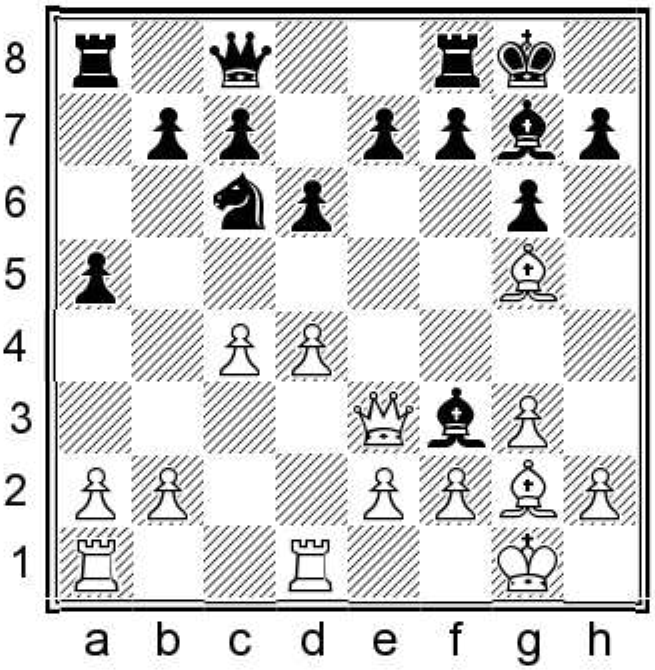
**33...♔g7 34.♘b6+- ♖a7 35.♖xd6 ♕e8 36.♖cc6 ♖e7 37.♘d5 ♖ff7 38.♕c3 ♘d8 39.♘xf6 ♖xf6 40.♕xf6+ ♔h6 41.♖c5 ♘f7 42.♖h5+! 1-0**

**186. E61**
**Rapport, Richard (2759) - Horvath, Dominik (2446)**
**Oesterreich 147/186, 2021**

**1.c4 ♘f6 2.d4 g6 3.♘f3 ♗g7 4.g3 O-O 5.♗g2 d6 6.O-O ♗f5 7.♕b3 ♕c8 8.♘c3 ♘c6 9.♖d1**

9.d5 ♘d8 - 81/448

**9...a5 10.♗g5 ♘e4 11.♘xe4 ♗xe4 12.♕e3 ♗xf3**



**13.exf3N**

13.♗xf3

**13...f6**

⌓13...e5 14.d5 (14.dxe5 dxe5∞) 14...♘d4 15.♕d3 ♕f5 16.♕xf5 ♘xf5 17.♗h3 (17.♖ac1 b6∞) 17...♗h6 (17...♘d4!?) 18.♗xh6 ♘xh6=

**14.♗h6 e5 15.♗xg7 ♔xg7 16.dxe5 fxe5**

16...dxe5 17.f4 exf4 18.♕xf4 ♘e5 19.♖d2 ♖f7 20.♖ad1 c6 21.h3±

**17.c5± dxc5**

17...♖f6 18.♖ac1 ♕d7 19.cxd6 cxd6 20.a3 ♖d8 (20...d5?! 21.b4! axb4 22.axb4 ♖e8 23.b5 ♘d4 24.f4 ♘f5 25.♕d2 exf4 26.♕xf4±) 21.♖d5±

**18.♕xc5**

18.♖ac1 ♕f5 (18...b6? 19.f4 exf4 20.♕c3+ ♘d4 21.♗xa8 fxg3 (21...♕xa8 22.♖xd4 cxd4 23.♕xd4+ ♔h6 24.♖xc7+-) 22.♖xd4 gxf2+ 23.♔f1 cxd4 24.♕xc7+ ♕xc7 25.♖xc7+ ♔h6 26.♗d5+-) 19.♖xc5 ♖ad8 20.♖xd8 ♖xd8 21.♗f1!±

**18...♕f5 19.♕b5 ♖ab8 20.♖d2?!**

20.♖ac1 ♔h8 21.♖e1 ♕f6 22.a3 ♖fd8 23.h4 ♕d6 24.♖e4±

**20...♘d4 21.♕xa5 b6 22.♕a7**

22.♕c3 c5 23.♖e1 ♖bd8 24.b4±

**22...♘b5 23.♕a4 ♘d4 24.f4 c5 25.fxe5 ♕xe5 26.♔h1 h5 27.♕d7+ ♖f7 28.♕d5 ♕f6 29.♖e1 ♖e7**

**30.♖xe7+ ♕xe7 31.♕e4 ♖e8 32.♕xe7+ ♖xe7 33.h4 ♔f6 34.♗d5**

34.♔h2 ♖e1 35.b4 ♖b1 36.bxc5 bxc5 37.♔h3 ♔f5 38.♗d5±

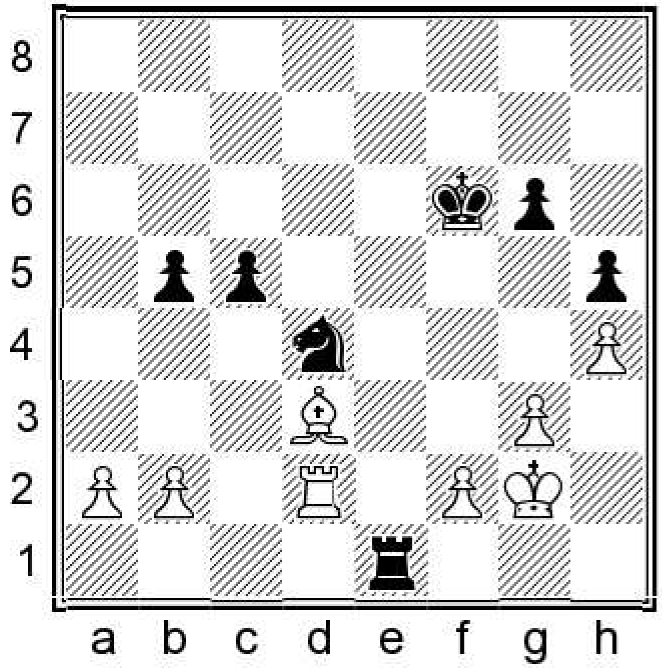
**34...♖e1+**

34...♖e5 35.♗c4 b5 36.♗b3 ♖e1+ 37.♔g2±

**35.♔g2 ♔e5 36.♗c4 b5?!**

36...♖c1 37.♗d3 ♔f6 38.♗e4±

**37.♗d3 ♔f6**



**38.b4!+- g5**

38...c4 39.♗xc4 bxc4 40.♖xd4+-; 38...cxb4 39.♗xg6 ♔xg6 40.♖xd4+-

**39.hxg5+ ♔xg5 40.bxc5 h4 41.♗f1**

41.♗c4 ♘f5 42.♗xb5 hxg3 43.♖d5 ♔f4 (43...♔f6 44.♗d7) 44.fxg3+ ♘xg3 45.c6

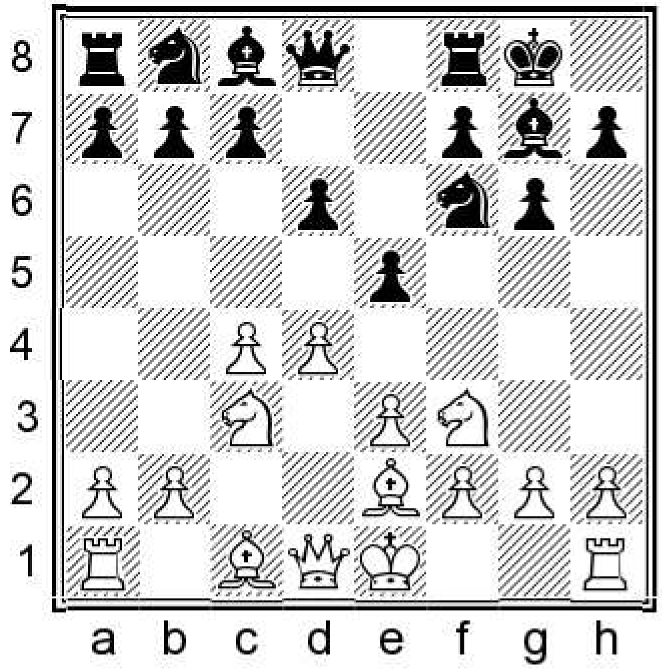
**41...♘f5**

41...h3+ 42.♔xh3 ♖xf1 43.f4+ ♔f5 44.♖xd4

**42.♗xb5 hxg3 43.fxg3 ♖e3 44.♗d7 ♘xg3 45.c6 1-0**

**187. E61**
**Duda, Jan Krzysztof (2743) - Van Foreest, Jorden (2671)**
**Wijk aan Zee 147/187, 2021**

**1.d4 ♘f6 2.c4 g6 3.♘f3 ♗g7 4.e3 O-O 5.♗e2 d6 6.♘c3 e5!?**

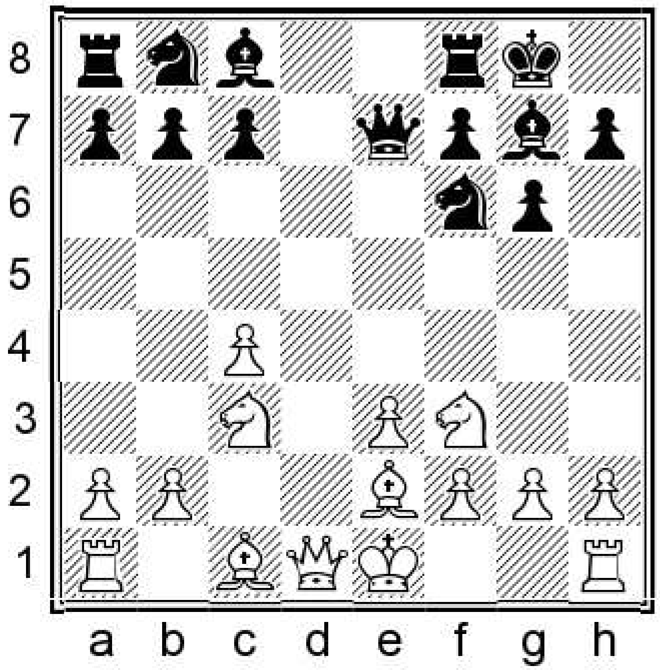


6...♗f5 - 142/187

**7.dxe5 dxe5 8.♘xe5**

8.♕xd8 ♖xd8 9.♘xe5 (9.O-O ♘c6∓) 9...♘e4 10.♘xe4 ♗xe5 11.♘c3 (11.O-O ♘c6 12.f4 (12.♖b1 ♗f5 13.f3 ♘b4∓) 12...♗g7 13.♘c3 ♗e6) 11...♘a6 12.♗d2 ♘c5 13.e4 (13.f4 ♗g7 14.♘d5 c6 15.♘e7+ ♔h8 16.♘xc8 ♘e4! 17.♗c1 (17.O-O-O ♘f2 18.♘e7 ♘xh1 19.♖xh1 ♗xb2+ 20.♔c2 ♗f6 21.♖b1 ♖ab8 22.♗b4 ♖e8 23.♗c5 ♖xe7 (23...♗xe7 24.♗xa7 ♖a8 25.♖xb7 ♗f6 26.♗f3±; 23...b6 24.♗d6 ♗xe7 25.♗xb8 ♖xb8=) 24.♗xe7 ♗xe7=) 17...♖axc8 18.♗f3 ♘c5=∞) 13...♗e6 14.O-O-O ♘d3+ 15.♗xd3 ♖xd3=∞

**8...♕e7 9.♘f3**



9.♘d3 ♖d8 10.O-O ♘c6 11.e4 ♘b4 (11...♘xe4 12.♘d5 ♕f8 13.♗f3 f5 14.♘xc7 ♖b8⯹) 12.♘d5 (12.a3 ♘xd3 13.♗xd3 ♘g4 14.♘d5 ♕d6 15.♗f4 ♘e5 16.♗g5 (16.♗e2 c6 17.♘c3 ♕f6 18.♗xe5 ♕e7 19.♕c2 ♗xe5⯹) 16...f6 17.♗f4 c6 18.c5 ♕d7 19.♗xe5 fxe5 20.♘b4 ♔h8 21.♗c4 ♕e7 22.♕e2 ♕xc5∞) 12...♘bxd5 13.exd5 c6 14.dxc6 bxc6 15.♗e3 ♗f5⯹

**9...♖d8N**

9...c6

**10.♕b3 a5**

10...♘a6!? 11.O-O (11.♘d5? ♘xd5 12.cxd5 ♘c5 13.♕c4 b5!∓) 11...b6 12.♗d2 (12.♘d5 ♘xd5 13.cxd5 ♘c5 14.♕a3 ♖xd5∓; 12.♖d1 ♘c5 13.♖xd8+ ♕xd8 14.♕d1 ♕xd1+ 15.♘xd1 ♘fe4⯹) 12...♘c5 13.♕a3 ♗b7 14.♖ad1 ♘fe4⯹

**11.O-O a4! 12.♘xa4 ♘e4 13.♘d4**

13.♘c3 ♘c5 14.♕c2 ♗f5 15.e4 ♘xe4 16.♘d5 ♖xd5! 17.cxd5 ♘g3 18.♗d3 ♗xd3 19.♕xd3 ♘xf1 20.♔xf1 ♕b4⯹

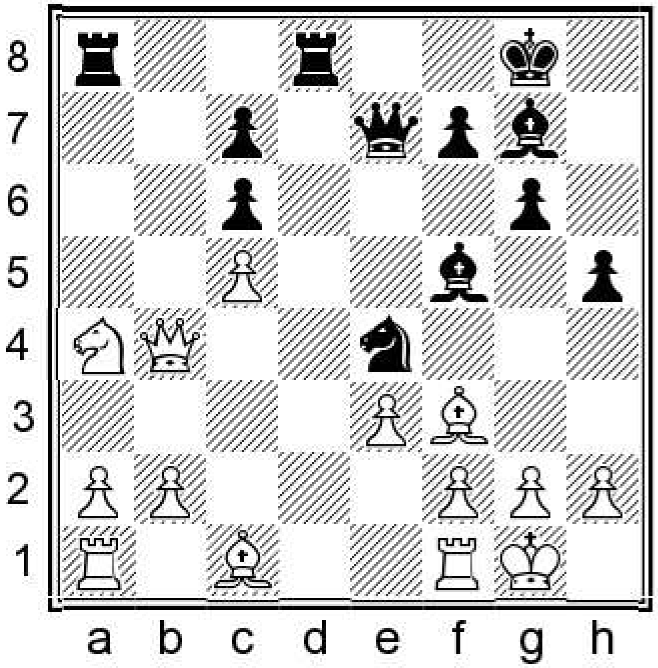
**13...♘c6! 14.♘xc6?!**

14.♗f3 ♗xd4 15.exd4 ♘xd4 16.♕e3 ♘xf3+ 17.gxf3 ♖xa4 18.♕xe4 ♕xe4 19.fxe4 ♖xc4 20.♗g5! ♖d3 21.♖ad1 ♖cd4 22.♖xd3 ♖xd3 23.h4=

**14...bxc6 15.♗f3**

15.c5 ♗f5 16.♕b4 h5↑

**15...♗f5 16.c5 h5 17.♕b4**



**17...♕e6?!**

17...h4! 18.♕c4 (18.h3 ♘g5 19.♗e2 ♖db8 20.♕c4 ♗e6 21.♕f4 ♗xh3∓) 18...h3 19.g3 (19.g4?! ♘g5-+) 19...g5∓

**18.♗d1 ♗e5 19.f3 ♕e7! 20.♕e1**

20.fxe4? ♕h4 21.h3 ♗xh3-+

**20...♘xc5 21.♘xc5 ♕xc5 22.a4 ♖ab8 23.♕f2 ♕a5= 24.♖a3 ♕c5 25.♖a1 ♕a5 26.♖a3 ♕c5 1/2-1/2**

**188. E68**
**Shengelia, Davit (2543) - Markus, Robert (2592)**
**Oesterreich 147/188, 2021**

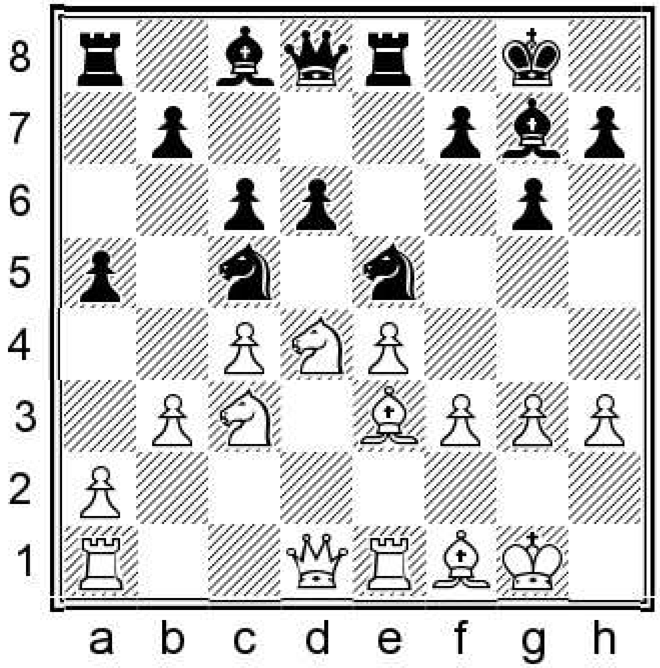
**1.d4 ♘f6 2.c4 d6 3.♘c3 ♘bd7 4.♘f3 g6 5.g3 ♗g7 6.♗g2 O-O 7.O-O e5 8.b3 ♖e8 9.e4 exd4 10.♘xd4 ♘c5**

10...a6 - 133/188

**11.f3 ♘fd7 12.♗e3 a5 13.♖e1 ♘e5 14.♗f1N**

14.♕c2; 14.♖e2

**14...c6 15.h3**



**15...f5!**

15...a4!? 16.b4 (16.♖b1 axb3) 16...♘e6 17.f4 ♘xd4 18.♗xd4 ♘f3+ 19.♕xf3 ♗xd4+ 20.♔h1 ♕e7∞

**16.f4**

16.exf5? ♘ed3! 17.♗xd3 ♖xe3-+; 16.♗f2 fxe4 17.♘xe4 ♘f7 18.♘d2 (18.♘c3 ♖xe1 19.♕xe1 ♘g5 20.h4 ♘ce6! 21.hxg5 ♘xd4∓) 18...♖xe1 19.♕xe1 ♗d7 20.f4 g5∓

**16...♘f7 17.exf5 ♗xf5∞ 18.♗f2**

18.♕d2 ♘e4 19.♘xe4 ♗xe4 20.♖ad1 a4 21.♗f2 axb3 22.axb3 d5∞

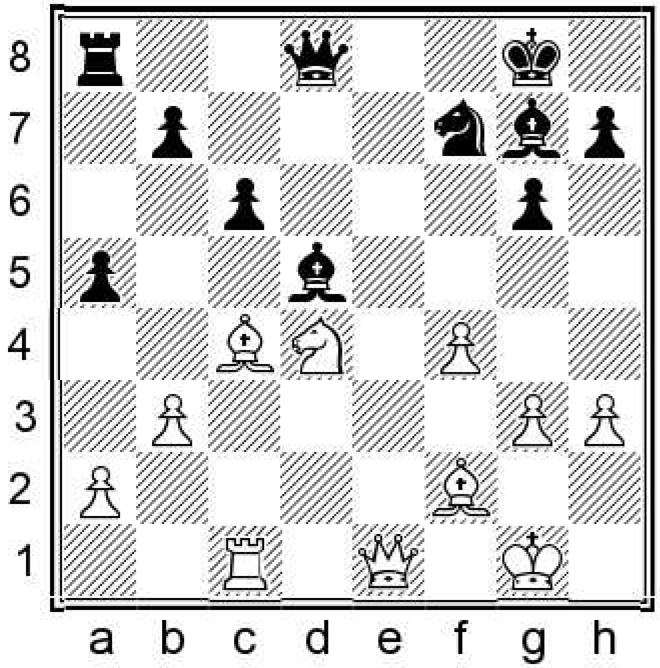
**18...♘e4**

18...♕d7!? 19.♔h2 ♖xe1 20.♕xe1 g5 21.♕d2 ♗g6∞

**19.♘xe4 ♗xe4 20.♖c1 d5 21.cxd5 ♗xd5 22.♗c4?**

22.♘c2 ♗b2 (22...♖xe1 23.♕xe1 a4⇄) 23.♖b1 ♗c3 24.♖e3 ♕f6 25.♕e2 ♘d6∞

**22...♖xe1+ 23.♕xe1**



23.♗xe1 ♗xc4 24.♖xc4 c5-+

**23...♗xd4!-+ 24.♗xd4 ♗xc4 25.♗b2**

25.♖xc4 b5

**25...♕b6+ 26.♔h2 ♗d5 27.♖c2 ♕b4 28.♗c3 ♕f8 29.♕e3 c5**

29...a4

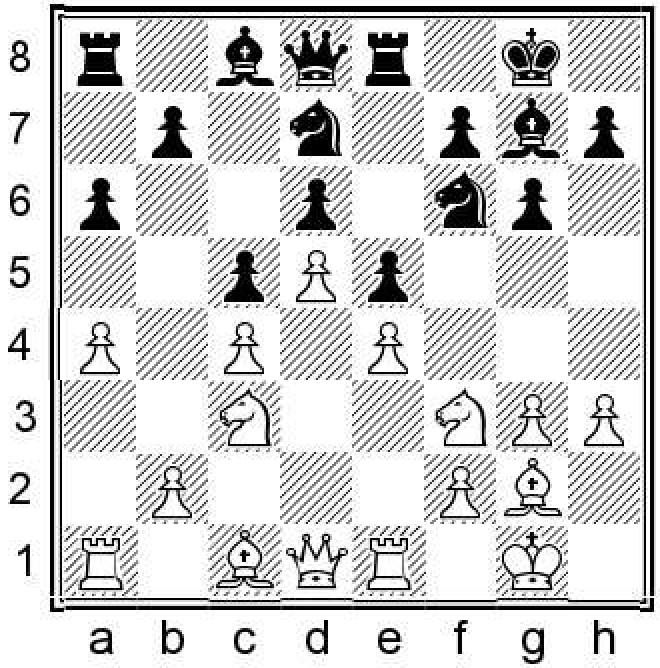
**30.♖e2 ♗c6 31.♗f6 ♖e8 32.♗e7 ♕g7 33.♕xc5 ♕a1 0-1**

**189. E69**
**Repka, Christopher (2491) - Theodorou, Nikolas (2554)**
**chess.com (Int.-rapid) 147/189, 2021**

**1.d4 ♘f6 2.c4 g6 3.g3 ♗g7 4.♗g2 O-O 5.♘f3 d6 6.O-O ♘bd7 7.♘c3 e5 8.e4 ♖e8 9.♖e1 c6 10.h3 a6 11.d5 c5**

11...cxd5 - 4/794

**12.a4**



**12...h6N**

12...b6

**13.♗d2 ♕e7 14.a5⩲ ♖b8 15.♕c2 ♘h7 16.♘a4 ♖f8**

16...b5 17.axb6 ♘xb6 18.b4 cxb4 19.♖eb1↑

**17.♕c1**

17.b4 cxb4 18.♗xb4±

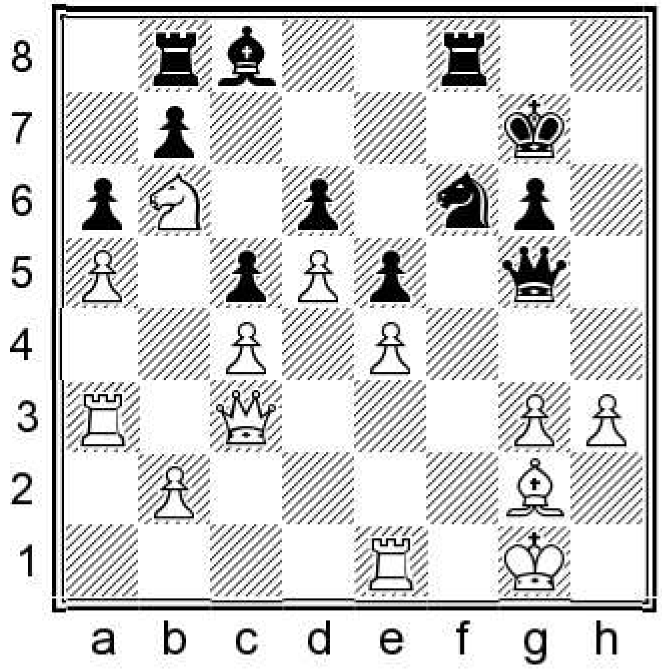
**17...f5 18.♗xh6**

18.exf5 gxf5 19.♗xh6 ♗xh6 20.♕xh6 ♖f6 21.♕d2±

**18...f4 19.♗xg7 ♔xg7 20.♕c3 ♘g5 21.♘xg5 ♕xg5 22.♖a3 ♘f6 23.♘b6**

23.h4 ♕h6 24.b4 cxb4 25.♕xb4 fxg3 26.fxg3±

**23...fxg3 24.fxg3**



24.♕xg3 ♕h6 25.♕e3 ♕h4 26.♖b3 ♘h5=∞ 27.♘xc8 ♖fxc8 28.♖b6 ♕e7 29.♗f3 ♘f4 30.♗g4 ♖c7±

**24...♗xh3!! 25.♗xh3 ♖h8 26.♔g2**

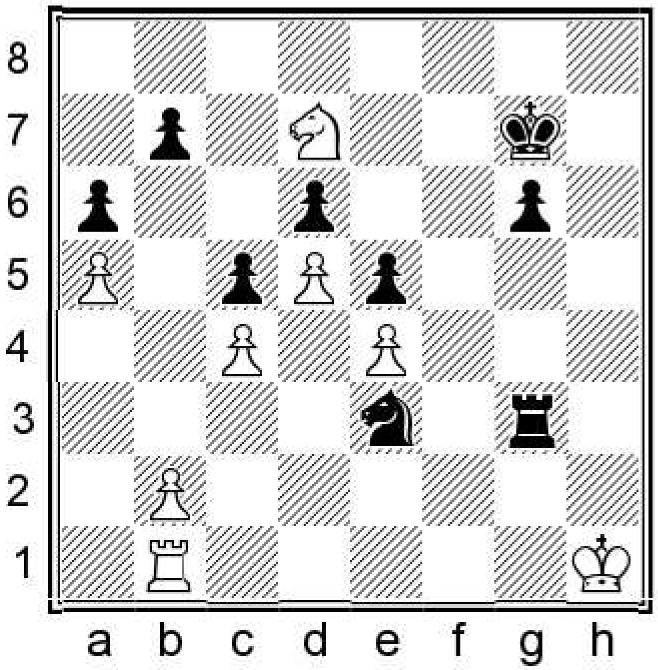
26.g4 ♘h5! (26...♘xg4? 27.♕g3±) 27.♖f1 ♖bf8 (27...♘f4 28.♖xf4 ♕xf4 29.♕e3 ♕f7 30.♕f2 ♕e7 31.g5! ♕xg5+ 32.♖g3 ♕c1+ 33.♕f1±) 28.♖xf8 ♖xf8 29.♕e1 ♘f4 30.♔h2 ♖h8 31.♖g3 ♖h4 32.♕f1 ♘xh3 33.♖xh3 ♖xg4 34.♘d7 ♕d2+ 35.♔h1 ♖f4 36.♖f3 ♖h4+ 37.♖h3 ♖f4=

**26...♖xh3**

26...♖bf8 27.♕e3 ♕h5 28.g4□ ♘xg4 29.♕g3 ♖f4 30.♖f3 ♘f6 31.♖xf4 exf4 32.♕c3 f3+! 33.♕xf3 ♕xf3+ 34.♔xf3 ♖xh3+ 35.♔g2 ♖b3 36.e5 ♖xb2+ 37.♔g1 dxe5 38.♖xe5 ♔f7 39.♘c8 ♘g4 40.♖e4 ♘h6 41.♘d6+ ♔f6 42.♖e6+ ♔g5 43.♘e4+ ♔f5=

**27.♔xh3 ♖h8+ 28.♔g2 ♕h5**

28...♘g4 29.♖h1 (29.♘d7 ♖h2+ 30.♔g1 ♕h6 31.♕f3 ♕d2 (Δ Rh1) 32.♕f8+ (32.♖f1 ♕d4+ 33.♖e3 ♕xe3+ 34.♕xe3 ♘xe3 35.♖b1 ♖g2+ 36.♔h1 ♖f2 (36...♖xg3



37.b4! ♘xc4 38.bxc5 ♘xa5 39.cxd6 ♘c4 40.♖xb7 ♘xd6 41.♖a7 ♔h6=) 37.♔g1 ♖f7 38.♘b6 ♔h6∞) 32...♔h7 33.♕f7+ ♔h6 34.♕f8+ ♔h7=) 29...♖xh1 30.♔xh1 ♕h5+ 31.♔g2 ♕h2+ 32.♔f3 ♕f2+! 33.♔xg4 ♕e2+ 34.♔h3 ♕f1+=

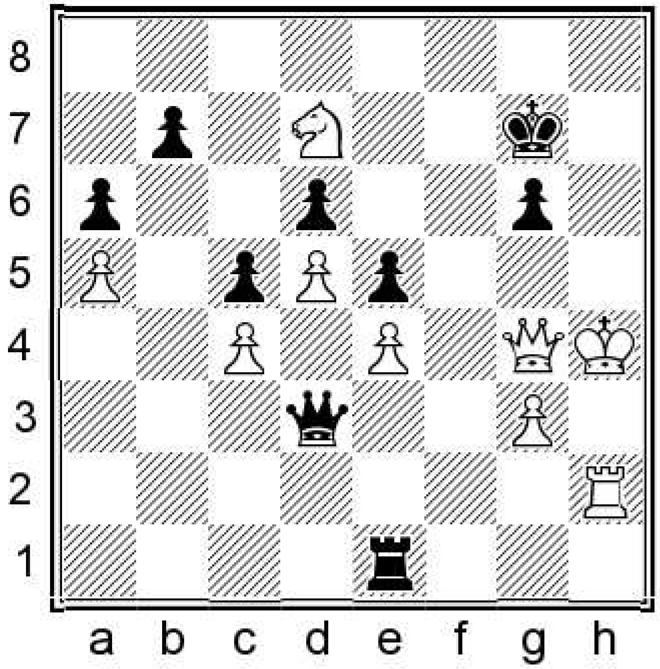
**29.♕f3**

29.♔f1 ♘xe4! 30.♕e3 (30.♖xe4? ♕h1+-+) 30...♘f6 31.♖e2 ♕f5+ 32.♔g1 ♕b1+ 33.♖e1 ♕xb2 34.♖e2 ♕b1+=

**29...♘g4 30.♘d7 ♕h2+ 31.♔f1 ♕xb2 32.♖e2 ♕c1+ 33.♖e1 ♕d2 34.♖e2 ♕d1+ 35.♖e1 ♕d4**

35...♕d2=

**36.♕xg4 ♖h1+ 37.♔g2 ♖xe1 38.♖a2 ♕g1+ 39.♔h3 ♕h1+ 40.♖h2 ♕f1+ 41.♖g2 ♕h1+ 42.♖h2 ♕f1+ 43.♔h4 ♕d3?**



43...♕g1 44.♖h3 ♕f2 45.♘b6 (45.♘xe5? ♕f6+ 46.♕g5 dxe5 47.♕xf6+ ♔xf6 48.g4 ♖xe4∓) 45...♕f6+ 46.♕g5 ♖xe4+ 47.g4 ♕f2+ 48.♖g3 ♕h2+ 49.♖h3 ♕f2+=

**44.♘f6?**

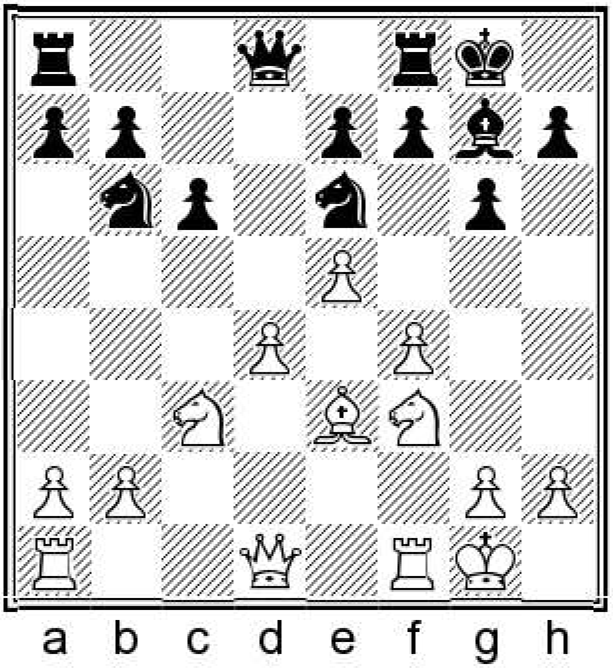
44.♘xe5 ♕xe4 (44...dxe5 - 44.Nc5) 45.♕xe4 ♖xe4+ 46.♘g4+-; 44.♘xc5! dxc5 45.♕d7+ ♔g8 46.♕e8+ ♔g7 47.♕xe5+ ♔g8 48.♕b8+ ♔g7 49.♕xb7+ ♔g8 50.♕b8+ ♔g7 51.♕e5+ ♔g8 52.♔g5+-

**44...♔xf6= 45.♕e6+ ♔g7 46.♕e7+ ♔g8 47.♕e8+ ♔g7 48.♕e7+ ♔g8 49.♕e6+ ♔g7 50.♕d7+ ♔g8 51.♕e8+ ♔g7 52.♕e7+ 1/2-1/2**

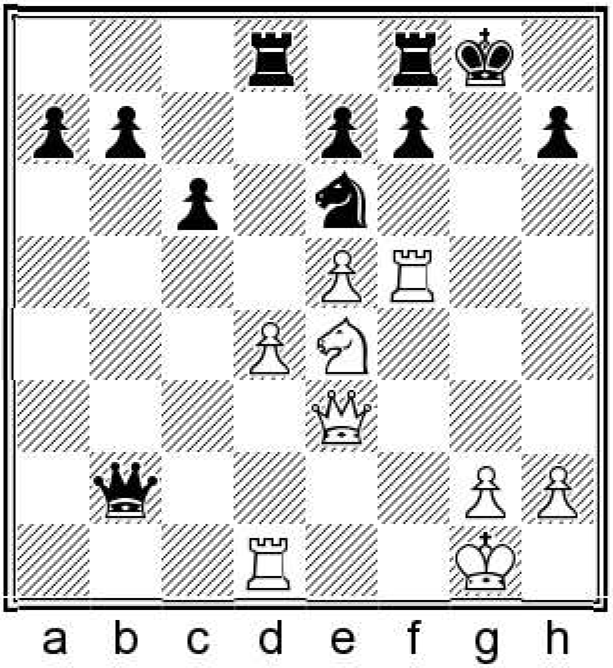
**190. * E70**
**Lianes Garcia, Marcos (2374) - Grigoryan, Karen H (2666)**
**Roquetas de Mar 147/190, 2021**

**1.d4 ♘f6 2.c4 g6 3.♘c3 ♗g7 4.e4 O-O 5.♘f3**

5.♗e2 c6 6.e5 (6.♘f3 - 111/ 289) 6...♘e8 7.f4 ♘c7 8.♗e3 d5 9.♘f3 dxc4 10.♗xc4 ♘d7 11.O-O ♘b6 12.♗b3 ♗e6 13.♗xe6 ♘xe6



14.♕d3N (14.♕b3) 14...♗h6! 15.♘d2 (15.g3 ♕d7 16.♖ad1 ♖ad8 17.a3 ♘c7=) 15...♘d5 16.♘xd5 ♕xd5 17.♘e4 ♖ad8 18.♖ad1 (18.♘c3 ♕a5 19.♕c4 ♘c7 20.b4 ♕a6=) 18...♕xa2 19.f5? (19.b4 ♕d5 20.♘c3 ♕d7 21.b5 ♘c7 22.bxc6 bxc6∞) 19...♗xe3+ 20.♕xe3 gxf5 21.♖xf5 ♕xb2

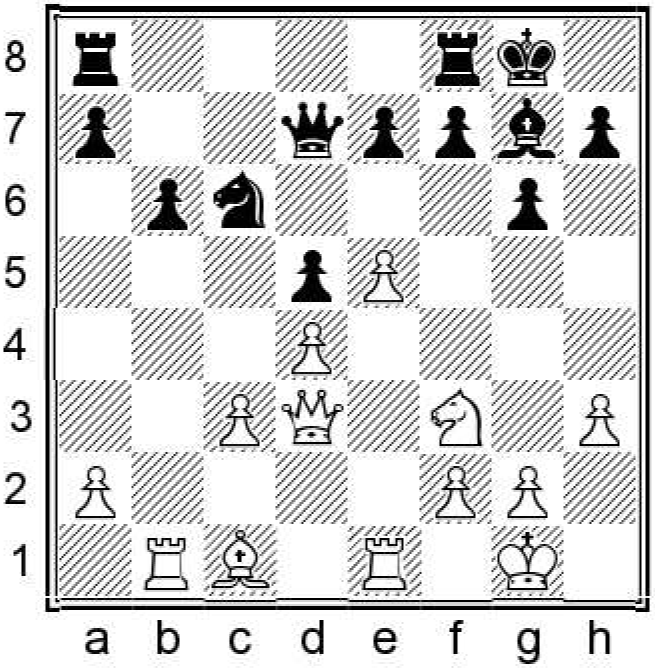


22.♕h6?! (22.♖f2 ♕b6∓) 22...♕e2! 23.♘f2 ♖xd4 24.♖f1 ♕d2 25.♕h5 ♘g7 26.♖g5 Sivuk,V (2541)-Grigoryan,K (2666) Roquetas de Mar 147/(190) 2021 (26.♖g5 ♔h8 27.♕d1 (27.♕h6 ♘e6-+) 27...♕xd1 28.♘xd1 ♘e6-+)

**5...c6 6.h3 d5 7.e5 ♘e4 8.cxd5 cxd5 9.♗d3 ♗f5 10.O-O ♘c6**

10...♘xc3 - 60/543

**11.♖e1 ♘xc3 12.bxc3 ♗xd3 13.♕xd3 ♕d7 14.♖b1 b6**



**15.♘g5N**

15.h4

**15...e6**

15...h6? 16.♘xf7+-

**16.h4 f6?!**

16...h6 17.♘f3 h5 18.♘h2 ♖ac8 19.g4↑

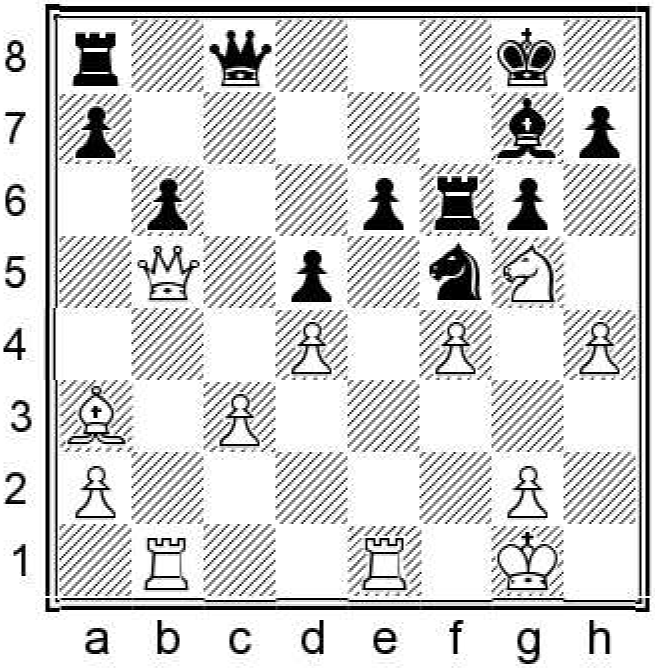
**17.exf6 ♖xf6 18.f4**

18.♖b2! h6 19.♘f3 ♖e8 20.♖be2±

**18...♘e7 19.♕b5 ♕c8?**

19...♕xb5 20.♖xb5 ♘f5 21.♖xe6 ♖xe6 22.♘xe6 ♖e8 23.♘xg7 ♔xg7 24.♔f2 ♖d8 25.♗a3 (25.g4 ♘d6!) 25...h5=

**20.♗a3 ♘f5**



**21.♘xe6! ♕b7**

21...♖xe6? 22.♕xd5 ♔f7 23.♖xe6 ♕xe6 24.♕xa8+-

**22.♘c7! ♗f8 23.♕xd5+ ♕xd5 24.♘xd5 ♖f7 25.♗xf8 ♖axf8**

25...♔xf8 26.♔f2 (26.h5 gxh5 27.♖e5±) 26...♖d8 (26...♘xh4 27.g4 g5 28.♔g3+-; 26...♖c8 27.g3+-) 27.♖e5 ♘d6 28.♖b4+-

**26.♔f2 ♖d8 27.♘e3**

27.♖e5 ♘d6 28.h5+-

**27...♘xh4 28.g3 ♘f5 29.♘xf5 ♖xf5 30.♖e7 ♖f7 31.♖xf7 ♔xf7 32.♔e3 ♔e6?!**

32...♖d5 33.g4 h5 34.♔e4 ♖d8 35.gxh5 gxh5 36.♖h1±

**33.c4 ♔d6 34.♖b5 ♖c8 35.♔d3 ♖f8 36.♖e5**

36.a4 ♖f6 37.a5+-

**36...♖f7 37.a3 ♖f8 38.♖d5+ ♔e6 39.a4 ♖b8 40.♔e4 ♖b7 41.♖b5+- ♖c7 42.c5 bxc5 43.♖xc5 ♖b7 44.♖c6+ ♔d7 45.♖a6 ♔c8 46.♔e5 ♖e7+ 47.♖e6 ♖b7 48.♖e8+ ♔d7 49.♖h8 ♔c6 50.d5+ ♔b6 51.♔e6 ♖c7 52.d6 ♖c6 53.♔e7 1-0**

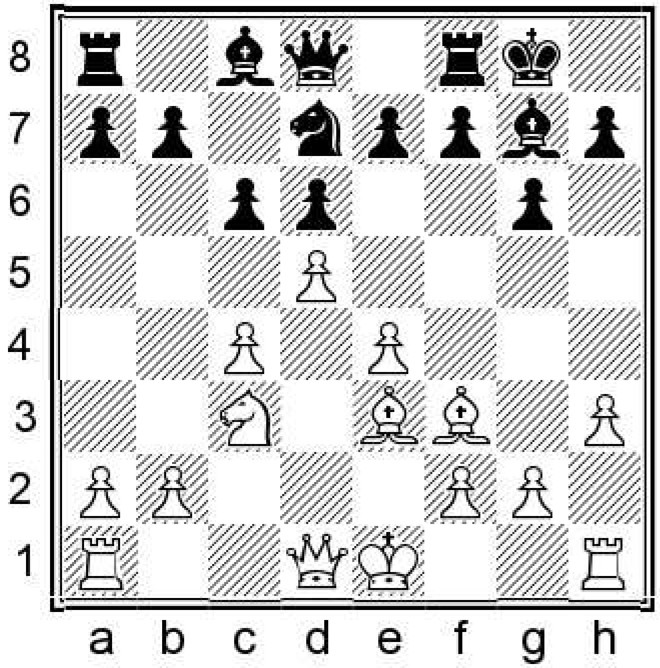
**191. * !N E73**
**Meshkovs, Nikita (2568) - Vocaturo, Daniele (2617)**
**lichess.org (Int.-rapid) 147/191, 2021**

**1.d4 ♘f6 2.c4 g6 3.♘c3 ♗g7 4.e4 d6 5.h3 O-O 6.♗e3 ♘c6 7.d5 ♘e5 8.♗e2 c6**

8...e6 - 146/195

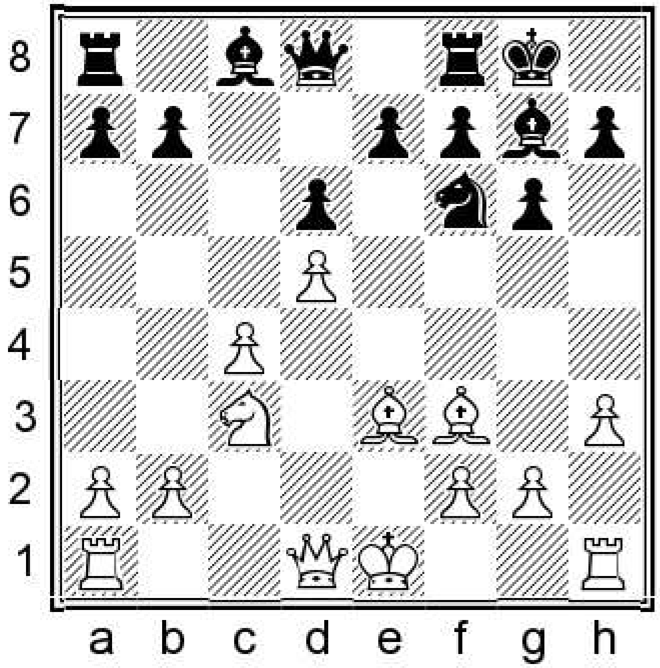
**9.♘f3 ♘xf3+ 10.♗xf3 cxd5**

10...♘d7



11.♕d2N (11.♗e2) 11...a5 12.O-O a4 13.♖ac1 ♕a5 14.♖fd1 f5 15.exf5 ♘e5 16.♗e2 ♗xf5 17.f4 ♘f7 18.♗f3± Matlakov,M (2685)-Fedoseev,V (2678) chess. com (Int.-rapid) 147/(191) 2020

**11.exd5**



**11...e5!N**

11...♘d7

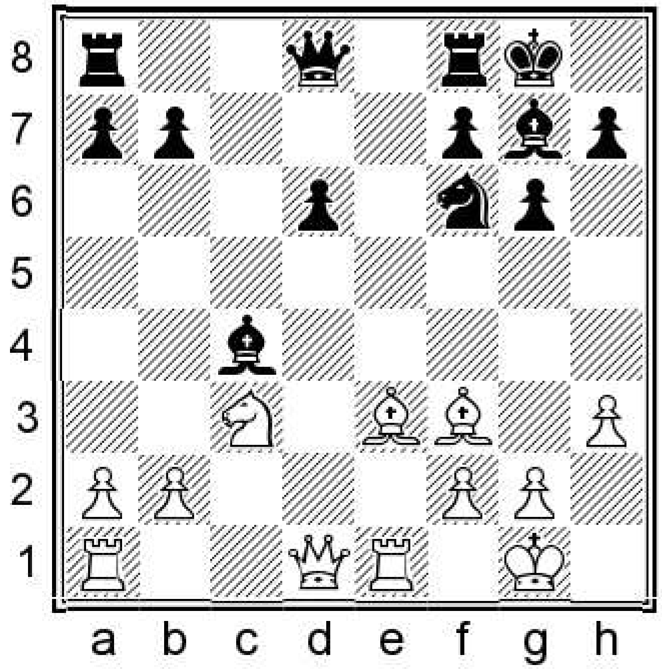
**12.dxe6**

12.O-O ♘d7 13.♗e2 (13.♘e4 f5 14.♘xd6 e4 15.♗e2 f4 16.♗d4 f3 17.♗xg7 ♕g5 18.g4 fxe2 (18...♕h4 19.♘xe4 ♕xh3 20.♗xf3 ♖xf3 21.♘g3 (21.♗c3 ♕xg4+ 22.♘g3 ♖xg3+ 23.fxg3 ♕xg3+=) 21...♖xg3+ 22.fxg3 ♕xg3+=) 19.♕xe2 ♔xg7 20.♕xe4 ♕e5 21.♕xe5+ ♘xe5 22.♔g2 ♘f3∞) 13...f5 14.♖c1 a5⇄

**12...♗xe6 13.O-O**

13.♗xb7 ♖b8 14.♗d5 ♘xd5 15.♘xd5 ♖xb2 16.O-O ♕h4∞

**13...♗xc4 14.♖e1**



**14...♕d7**

14...♗e6 15.♕d2 d5 16.♖ad1 a6 17.♗g5 ♕c7 18.♗xf6 ♗xf6 19.♘xd5 ♗xd5 20.♕xd5 ♖ab8=

**15.♖c1 ♖fe8**

15...♗e6 16.♗d4 ♖fd8 17.♕d2 d5 18.♕f4 ♘e8 19.♖ed1 ♗xd4 20.♖xd4 ♕d6 21.♕d2 ♘c7 22.♖d1=

**16.b3 ♗e6 17.♕d2 d5 18.♖ed1 b6= 19.♘xd5 ♘xd5 20.♗xd5 ♗xd5 21.♕xd5 ♕xd5 22.♖xd5 ♖ad8 23.♖cd1 ♗f6**

23...♖xd5 24.♖xd5 ♔f8 25.♖d7 ♖e7 26.♖d8+ ♖e8=

**24.♔f1 ♖xd5 25.♖xd5 ♔f8 26.a4 ♖d8 27.♖xd8+ ♗xd8 28.♔e2 ♔e7 29.♔d3 ♔d6 30.♔c4 a6 31.b4 ♔c6 32.b5+ axb5+ 33.axb5+ ♔d6 34.♗f4+ ♔e6 35.g4 f5 36.f3 fxg4 37.fxg4 h5**

37...♗e7=

**38.♔d4 hxg4 39.hxg4 ♗e7 40.♔e4 ♗c5 41.♗c7 ♗g1 42.♗g3 ♗c5 43.♗e1 ♗g1 44.♗g3 ♗c5 45.♗e1 ♗g1 46.♗g3 1/2-1/2**

# E75-E99

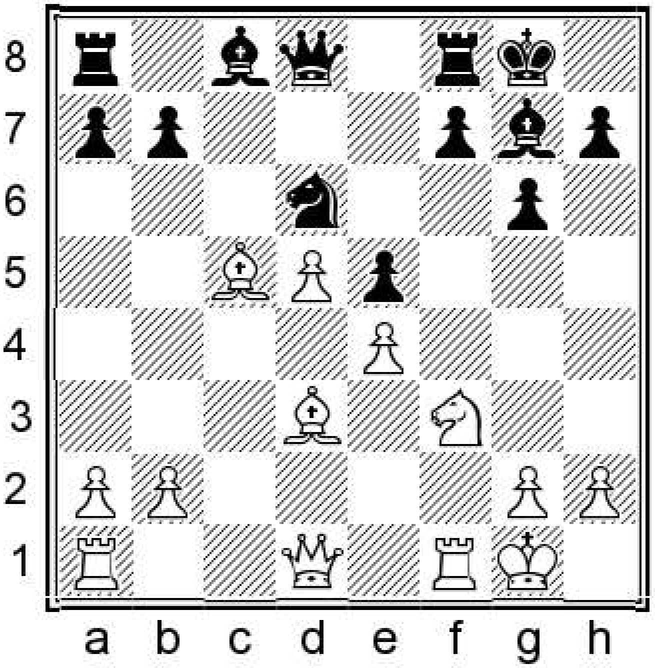
**192. ** E76**
**Riazantsev, Alexander (2628) - Iljiushenok, Ilia (2539)**
**Russia 147/192, 2020**

**1.d4 ♘f6 2.c4 g6 3.♘c3 ♗g7 4.e4 d6 5.f4 O-O 6.♘f3 ♘a6 7.♗d3 e5 8.fxe5 dxe5 9.d5 c6 10.O-O cxd5**

10...♘c5 - 108/(292)

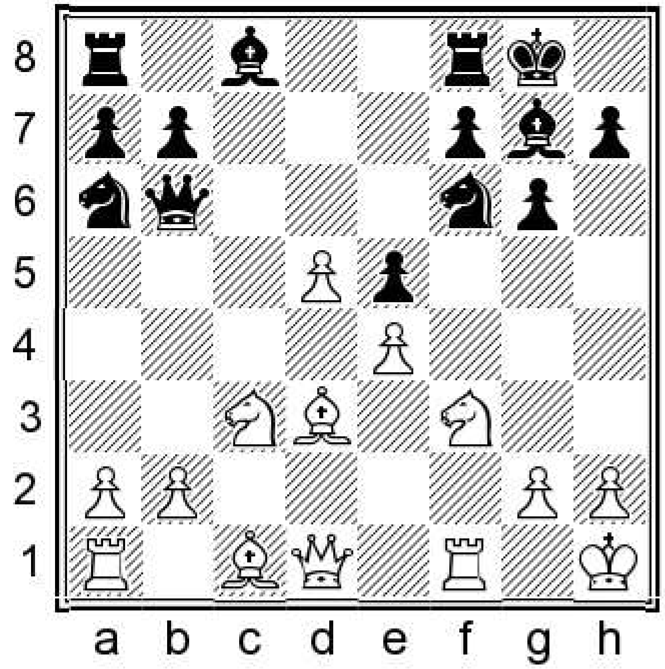
**11.cxd5 ♕d6**

11...♘e8 12.♗e3 ♘d6 13.♘b5 ♘xb5 14.♗xb5 ♘c7 15.♗d3 ♘e8 16.♗c5 ♘d6



17.♘d2N (17.♕b3) 17...b6 18.♗a3 b5 19.♗c5 ♕c7 20.♖c1 ♗d7 21.♕e1 f5 22.♕e3 ♖ac8 23.b4 a6 24.a4± Elwood,D-Bradney,R corr 147/(192) 2020

11...♕b6+ 12.♔h1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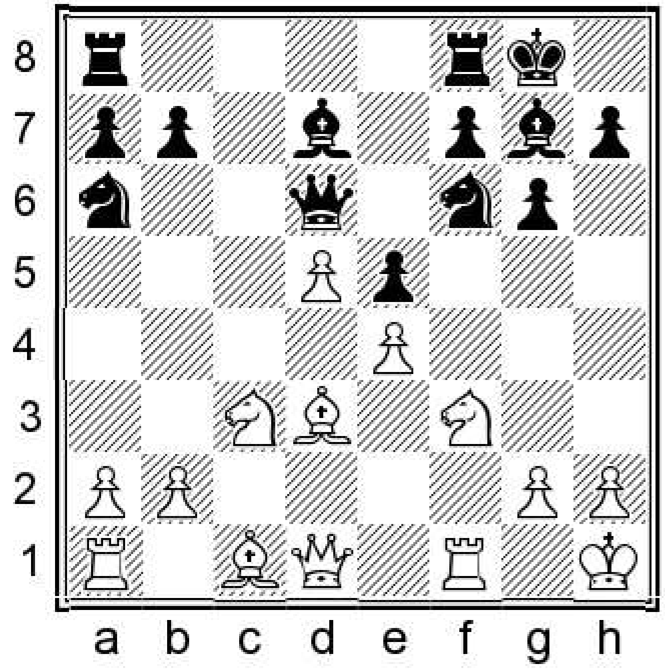
12...♗g4N (12...♘g4; 12...♘e8) 13.♘a4 ♕d6 14.♗e3 ♖fc8 15.a3 ♗d7 16.b4 ♗xa4 17.♕xa4 ♖c3 18.♗xa6 ♕xa6 19.♕xa6 bxa6 20.♗d2 ♖c4 21.♘xe5 ♖xe4 22.♖ae1 ♖e8∓ Tarlabasi,E (2275)-Gokerkan,C (2461) Turkiye (ch) 147/(192) 2020

**12.♔h1 ♗d7**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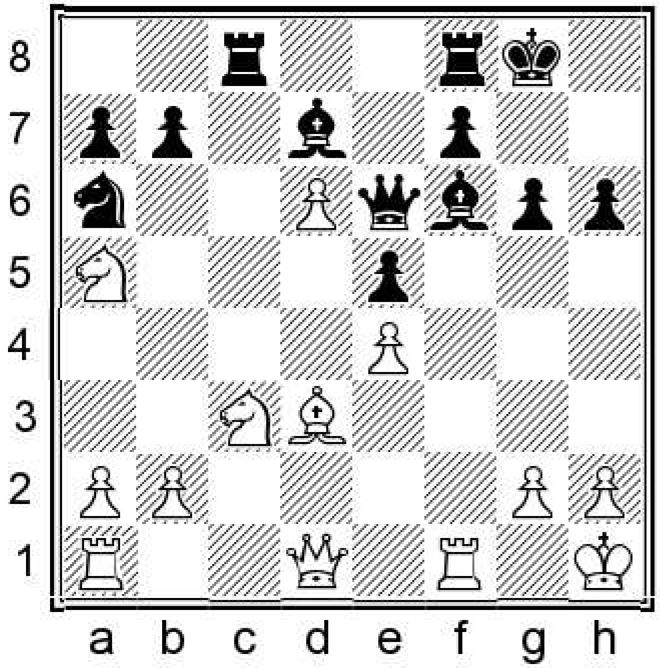
**13.♘d2N**

13.♗e3 ♖fc8 (13...♘g4 14.♗g1⩲) 14.♘d2⩲

**13...♖ac8 14.♘c4 ♕e7 15.♗g5 h6 16.d6 ♕e6 17.♗xf6 ♗xf6 18.♘a5**



**18...♗g5! 19.♘xb7**

19.♗xa6 bxa6 20.♕d3 ♔g7 21.♕xa6 ♗e3 22.♘d5 ♗d4 23.♘b3 (23.♖f6 ♕g4 24.♕d3 a6∞) 23...♖c6 24.♕d3 ♗b6 25.♖f6 ♕e8∞

**19...♘c5 20.♘xc5 ♖xc5 21.♗c2 ♖c6 22.♗b3 ♕xd6 23.♗a4 ♕xd1 24.♖axd1 ♖xc3! 25.♖xd7 ♖c4 26.♖xa7 ♖xe4 27.♗b3 ♖e2 28.♖axf7 ♖xf7 29.♗xf7+**

29.♖xf7 ♔h8 30.g3 ♖xb2=

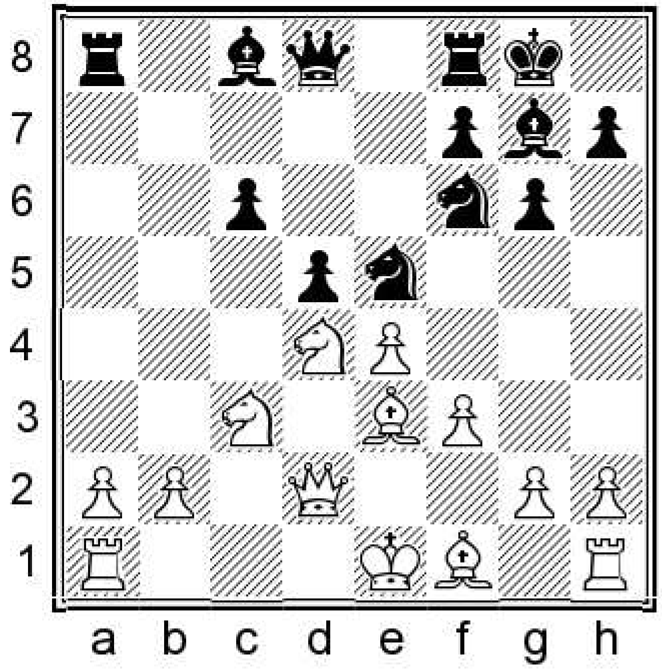
**29...♔g7 30.b4 e4 31.♗c4 ♖b2= 32.♖f7+ ♔h8 33.♖f8+ ♔g7 34.♖f7+ ♔h8 35.♖f8+ ♔g7 36.♖f7+ ♔h8 37.♖f8+ 1/2-1/2**

**193. ** !N E81**
**Grigoryan, Karen H (2666) - Garrido Outon, Alex (2379)**
**Roquetas de Mar 147/193, 2021**

**1.d4 ♘f6 2.c4 g6 3.♘c3 ♗g7 4.e4 d6 5.f3 O-O 6.♗e3 ♘bd7 7.♘ge2 a6 8.♕d2 b5 9.cxb5 axb5 10.♘xb5 c6 11.♘bc3 e5 12.dxe5**

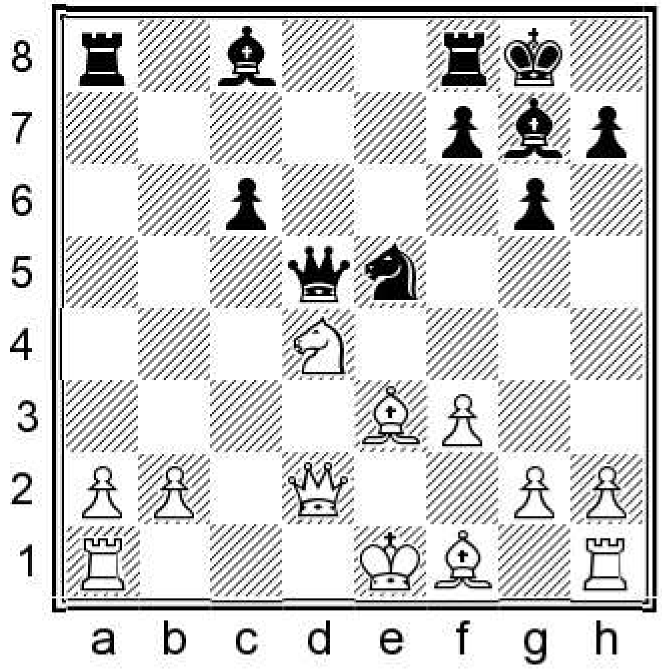
12.♘g3 - 138/(204)

**12...♘xe5 13.♘d4 d5**

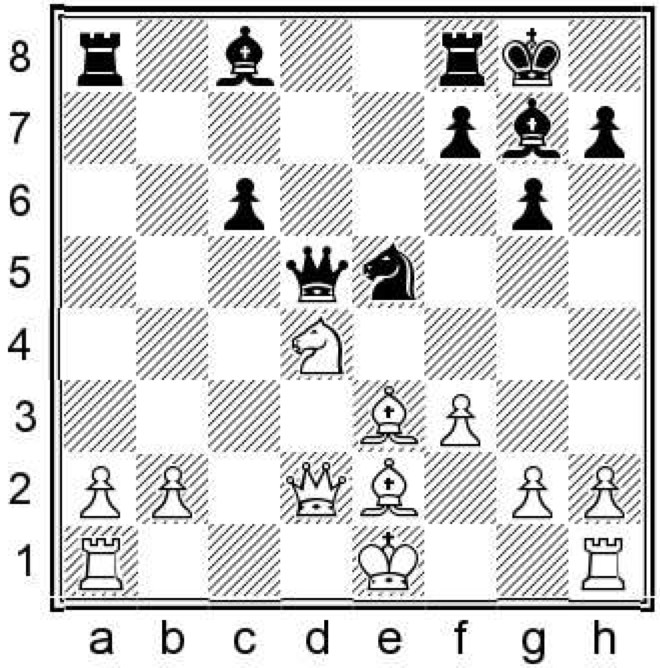


**14.f4?!N**

14.exd5 - 147/(193) 14...♘xd5 15.♘xd5 ♕xd5



16.♘b3N (16.♗e2



- 147/(193) 16...♖e8!N (16...♖xa2) 17.O-O ♘g4! 18.fxg4 ♖xe3 19.♔h1 ♕xd4 20.♕xd4 ♗xd4-+ Suvorov,L (2279)-Golubev,M (2461) chess.com (Int.-blitz) 147/(193) 2020) 16...♗e6 17.♔f2 ♕xd2+ 18.♘xd2 ♖fb8 19.♗e2 ♖xb2∓ Belous,M (2355)-Fedorov,A (2536) Praha (open) 147/(193) 2020

**14...♘eg4 15.e5 ♘e4?!**

15...♘xe3! 16.♕xe3 ♘g4 17.♕d2 ♗b7 (17...♕b6 18.h3 (18.a4 ♗h6∓) 18...♘xe5! 19.fxe5 ♗xe5 20.O-O-O ♗d7 21.g4 ♖fb8∓) 18.♗e2 c5 19.♗xg4 ♕h4+ 20.♕f2 ♕xg4∓

**16.♘xe4 dxe4 17.♗c4**

17.♘xc6 ♕c7 18.♖c1 ♗b7 19.♘b4 (19.♘d4 ♕b6∓) 19...♕e7↑

**17...♘xe3**

⌓17...♕b6 18.b3 g5 19.g3 ♘xe3 20.♕xe3 ♖d8 21.♘c2 ♕xe3+ 22.♘xe3 ♗f8!=∞

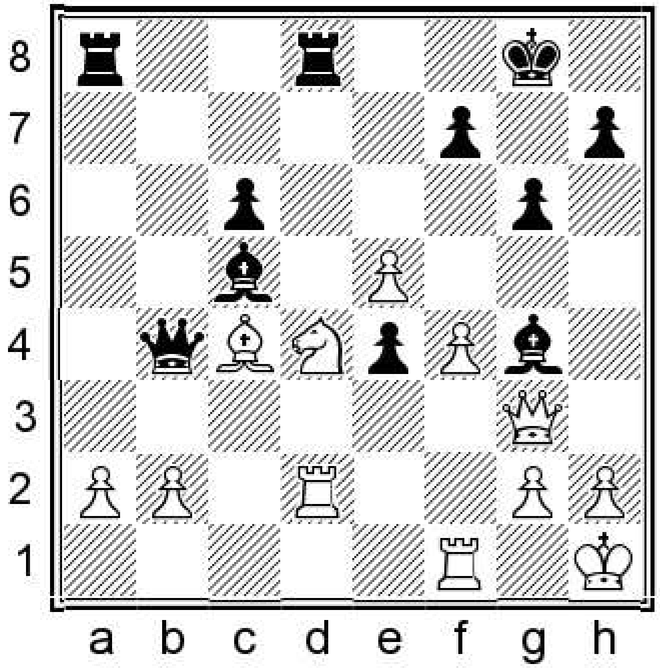
**18.♕xe3 ♕b6 19.O-O± ♖d8 20.♖ad1**

20.♘c2 ♕xb2 21.♗b3 (21.♖fc1 g5 22.g3 ♕b7 23.♕xe4 c5 24.♕xb7 ♗xb7=∞) 21...♖d3 22.♕xe4 ♕c3 23.♖ac1 ♕c5+ 24.♔h1 ♗f5 25.♕b4 ♕a7 26.♕e1±

**20...♗g4 21.♖d2 ♗f8 22.♔h1**

22.♕xe4? ♗f5 23.♕e3 ♗c5-+

**22...♗c5 23.♕g3 ♕b4?**



23...♗f5 24.♘xf5 ♖xd2 25.♘h6+ (25.e6 f6∞) 25...♔f8 26.f5 ♖f2! 27.fxg6 ♖xf1+ 28.♗xf1 hxg6 29.♕f4 ♖a7 30.♕f6 ♕xb2 31.♕h8+ ♔e7 32.♕f6+ ♔f8 33.♕h8+=

**24.♖c2! ♖xd4 25.a3! ♕a4 26.b3 ♕xa3 27.♕xg4 e3 28.♕f3 ♖d2?!**

28...♖f8 29.f5+-

**29.f5**

29.♖xd2 exd2 30.f5 g5 31.♕h5+-

**29...e2**

29...♖xc2? 30.fxg6 ♖f2 31.♖xf2+- Δexf2 32.♕xf7+ ♔h8 33.♕xh7#

**30.♖xd2**

30.♗xe2 ♖xc2 31.fxg6 f5 32.♕xf5+-

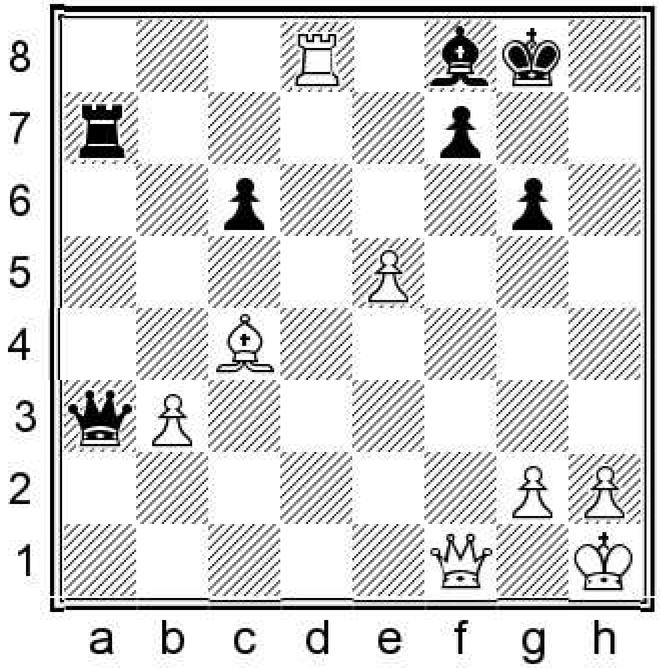
**30...exf1=Q+ 31.♕xf1 ♖a7 32.♖d8+**

32.fxg6 hxg6 33.♖d1 ♕b2 34.♕f6+-

**32...♗f8 33.fxg6**

33.e6 ♕e7 34.♖d1 f6 35.♕f3+-

**33...hxg6**



**34.♖a8! ♕e7?**

34...♔g7 35.♕f6+ ♔h7 36.♖xa7 ♕xa7 37.♕xf7++-

**35.♕xf7+!**

35.♕xf7+ ♕xf7 36.♖xa7+-

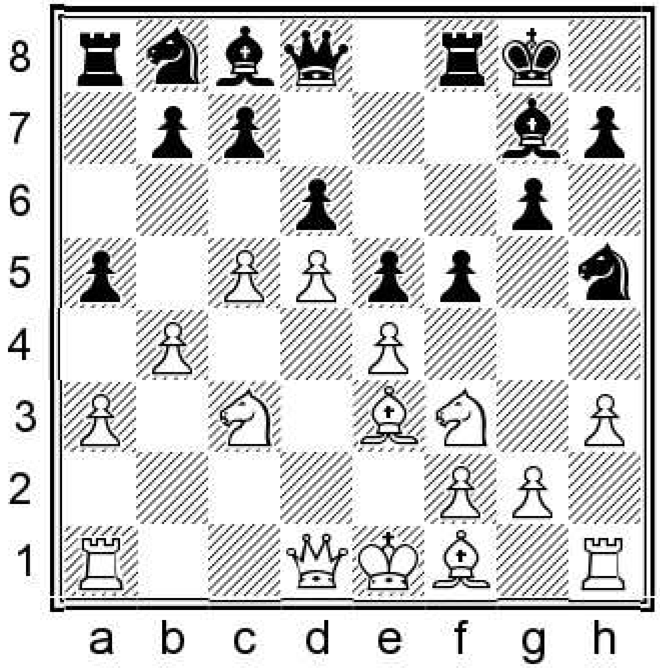
**1-0**

**194. E90**
**Bryakin, Mikhail (2448) - Tsydypov, Zhamsaran (2552)**
**Chelyabinsk 147/194, 2021**

**1.d4 ♘f6 2.c4 g6 3.♘c3 ♗g7 4.e4 d6 5.h3 O-O 6.♗e3 e5 7.d5 ♘a6 8.♘f3 ♘h5 9.a3 f5 10.b4 ♘b8 11.c5**

11.♖c1 - 50/(634)

**11...a5**



**12.♗g5N**

12.b5 ♘d7 (12...f4 13.♗c1 dxc5 14.♗c4 ♔h8 15.b6 cxb6 16.♖b1=∞) 13.cxd6 (13.c6 ♘df6 14.♘g5 (14.exf5 gxf5=∞) 14...♘f4 15.g3 ♘6h5!∞) 13...cxd6 14.♖c1 f4 15.♗d2 ♘c5 16.♕c2 ♘f6 17.♗c4 ♘fd7∞; 12.♖c1 axb4 13.axb4 ♘a6 14.♕b3 (14.♖a1 ♖b8 15.♖b1 ♘f4 16.g3 ♘h5 17.exf5 gxf5) 14...♘f4 15.g3 ♘h5 16.♗g5 (16.exf5 gxf5 17.♗g5 ♕e8 18.♗b5 ♕f7∞) 16...♗f6 17.♗d2 dxc5 18.♗xa6 ♖xa6 19.bxc5 ♔h8 20.O-O ♗g7∞

**12...♕d7**

12...♗f6!? 13.♗h6 (13.♗d2 axb4 14.axb4 ♖xa1 15.♕xa1 dxc5 16.bxc5 fxe4 17.♘h2 ♘f4∓) 13...♗g7 14.♗g5=

**13.♗d2**

13.♗b5 ♕f7 14.cxd6 cxd6 15.♖c1 axb4 16.axb4 ♘a6∞

**13...axb4**

13...♕e7 14.cxd6 cxd6 15.♗g5 ♗f6⇄

**14.axb4 ♖xa1 15.♕xa1 ♘f4 16.♕a7**

16.♕b1 fxe4 (16...dxc5!? 17.bxc5 ♘a6 18.♗e3 ♕e7∞) 17.♘g5 ♕e7 18.♘gxe4 ♗f5 19.g3 ♘d7 20.gxf4 exf4 21.f3 dxc5 22.♗c4 ♔h8 23.bxc5 ♘xc5=∞

**16...fxe4 17.♘g5**

17.♘xe4 ♘a6 18.c6 bxc6 19.♗xa6 ♗xa6 20.♕xa6 ♕f5 21.O-O ♕xe4 22.♗xf4 ♕xf4 23.dxc6 e4 24.♕c4+ ♖f7 25.♘e1 e3 26.♕xf4 ♖xf4 27.fxe3 ♖xb4∓

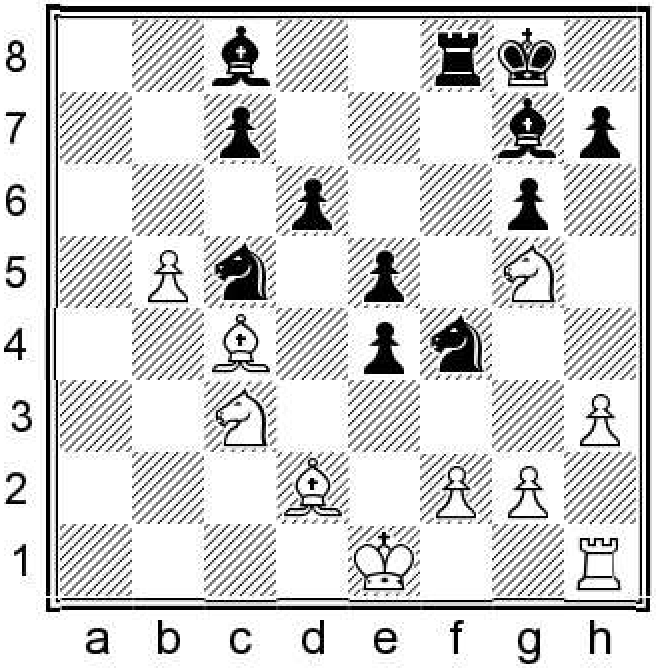
**17...♘a6 18.c6 bxc6 19.dxc6?**

19.♗xa6 ♗xa6 20.♕xa6 ♕f5 21.♘gxe4 cxd5 22.♕a2 ♔h8 23.♗xf4□ exf4 24.♕xd5 ♖e8 (24...f3 25.♕xf5 gxf5 26.O-O fxe4 27.♘xe4 fxg2 28.♔xg2 ♔g8=) 25.♕c6 ♗xc3+ 26.♕xc3+ ♔g8 27.f3 d5 28.O-O dxe4 29.fxe4 ♖xe4 30.♕xc7 ♖xb4 31.♖d1 ♖b1 32.♕d8+ ♔g7 33.♕e7+=

**19...♕xc6**

19...♕e7!? 20.♘cxe4 d5 21.♗xa6 dxe4 22.♘xe4 ♘xg2+ 23.♔f1 ♕h4 24.♗d3 ♘f4∓

**20.b5 ♕c5 21.♕xc5 ♘xc5 22.♗c4+**



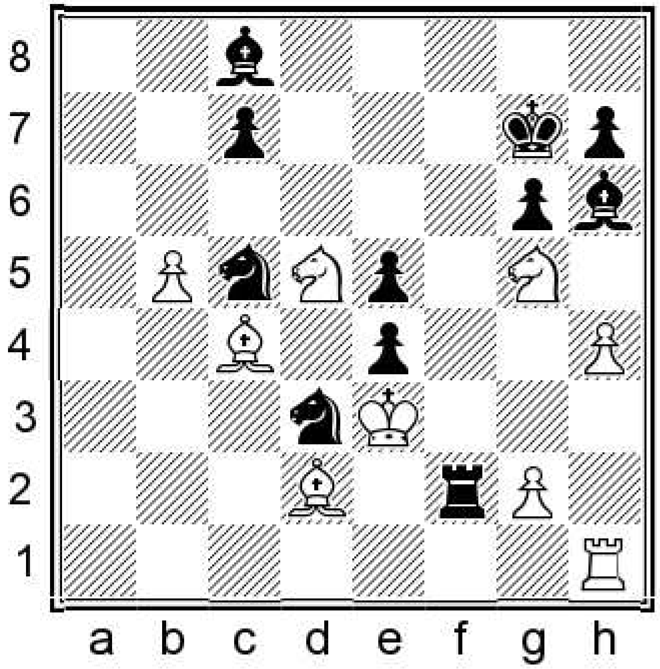
**22...d5!∓ 23.♘xd5**

23.♗xf4 dxc4 24.♗e3 ♘b3 25.♘gxe4 ♗b7 26.O-O ♖d8∓

**23...♘fd3+ 24.♔e2 ♖xf2+ 25.♔e3 ♗h6 26.h4**

26.♘xc7+ ♔h8 27.h4 ♗g4-+

**26...♔g7?**



26...♗e6 27.♗xd3 ♘xd3 28.♗e1 ♖xg2 (28...♗xd5 29.♗xf2 ♗f8! 30.♔e2 ♘f4+ 31.♔d2 ♗b4+ 32.♔c2 h6 33.♘h3 ♘xg2-+) 29.♘f6+ ♔f8 30.♘xe4 ♘xe1 31.♖xe1 ♗f5-+

**27.♗c3?**

27.♗xd3 ♘xd3 28.♖c1! ♗xg5+ 29.hxg5 ♘xc1 30.♔xf2 ♘d3+ 31.♔e3 ♗b7 32.♘xc7 ♔f7 33.g3 ♔e7 34.♗c3 ♔d7 35.♘a6=

**27...♖xg2 28.♘xc7 ♗g4**

28...♗xg5+ 29.hxg5 ♖g3+ 30.♔d2 e3+ 31.♔c2 ♗f5-+

**29.♖e1 ♖g3+**

29...♘xe1?? 30.♗xe5+ ♔f8 31.♗d6+ ♔g7 32.♘e8+ ♔h8 33.♗e5+ ♗g7 34.♗xg7#

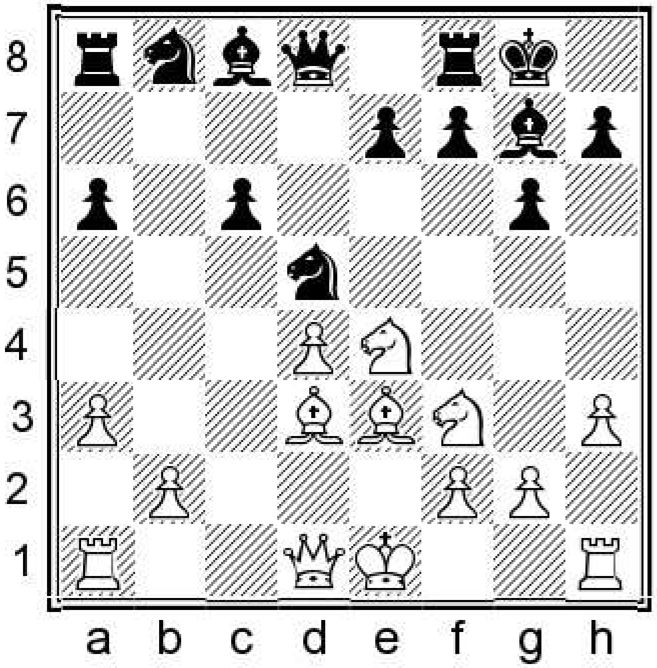
**30.♔d2 e3+ 31.♖xe3 ♖g2+ 0-1**

**195. E91**
**Sivuk, Vitaly (2541) - Bernabeu Lopez, Carlos Javier (2404)**
**Roquetas de Mar 147/195, 2021**

**1.d4 ♘f6 2.c4 g6 3.♘c3 ♗g7 4.e4 d6 5.♗e2 O-O 6.♗e3 c6 7.♘f3 a6 8.h3**

8.O-O - 144/199

**8...b5 9.a3 bxc4 10.♗xc4 d5 11.♗d3 dxe4 12.♘xe4 ♘d5**



**13.♗g5N**

13.♕c1; 13.O-O

**13...♕b6**

13...h6 14.♗d2 ♗f5 15.O-O ♕b6 16.♕c2±

**14.♕c2 a5**

14...♗xd4 15.♘xd4 ♕xd4 16.O-O ♗f5 17.g4!? ♗xe4 18.♗xe4 ♘d7 19.♖fd1 ♕e5 20.♗h4↑

**15.♘c5 ♘d7**

15...♘a6 16.♘a4 ♕a7 17.O-O ♘ac7 18.♘c5±

**16.♘a4! ♕c7 17.O-O e5**

17...♗a6 18.♗xa6 ♖xa6 19.♖fe1 e6 20.♖ac1±

**18.♗e4 ♕d6 19.♖fd1 ♗a6**

19...h6 20.dxe5 ♘xe5 21.♗d2 ♘xf3+ 22.♗xf3 ♗f5 23.♕c1 ♔h7 24.♗c3±

**20.♖ac1 ♖fc8**

20...h6 21.dxe5 ♘xe5 22.♘xe5 (22.♗d2 ♗e2∓) 22...♕xe5 23.♗d2 ♘f4 24.♗xf4 ♕xf4 25.♘c5±

**21.dxe5! ♗xe5**

21...♘xe5? 22.♘b6+-

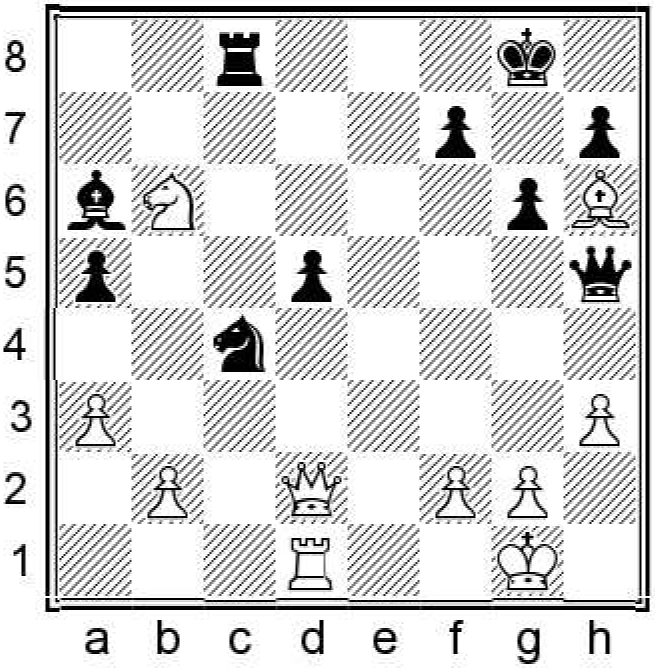
**22.♘xe5 ♕xe5 23.♗h6**

23.♗d2 ♗b5 24.♘c3 ♘c5 25.♖e1±

**23...♕h5 24.♕d2 ♘e5 25.♗xd5 cxd5 26.♖xc8+**

26.♘b6 ♘c4 (26...♖xc1 27.♕xc1 ♖b8 28.♘xd5+-) 27.♕xd5 ♕xd5 28.♘xd5+-

**26...♖xc8 27.♘b6 ♘c4**



**28.♕xd5!+- ♕xd5**

28...♘xb6? 29.♕d8+!! ♖xd8 30.♖xd8#

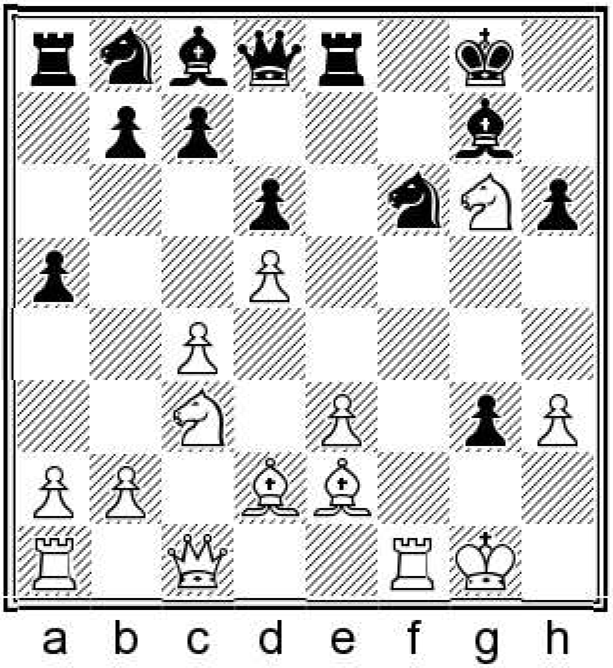
**29.♘xd5 ♖b8 30.♘e7+**

30.♘f6+ ♔h8 31.♖d7 ♘e5 32.♖e7

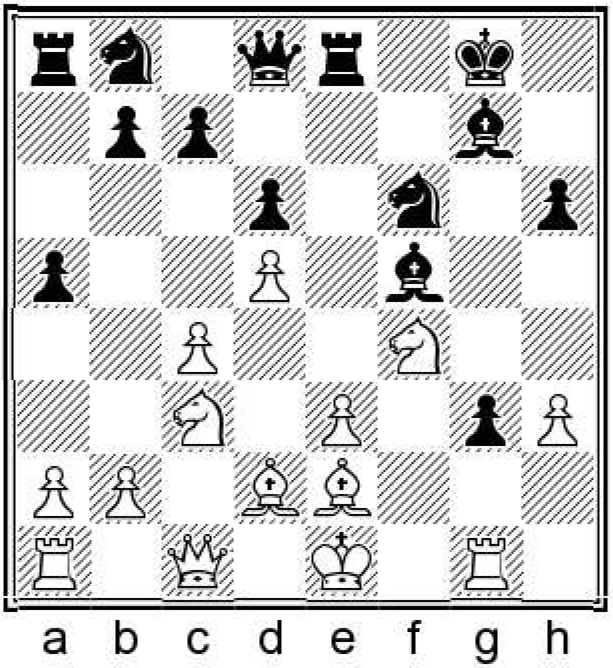
**30...♔h8 31.b3 ♘e5 32.♖d5 f6 33.♖xa5 ♗b5 34.♗f4 ♖b7 35.♘d5 ♔g7 36.♗xe5 1-0**

**196. * E92**
**Glavina, Pablo (2412) - Demuth, Adrien (2488)**
**Espana 147/196, 2020**

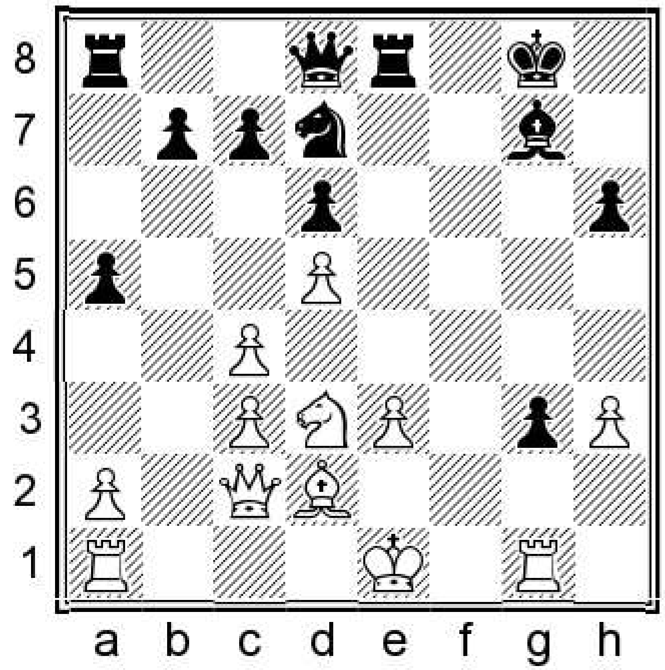
**1.c4 ♘f6 2.♘c3 g6 3.e4 d6 4.d4 ♗g7 5.♘f3 O-O 6.♗e2 e5 7.d5 a5 8.♗g5 h6 9.♗e3 ♘g4 10.♗d2 f5 11.h3 ♘f6 12.exf5 gxf5 13.♕c1 f4 14.g3 e4 15.♘h4 e3 16.fxe3 fxg3 17.♘g6 ♖e8 18.O-O!?**



18.♘f4 ♗f5 19.♖g1



19...♘bd7N (19...♘a6) 20.♗d3? (20.♖xg3 ♘c5 21.♗f3 ♔h7∞) 20...♗xd3 21.♘xd3 ♘e4 22.♕c2 ♘xc3 (22...♕g5 23.♘xe4 ♖xe4 24.O-O-O ♘b6∓) 23.bxc3



23...♕h4 (23...h5 24.♘f4 ♕f6 25.O-O-O h4∓) 24.O-O-O∞ Janzelj,L (2210)-Kaasen, T (2394) Oslo 147/(196) 2020

18.♖g1 - 144/(200)

**18...♘bd7N**

18...♗xh3 19.♖f4 ♘a6 20.♕e1 ♘h7 (20...♕d7?! 21.♕xg3±; 20...♘c5 21.♕xg3 ♗d7 22.♕f3 ♘h7∞) 21.♕xg3 ♕g5 22.♔h2 ♕xg3+ 23.♔xg3 ♘g5∞

**19.♘h4?!**

19.♗e1 ♘c5 20.♘f4 ♕e7 21.♖f3 ♗f5 22.♖xg3 ♔h7?!∞

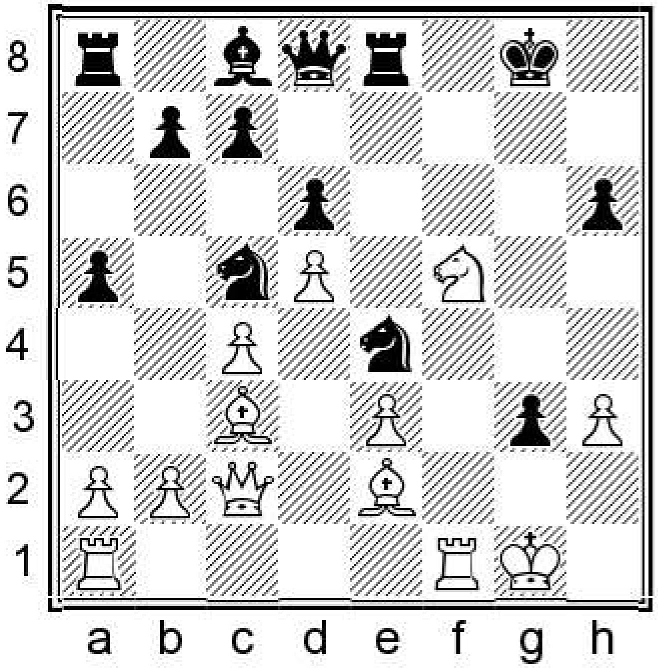
**19...♘e4 20.♘f5 ♘dc5∓ 21.♕c2**

21.♘xe4 ♘xe4 22.♕c2 ♖e5! (22...♕g5!?) 23.♘xg7 ♕h4 24.♗e1 ♕xh3 25.♗f3 ♘f2 26.♖xf2□ gxf2+ 27.♕xf2 ♖g5+ 28.♗g2 ♖xg7∓

**21...♗xc3?!**

21...♖e5 22.♘xg7 ♕h4 23.♘xe4 ♘xe4∓ - 21.Ne4

**22.♗xc3**



**22...♗xf5**

22...♕g5! 23.h4 ♕g6 24.♘g7 (24.♗g4 h5 25.♗h3 ♔h7 26.♖f3 ♖f8 27.♖af1 ♘f2 28.♖1xf2 gxf2+ 29.♔xf2 ♗d7 30.♗d4 ♖f7 31.♗xc5 dxc5 32.♔e2 ♖af8 33.e4 ♕g1∓) 24...g2 25.♖f3 ♖f8 26.♖xf8+ ♔xf8 27.♗f3 ♕g3 28.♗xe4 ♕xe3+ 29.♔xg2 ♕h3+ 30.♔g1 ♕e3+ 31.♔g2 ♕h3+=

**23.♖xf5 ♘xc3 24.♖f8+**

24.♕xc3 ♕e7 25.♖f3 ♘e4 26.♕d4 ♖f8 27.♖af1 (27.♔g2 ♖xf3 28.♗xf3 ♖e8 29.♖f1 ♘g5 30.h4 ♘xf3 31.♖xf3 ♕e4 32.♔xg3 ♕xd4 33.exd4 ♖e4 34.♖d3 ♔g7=) 27...♖xf3 28.♗xf3 (28.♖xf3 ♖f8 29.♔g2 h5=) 28...♘f2 29.♔g2 ♕g5 30.h4 ♕g6 31.h5 ♕g5 32.♕f4±

**24...♔xf8**

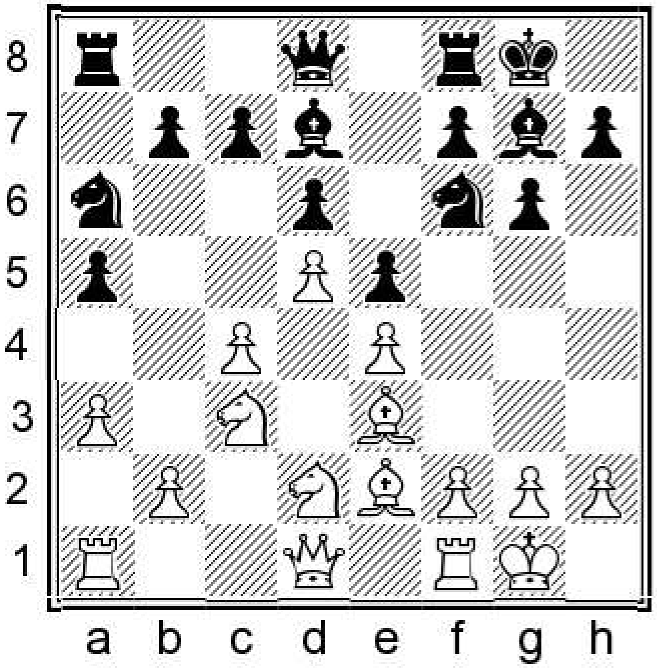
24...♖xf8 25.♕g6+ ♔h8 26.♕xh6+ ♔g8 27.♕g6+=

**25.♖f1+ ♔g7 26.♖f7+= ♔xf7 27.♕h7+ ♔f6 28.♕xh6+ ♔f5 29.♕h7+ ♔f6 30.♕h6+ ♔f5 31.♕h7+ 1/2-1/2**

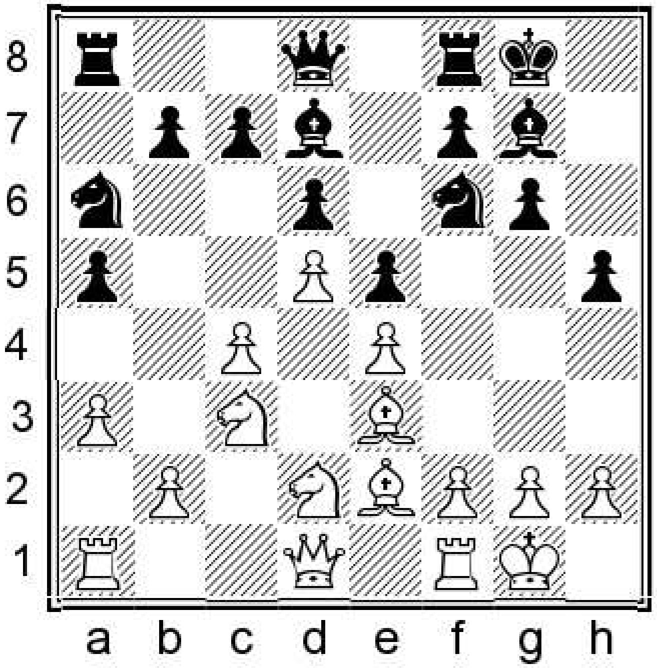
**197. ** E94**
**Wojtaszek, Radoslaw (2705) - Caruana, Fabiano (2823)**
**Wijk aan Zee 147/197, 2021**

**1.c4 ♘f6 2.♘f3 d6 3.d4 g6 4.♘c3 ♗g7 5.e4 O-O 6.♗e2 e5 7.O-O ♗g4 8.♗e3**

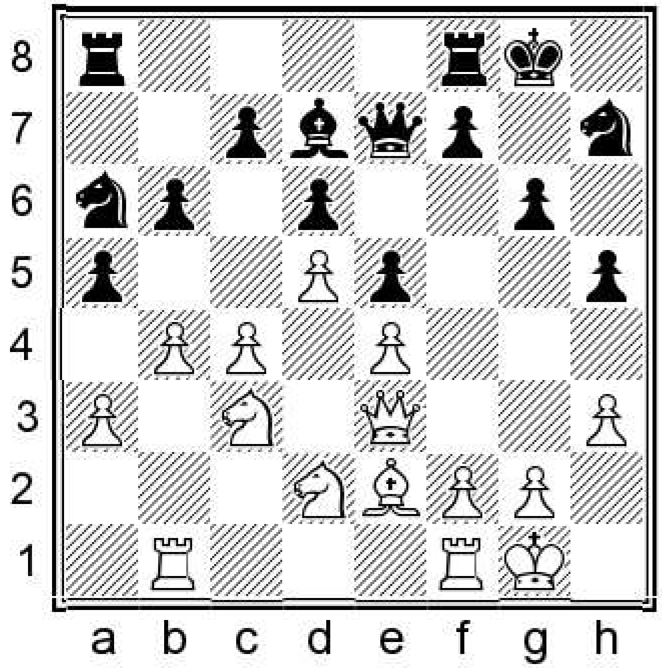
8.d5 a5 9.♗e3 (9.♗g5 - 38/800) 9...♘a6 10.♘d2 ♗d7 11.a3



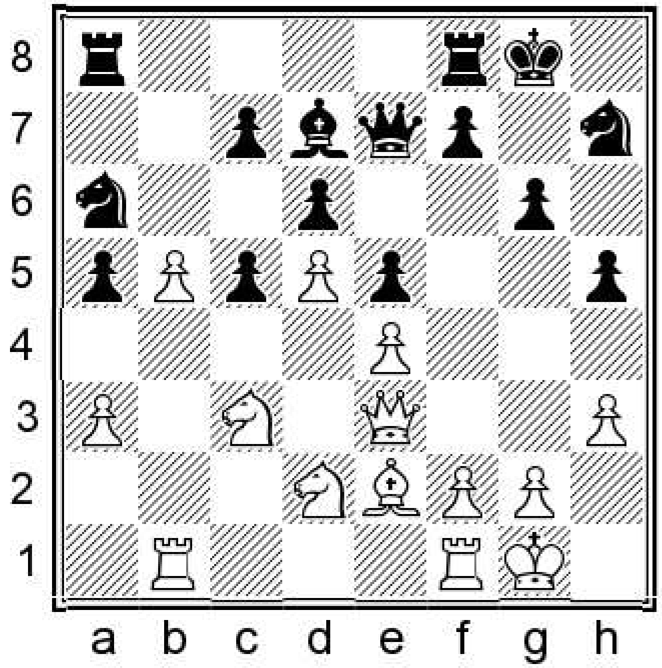
11...h5N



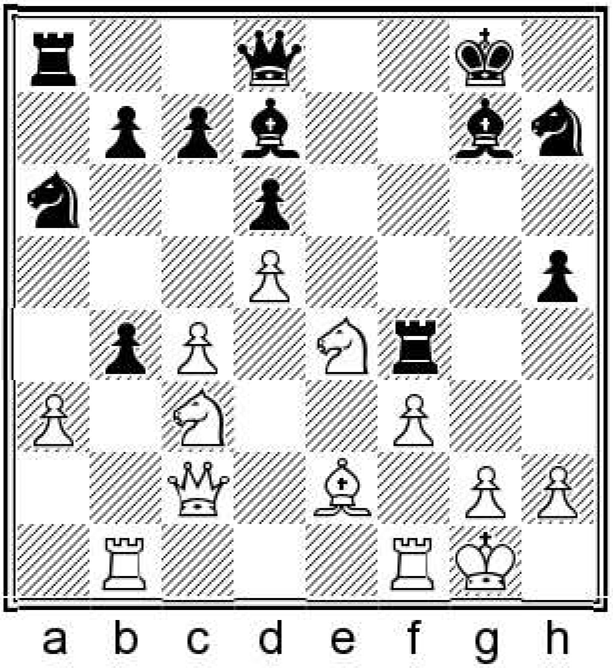
(11...♘e8) 12.f3 - 147/(197) (12.h3N b6 13.♖b1 ♘h7 14.♕c2 ♗f6 15.b4 ♗g5 16.♕d3 ♗xe3 17.♕xe3 ♕e7



(17...♕g5 18.♕xg5 ♘xg5 19.♖b2 f5 20.exf5 ♗xf5 21.h4 ♘h7 22.♘de4±) 18.f4 (18.c5 bxc5 (18...axb4 19.cxd6 cxd6 (19...♕xd6 20.axb4± Δ♘xb4? 21.♘c4 ♕c5 22.♘xe5+-) 20.axb4±) 19.b5



19...♘b4! (19...♘b8 20.b6 cxb6 21.♖xb6±) 20.♖fc1± (20.axb4 axb4 21.♘d1 ♖a3 22.♖b3±)) 18...exf4 19.♕xf4 f5 20.♕e3± Lysyj,I (2605)-Demchenko, A (2621) Khanty-Mansiysk (rapid) 147/(197) 2020) 12...♘h7 13.♖b1 f5 14.exf5 gxf5 15.b4?! (15.f4 exf4 16.♗xf4 h4 17.♔h1 ♕e7 18.♗d3±) 15...e4 16.♕c2 f4! 17.♗xf4 ♖xf4 18.♘dxe4 axb4



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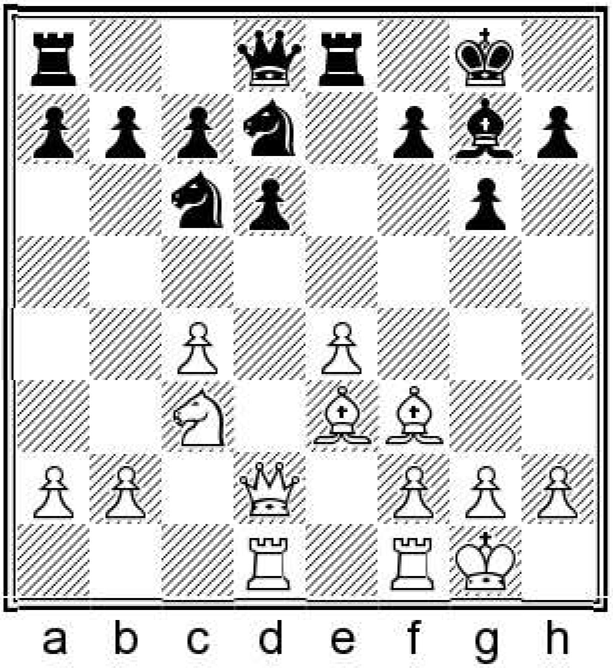
**8...♗xf3 9.♗xf3 exd4 10.♗xd4 ♘c6 11.♗e3 ♖e8 12.♕d2 ♘d7 13.♖ad1**



**13...♗xc3!?N**

13...♘c5

**14.♕xc3 ♕f6 15.♕c1**

15.♕d2 ♘c5 16.b4 ♘xe4 17.♕c2 ♘g5 18.♗d5∞

**15...♘c5 16.♕b1 ♕e6 17.♖fe1 ♕xc4 18.b3 ♕c3 19.♗d2**

19.g3 a5 20.♗g2

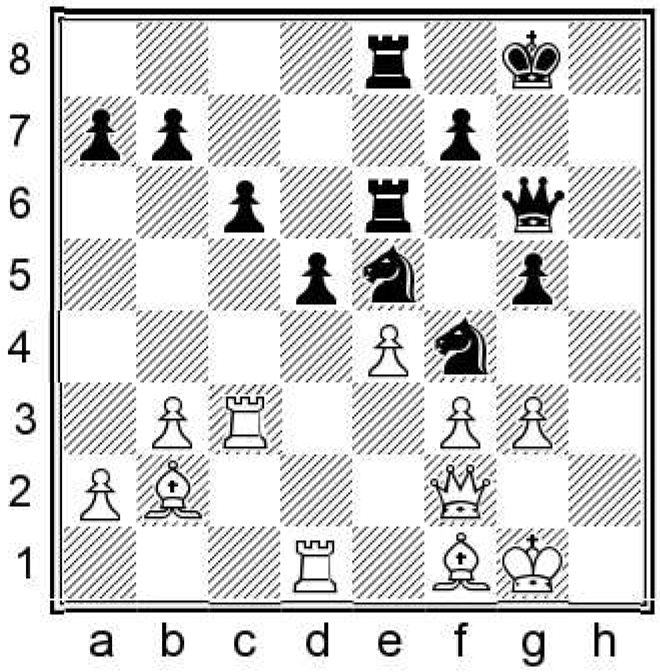
**19...♕f6 20.♗c1 h5 21.♗b2 ♘e5 22.♗e2 h4 23.♕c1 g5! 24.♗b5?!**

24.b4 ♘e6 25.♗g4 ♕f4 26.♗xe5 ♕xc1 27.♖xc1 dxe5 28.♗xe6=

**24...♖e7 25.♖e3 ♕g6 26.♗e2 ♖ae8 27.♕c2 ♘e6 28.f3?**

28.h3 ♘f4 29.♗xe5 dxe5 (29...♖xe5 30.♕xc7 ♖xe4 31.♖xd6 ♘xe2+ 32.♖xe2 ♕h7 33.♖xe4 ♕xe4 34.♖d8) 30.♗g4∞

**28...♘f4∓ 29.♗f1 c6 30.♕f2 ♖e6 31.♖c3 d5 32.g3?! hxg3 33.hxg3**



**33...dxe4! 34.gxf4 gxf4++- 35.♕g2**

35.♔h1 ♕h7+! 36.♕h2 ♖h6 37.♖d2 ♘xf3 38.♖xf3 exf3 39.♕xh6 ♕xh6+ 40.♖h2 ♖e1! 41.♖xh6 ♖xf1+ 42.♔h2 ♖f2+-+

**35...exf3 36.♕xg6+ ♖xg6+ 37.♔h1**

37.♔f2 ♖g3

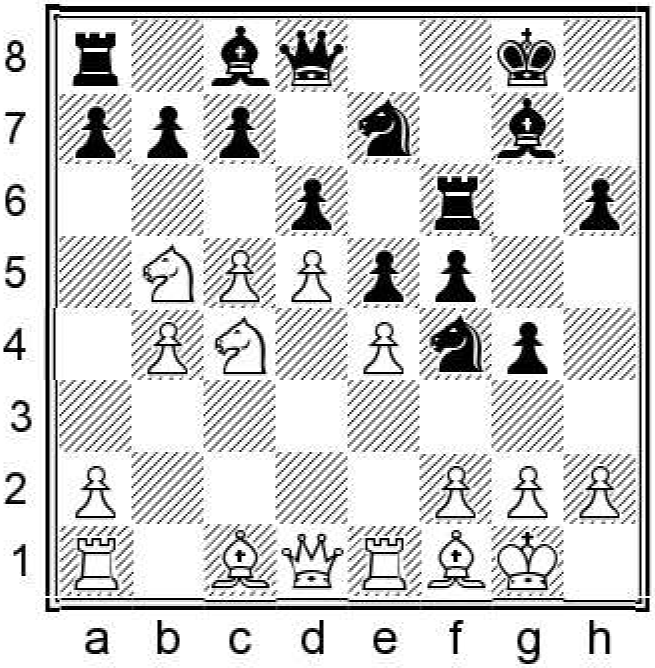
**37...f2 38.♗h3 ♘c4! 39.♖xc4 ♖e1+ 0-1**

**198. E97**
**Yuffa, Daniil (2566) - Grigoryan, Karen H (2666)**
**Roquetas de Mar 147/198, 2021**

**1.d4 ♘f6 2.c4 g6 3.♘c3 ♗g7 4.e4 d6 5.♘f3 O-O 6.♗e2 e5 7.O-O ♘c6 8.d5 ♘e7 9.b4 ♘h5 10.♖e1 ♘f4 11.♗f1 h6 12.c5 g5 13.♘d2 g4 14.♘c4 f5 15.♘b5!**

15.cxd6 - 134/200

**15...♖f6**



**16.♘xc7! ♕xc7 17.♗xf4 exf4 18.e5!± dxe5 19.d6 ♕d8 20.dxe7N**

20.♘xe5

**20...♕xe7 21.♘xe5 ♗e6 22.♕d2 f3 23.♖ad1 fxg2 24.♗c4 ♗xc4**

24...♔h7 25.♘d7! ♕xd7 26.♕xd7 ♗xd7 27.♖xd7+-

**25.♘xc4 ♕c7 26.♕d5+**

26.♘d6 ♖d8 (26...♕c6 27.♕c2+-) 27.♖e8+ ♖f8 28.♕d5+ ♔h7 29.♖xd8 ♕xd8 30.♘xb7+-

**26...♕f7 27.♖e7**

27.♕xf7+ ♖xf7 28.♘d6 ♖c7 29.♖d5 f4 30.♔xg2+-

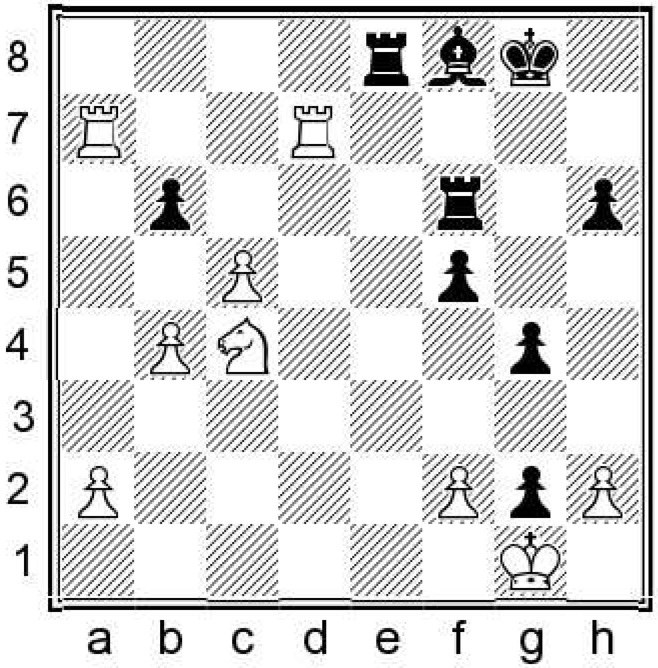
**27...♕xd5 28.♖xd5 b6**

28...f4 29.♔xg2 b6 30.♖dd7 ♗f8 31.♖xa7 ♖b8 (31...♖xa7 32.♖xa7 bxc5 33.b5+-) 32.♘xb6 ♗xe7 33.♖xe7+-

**29.♖dd7 ♗f8 30.♖xa7+- ♖d8**

30...♖xa7 31.♖xa7 bxc5 32.b5+-

**31.♖ed7 ♖e8**



**32.cxb6**

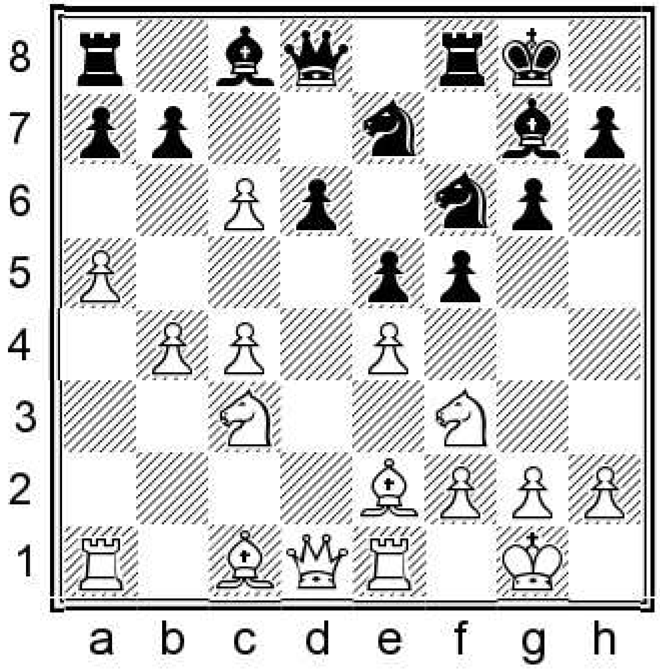
32.♘xb6 f4 33.♔xg2 h5 34.♘d5

**32...f4 33.♔xg2 h5 34.♖a5 f3+ 35.♔g3 h4+ 36.♔xh4 ♖e4 37.♖g5+ ♔h8 38.♖xg4 ♖ff4 39.♘e5! ♗e7+ 40.♔g3 ♖xg4+ 41.♘xg4 1-0**

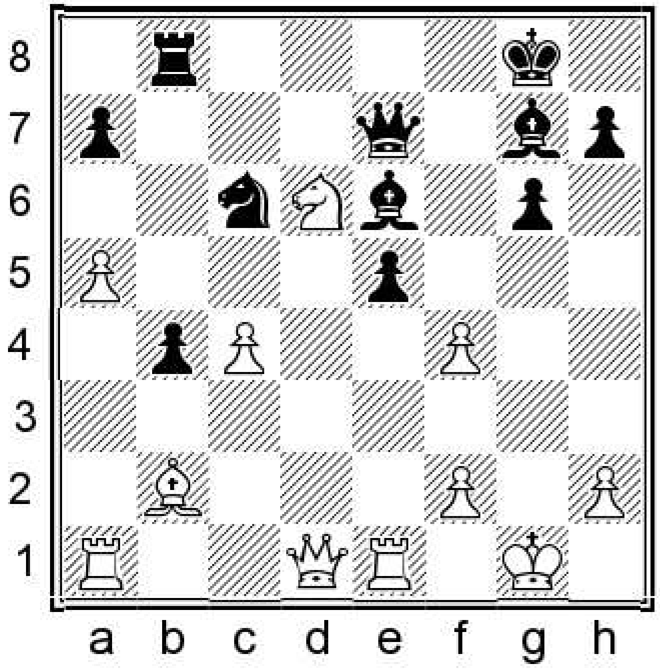
**199. * E97**
**Donchenko, Alexander (2658) - Fier, Alexandr (2562)**
**Bad Wiessee 147/199, 2020**

**1.d4 ♘f6 2.c4 g6 3.♘c3 ♗g7 4.e4 d6 5.♘f3 O-O 6.♗e2 e5 7.O-O ♘c6 8.d5 ♘e7 9.b4 ♘h5 10.♖e1 f5 11.a4 ♘f4**

11...♘f6 12.a5 c6 (12...h6 - 145/(199)) 13.dxc6

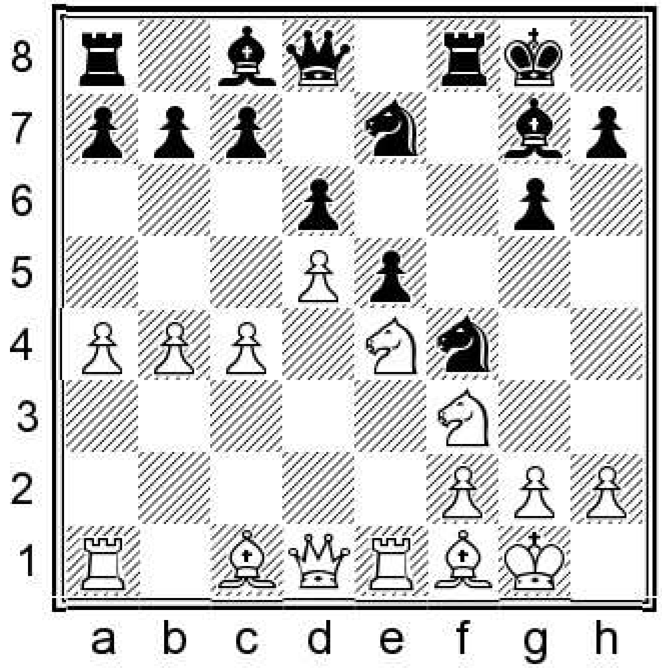


(13.♘d2) 13...bxc6N (13...♘xc6) 14.b5 fxe4 (14...♘xe4 15.♘xe4 fxe4 16.♘g5 e3 17.♗xe3 ♘f5 18.♕d2 h6 19.♘f3±) 15.♘g5 cxb5 16.♘cxe4 ♘xe4 17.♘xe4 b4 (17...bxc4 18.♕xd6 ♕xd6 19.♘xd6 ♗e6 20.♗xc4 ♗xc4 21.♘xc4±) 18.♘xd6 ♗e6 19.♗f3 ♖b8 20.♗b2 ♖xf3 (20...♘f5 21.♗xe5 ♗xe5 22.♖xe5±) 21.gxf3 ♘c6 22.f4 ♕e7 Khismatullin,D (2604)-Murzin, V (2465) Russia 147/(199) 2020 (22...♕e7



23.♕d3! exf4 24.♗xg7 ♔xg7 25.♖ad1±)

**12.♗f1 fxe4 13.♘xe4**



**13...h6N**

13...♗g4

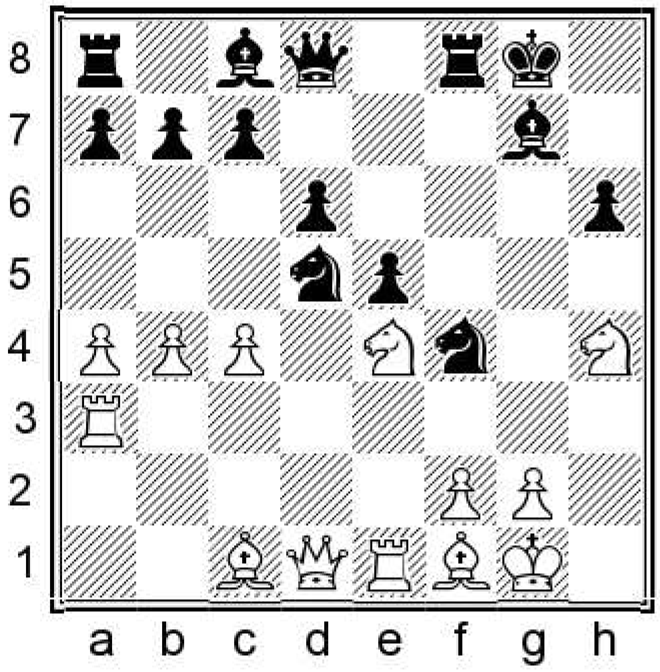
**14.♖a3 g5 15.h4**

15.g3 ♘fg6 (15...♘h3+? 16.♗xh3 ♗xh3 17.♘fxg5! hxg5 (17...♗d7 18.♘e6 ♗xe6 19.dxe6±) 18.g4+-) 16.♘fd2 (16.♗xg5 hxg5 17.♘fxg5 ♗h6∞) 16...♘f5 17.c5⩲

**15...gxh4**

15...g4 16.♘h2 h5 17.g3 ♘fg6 18.f3±

**16.♘xh4 ♘exd5**



**17.♘g6!?**

17.cxd5 ♕xh4 18.g3 ♘h3+ 19.♔h2 ♕xe4 20.♖xe4 ♘xf2 21.♕c2 ♘xe4 22.♗e2! (22.♕xe4 ♖xf1 23.♖c3 ♖f7 24.♖f3⩲) 22...♘f2 23.♖f3±

**17...♘xg6 18.♕xd5+ ♔h8 19.c5 ♘e7**

⌓19...dxc5 20.♕xc5 ♕e7 21.♖g3 ♗f5 22.b5⩲

**20.♕d1± d5**

20...♗e6 21.cxd6 cxd6 22.♕xd6 ♕xd6 23.♘xd6 b6 24.♘b5±; 20...dxc5 21.♕h5 ♘g8 (21...♖f5 22.♕h2±) 22.♖g3 (22.bxc5±) 22...♗f5 (22...cxb4?! 23.♖xg7! ♔xg7 24.♕xe5+ ♘f6 25.♗b2+-) 23.♗c4±; 20...♘f5 21.cxd6 cxd6 22.♖d3 ♗e6 (22...♘d4?! 23.♗xh6! ♗xh6 24.♕h5 ♖f6 25.♖xd4+-) 23.♘xd6 ♘xd6 24.♖xd6 ♕f6 25.♗e3±

**21.♘g3 e4**

21...♘g6 22.♘h5 ♕h4 23.♖g3 ♖f5 24.♘xg7 ♔xg7 25.♗d3 e4 26.♗e2±

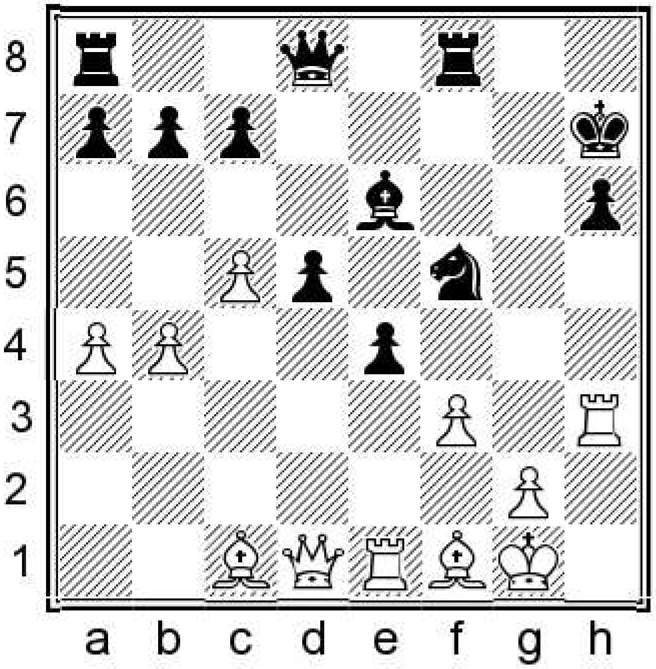
**22.♘h5 ♘f5 23.♘xg7 ♔xg7 24.♖h3 ♗e6**

24...♖g8 25.f3 e3 (25...exf3 26.♕xf3+-) 26.g4+-

**25.f3**

25.g4 ♘h4 26.♕d2 ♘f3+ 27.♖xf3 ♖xf3 28.♕xh6+ ♔f7 29.♕h5+ ♔f8 30.♗h6+ ♔e7 31.♗g5+ ♖f6 32.♕h7+ ♔f8 33.f3+-

**25...♔h7**



**26.♕d2!+- ♕f6**

26...e3 27.♖xe3! ♘xe3 28.♕xe3 ♗xh3 29.♕xh6+ ♔g8 30.♕g6+ ♔h8 31.♗b2+ d4 32.♕h6+ ♔g8 33.♗c4+ ♖f7 34.♕g6+ ♔h8 35.♕xf7+-

**27.fxe4 dxe4 28.♖xe4 ♖ad8 29.♗d3 ♔g8 30.♗b2 ♕g6 31.♕e2 ♘g3 32.♖xg3! ♕xg3 33.♖e3**

33.♗c4 ♗xc4 (33...♕f2+ 34.♕xf2 ♖xf2 35.♗xe6+) 34.♖g4+

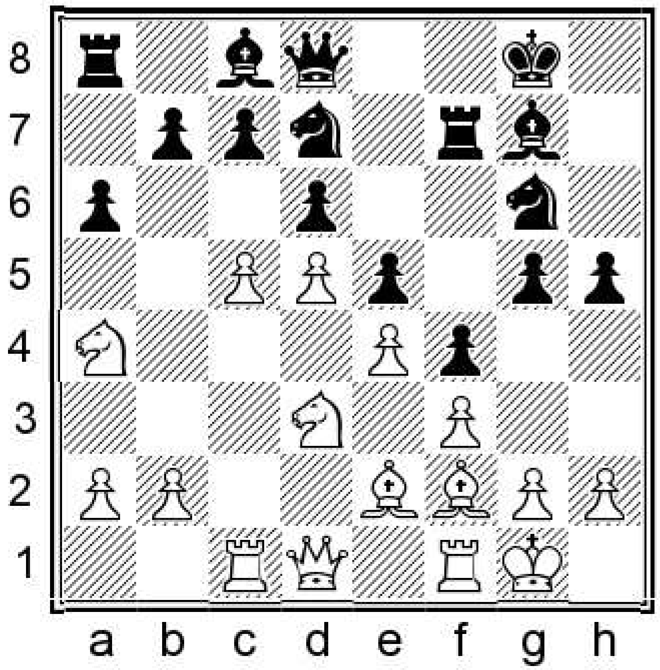
**33...♕g4 34.♖xe6 ♕xe2 35.♗xe2 ♖d2 36.♗c3 ♖c2 37.♖g6+ ♔h7 38.♖g7+ ♔h8 39.♖g3+ 1-0**

**200. * E99**
**Jacobson, Brandon (2491) - Korobov, Anton (2692)**
**chess.com (Int.-blitz) 147/200, 2021**

**1.d4 ♘f6 2.c4 g6 3.♘c3 ♗g7 4.e4 d6 5.♘f3 O-O 6.♗e2 e5 7.O-O ♘c6 8.d5 ♘e7 9.♘e1 ♘d7 10.♗e3 f5 11.f3 f4 12.♗f2 g5 13.♘d3 h5**

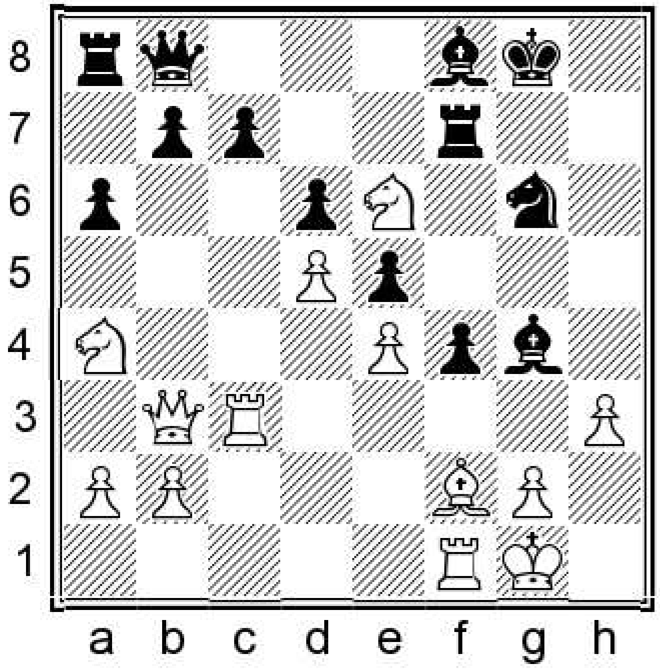
13...♘g6 - 132/200

**14.c5 a6 15.♖c1 ♘g6 16.♘a4 ♖f7**



**17.♔h1N**

17.♖c3 - 147/(200) 17...♗f8 18.♕b3 g4 19.fxg4 hxg4 20.♗xg4 ♘xc5 21.♘dxc5 ♗xg4 22.♘e6 ♕b8 23.h3



23...♗xe6 (23...♗e2! 24.♖e1 ♗h5 25.g4 (25.♖c2 ♗h6⇄) 25...fxg3 26.♖xg3 ♗e7 27.♕e3 ♔h8 28.♔h2 ♕g8∞) 24.dxe6 ♖e7 25.♖d3 b5 26.♘c3± Linart, L-Verschueren,F corr 147/(200) 2020

17.♕b3

**17...♗f8 18.c6 ♘f6 19.cxb7 ♗xb7 20.♕b3 ♗c8 21.♘b4 g4↑ 22.♘c6 ♕e8 23.♕b4 ♖h7**

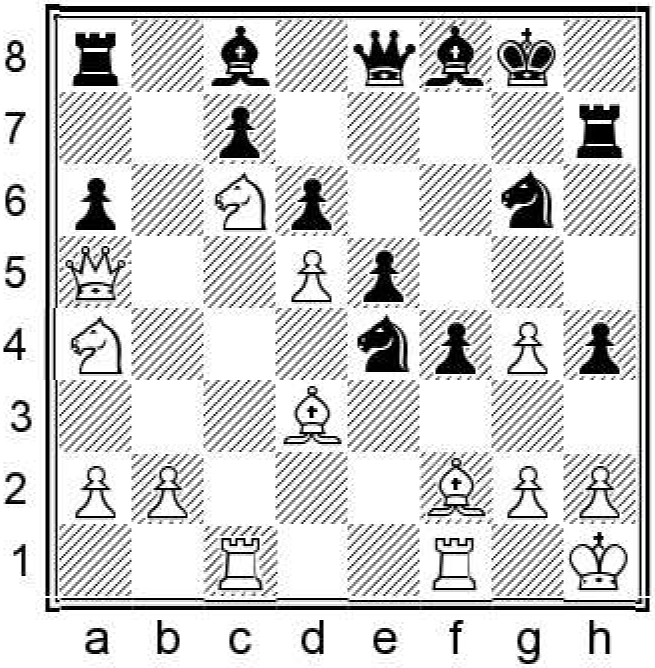
23...g3! 24.hxg3 (24.♗g1 h4 25.h3 ♘h7 26.♖fd1 ♘g5 27.♕c3 ♗xh3 28.gxh3 ♘xh3-+) 24...fxg3

25.♗xg3 h4 26.♗h2 ♘h5∓ (26...♗h6∓)

**24.♕a5 h4 25.fxg4 ♘xe4**

25...h3! 26.g3 ♗h6 27.♖c2 ♗xg4 28.♕e1 ♕d7∓

**26.♗d3?**



26.h3 ♘g3+ 27.♗xg3 hxg3 28.♕b4 (28.♘c3 ♘h4 29.♘e4 ♕g6 30.♕b4 a5 31.♕c4 ♗h6∞) 28...♘h4 29.♕e4 ♗d7 30.♘c3 ♗h6 31.♗d3 ♖f7∞

**26...♘g3+! 27.♗xg3**

27.hxg3 hxg3+ 28.♔g1 gxf2+ 29.♔xf2 e4-+

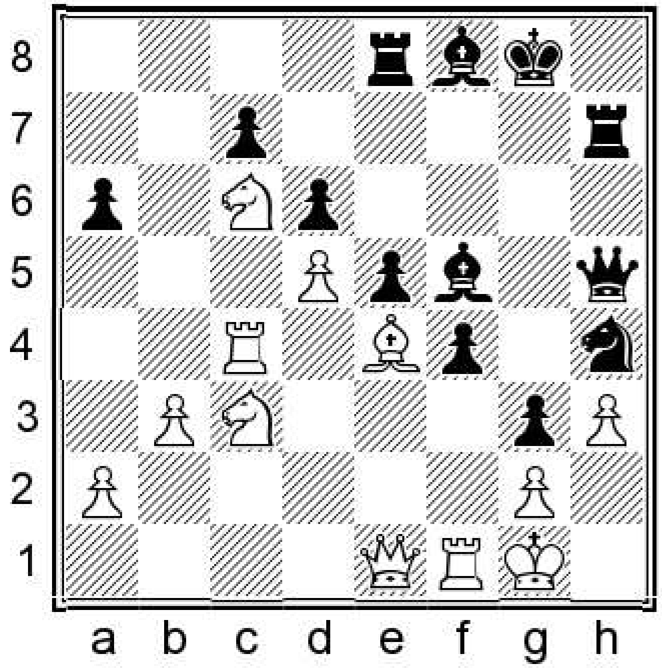
**27...hxg3 28.h3 ♗xg4 29.♗e4 ♕f7**

29...♗xh3 30.gxh3 ♖xh3+ 31.♔g1 ♘h4 32.♕c3 ♕h5 33.♕d3 ♘g2! 34.♗f5 (34.♔xg2 ♖h2+ 35.♔g1 ♖h1+ 36.♔g2 f3+ 37.♔xg3 ♖h3+ 38.♔f2 ♕h4+ 39.♔e3 ♗h6#; 34.♗xg2 ♖h1+ 35.♗xh1 ♕h2#) 34...♖h2-+

**30.♔g1 ♗f5 31.♕e1 ♘h4 32.♖c3 ♖e8 33.b3**

33.♗xf5 ♘xf5 34.♕e4 ♗h6 35.♖d3 ♕h5 36.♘c3 ♘h4-+

**33...♕g6 34.♖c4 ♕h5 35.♘c3**



**35...♘xg2! 36.♗xg2 ♗xh3 37.♘e4**

37.♕d2 ♗g4 38.♗e4 ♖h6-+

**37...♗g7**

37...♔h8! 38.♘f6 ♕h6 39.♘xe8 (39.♘xh7 ♗f5 40.♖f3 ♕h2+ 41.♔f1 ♗h3 42.♗xh3 ♕xh3+ 43.♔e2 ♕g2+-+) 39...♗xg2 40.♔xg2 ♕h3+ 41.♔f3 g2+ 42.♔e2 ♕e3+ 43.♔d1 ♕d3+-+

**38.♕d2**

38.♘xg3 fxg3 39.♕xg3 ♗xg2 40.♕xg2 e4-+

**38...♗g4 39.♖fc1 ♕h2+ 40.♔f1 f3 41.♗xf3 ♗xf3 0-1**

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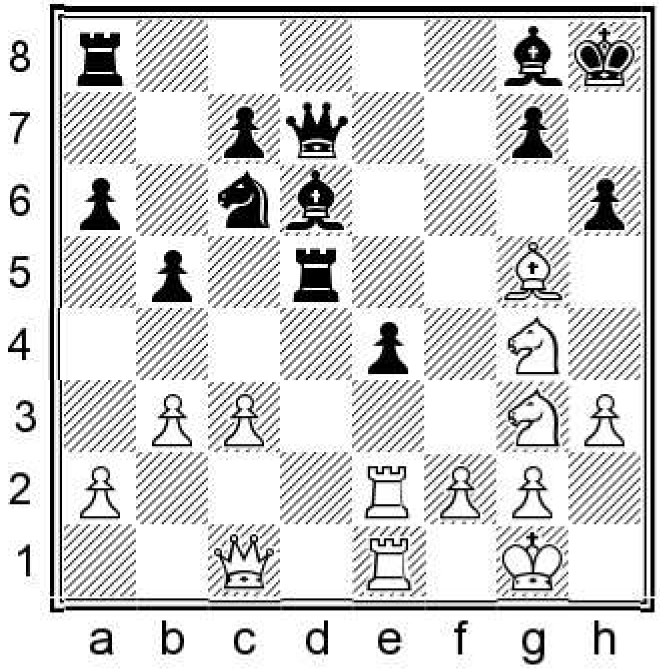

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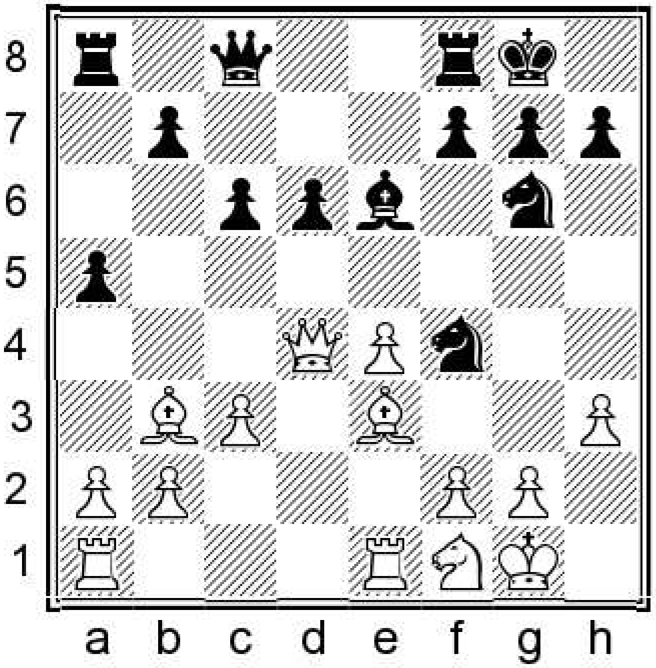

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1...♘xg2! 2.♔xg2 (2.♗xe6 ♘xe1-+) 2...♗xh3+ 3.♔h1 (3.♔h2 ♘h4! 4.♗d1 ♗g2!-+ ∆ Qh3) 3...♕g4-+

**2.axb3**

2.♗xf4 ♘xf4 3.axb3∞

**3. Antipov, Mikhail Al (2611) - Vitiugov, Nikita (2720)**
**Russia (ch), 2020**
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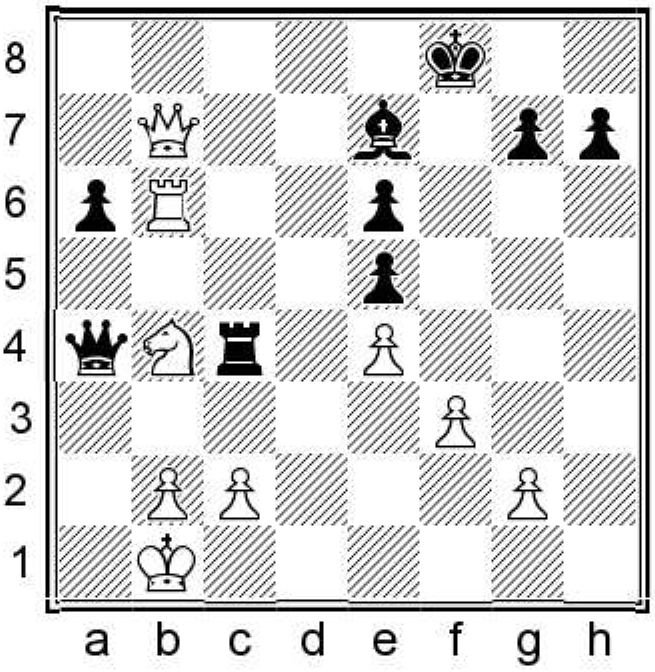

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**1.c3?**

1.♖c6! ♖xb4 (1...♖d4 2.♘d3+-) 2.♕c8+ ♔f7 3.♕xe6+ ♔f8 4.♖c8++-

**1...♕d1+ 2.♔a2 ♕a4+ 3.♔b1 ♕d1+ 4.♔a2 ♕a4+=**

**4. Dubov, Daniil (2710) - Carlsen, Magnus (2862)**
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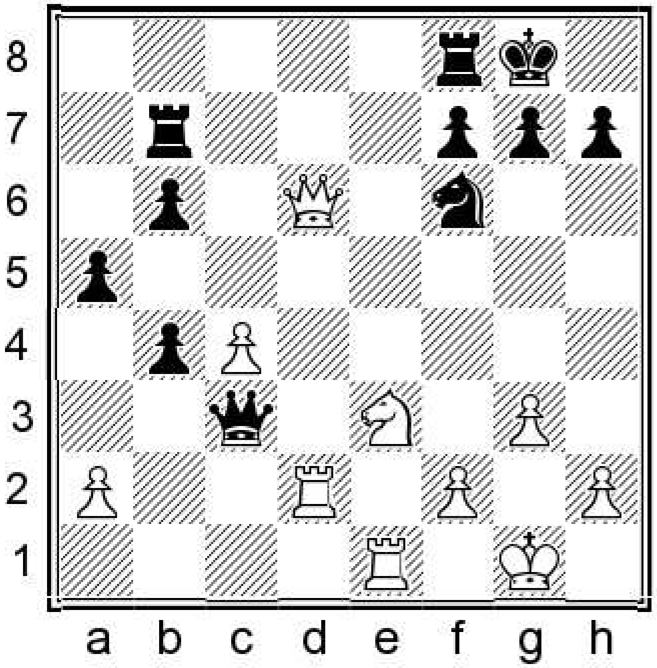

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**1.♘d1! ♖e8**

1...♕a3 2.♕xf8+ ♔xf8 3.♖d8++-

**2.♖xe8+ ♘xe8 3.♘xc3 1-0**

**5. Grigorieva, Yulia (2290) - Shuvalova, Polina (2456)**
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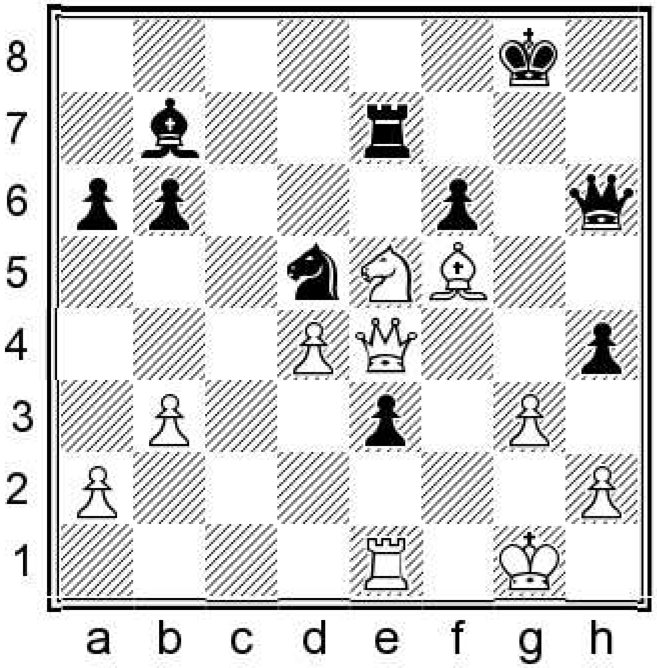

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**1.♗e6+! ♖xe6**

1...♔g7 2.♗xd5 ♗xd5 3.♕xd5 fxe5 4.♕e4!+- (4.dxe5? hxg3 5.hxg3 ♕g5=)

**2.♕g4+ ♔h7 3.♕f5+!**

3.♕xe6 fxe5∞

**3...♔g7 4.♕xe6 fxe5 5.♕d7+ ♔h8 6.♕xb7 ♕f6 7.♕b8+ ♔h7 8.♖f1 e2 9.♕b7+ ♕g7 10.♕xg7+ ♔xg7 11.♖e1+-**

**6. Stefanova, Antoaneta (2466) - Lagarde, Maxime (2651)**
**Sitges, 2020**
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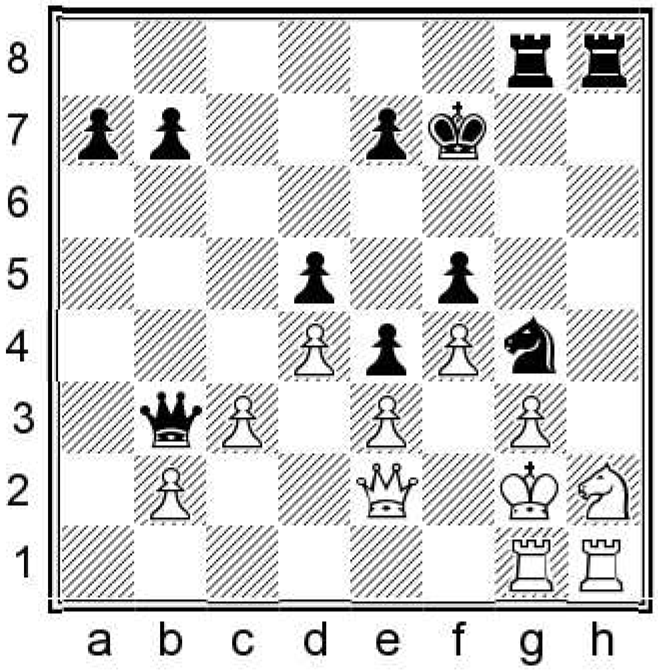
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**1...♘xe3+! 2.♕xe3 ♕xb2+ 3.♕f2**

3.♔f1 ♖xh2-+

**3...♖xg3+! 4.♔f1**

4.♔xg3 ♖g8+ 5.♔h3 ♕xf2-+

**4...♕b1+ 5.♕e1 ♖xg1+ 6.♖xg1 ♕d3+ 7.♕e2 ♖xh2 8.♕xd3 exd3-+**

**7. Salakhova, Adelya (1875) - Gunina, Valentina (2427)**
**Moscow, 2021**
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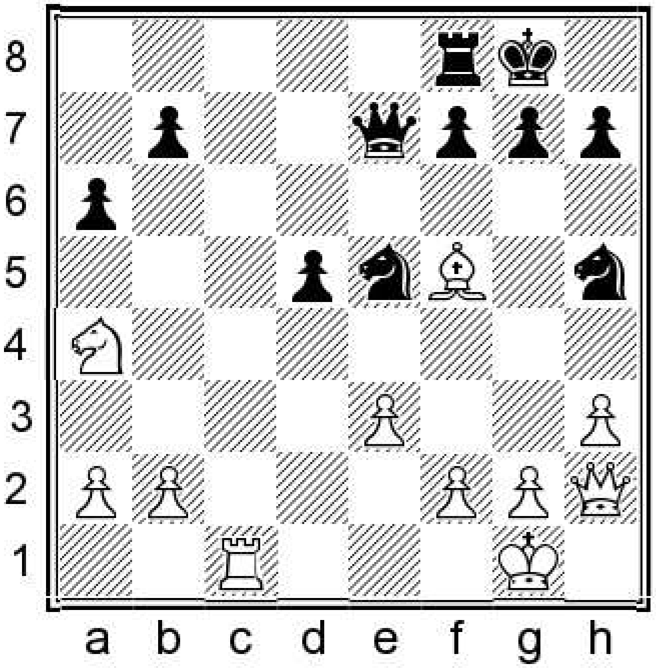

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**1...d4! 2.♖c5**

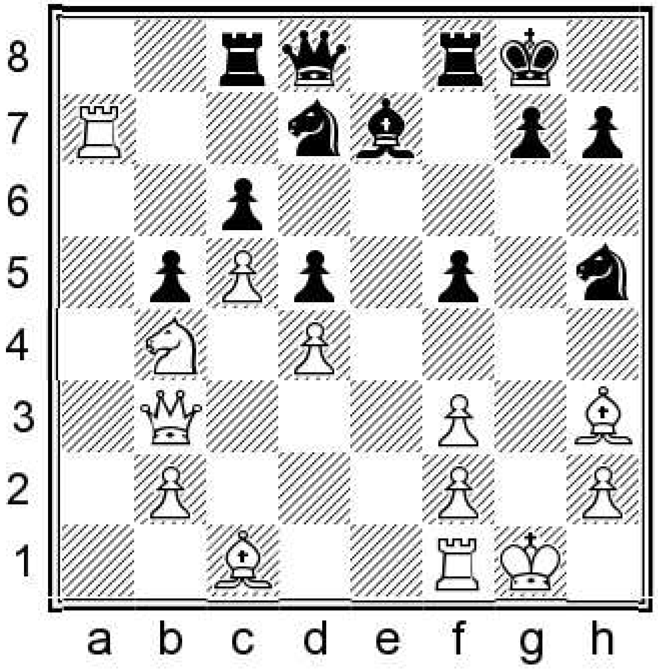
2.exd4 ♘f3+ 3.gxf3 ♕g5+-+

**2...♖e8 3.♖d5 dxe3 4.♘c3**

4.fxe3 ♕h4-+ ×Na4, e1

**4...exf2+ 5.♔xf2 ♘g4+ 0-1**

**8. Makarian, Rudik (2458) - Gubajdullin, Alexey (2347)**
**Moscow, 2021**
**III d**



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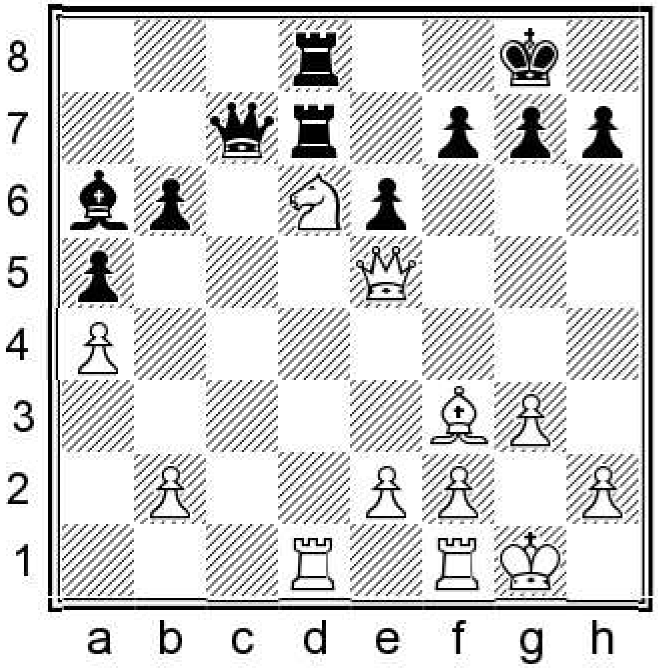
**1.♘xc6! ♘xc5**

1...♖xc6 2.♕xd5++-

**2.♕xd5+! ♕xd5 3.♘xe7+ ♔h8 4.♘xd5+-**

**9. Nakamura, Hikaru (2736) - Anton Guijarro, David (2675)**
**chess24.com (Internet-rapid), 2020**
**III f**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**1.♘xf7! ♕xe5**

1...♔xf7 2.♕xc7+-

**2.♖xd7 ♕xb2 3.♘xd8+-**

# 2020 PUZZLE QUEST

Here we present you a selection of instructive tactical exercises. For further reading and training please check out our latest book *2020 PUZZLE QUEST*.
Note: asterisks sign attached to each of the examples indicates the level of difficulty, ranging from 1 being "easy" to 5 being "most difficult".

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**chess.com (ol-rapid), 2020**
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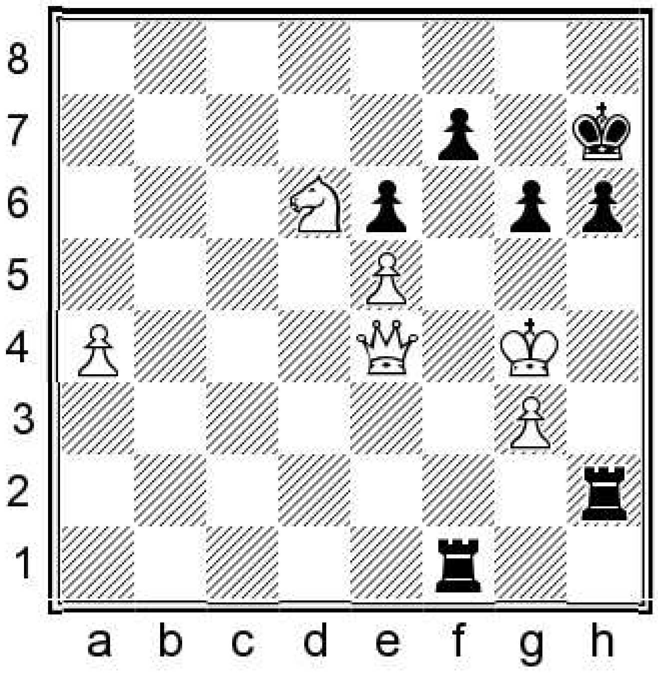

**1...? −+**

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Black sacrifices a rook in order to exploit an awkward position of the white royal couple.

**1...♖f5!-+** There is no defence against the h5 advance! **0-1**

**2. Donchenko, Alexander (2650) - Gareyev, Timur (2607)**
**Nancy (blitz), 2020**
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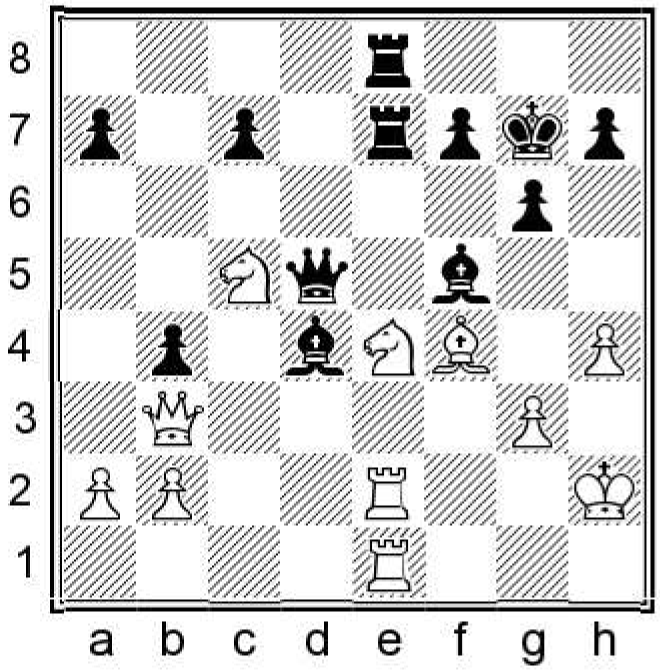

**1...? −+**

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In addition to his mighty bishop pair Black needs a rook on the 2nd rank in order to create a mating net.

**1...♕xc5! 2.♘xc5 ♖xe2+ 3.♖xe2 ♖xe2+ 4.♔h1 ♗xc5-+** With the unstoppable Be4, and checkmate follows!

**3. Karjakin, Sergey (2752) - Duda, Jan Krzysztof (2753)**
**chess24.com (Internet-rapid), 2020**
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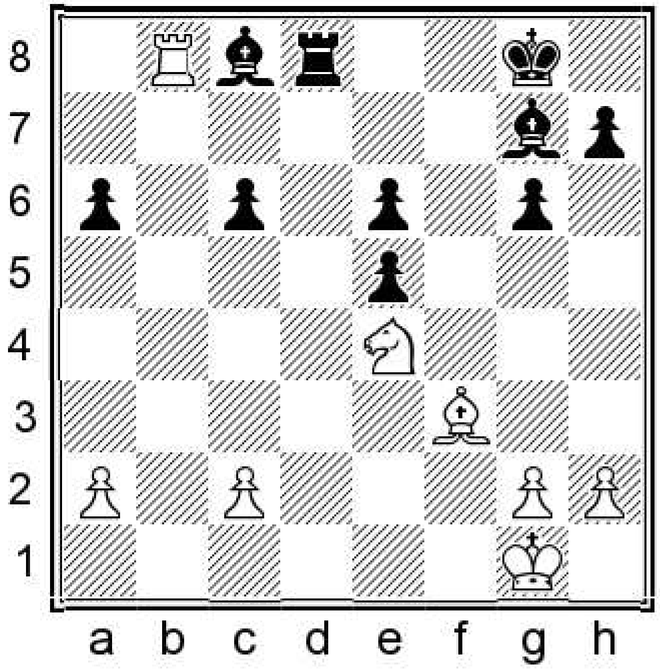

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Black cannot escape from deadly geometric motifs.

**1.♗g4! ♔f7**

1...♔f8 2.♗xe6+-

**2.♖xc8! ♖xc8 3.♘d6+ ♔f6 4.♘xc8+-**

**4. Ter Saakian, Grigorii (2236) - Pridorozhni, Aleksei (2601)**
**Moscow, 2020**
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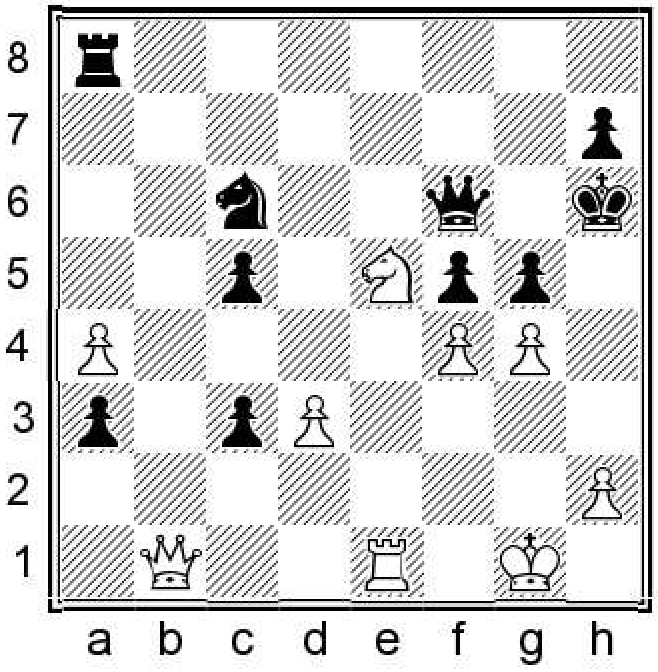

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The black king is very poorly placed, so White executes a decisive pawn break and punishes Black.

**1.h4!! ♔g7**

1...gxh4 2.g5++-

**2.♕b7+ ♘e7 3.hxg5 ♕d6 4.♕xa8 c2 5.♕h8+!**

5.♕e8+-

**5...♔xh8 6.♘f7+ ♔g8 7.♘xd6+-**

**5. Drazic, Sinisa (2365) - Lundin, Jan (2350)**
**Novi Sad, 2020**
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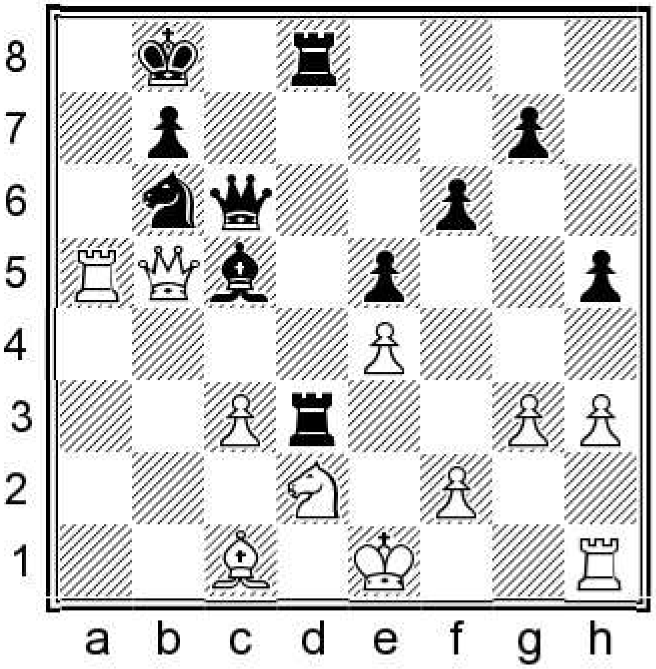

**1...? −+**

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White's king is stuck in the centre so Black punishes him in the most effective manner!

**1...♗xf2+! 2.♔xf2**

2.♔e2 ♖xd2+! 3.♗xd2 ♕xe4+-+

**2...♖xd2+! 3.♗xd2 ♖xd2+ 4.♔e1 ♕xe4+ 5.♔xd2 ♘c4+ 6.♕xc4**

6.♔c1 ♕xh1+ 7.♔c2 ♘xa5 8.♕xa5 ♕xh3-+

**6...♕xc4-+**

**6. Kashlinskaya, Alina (2484) - Braun, Arik (2605)**
**ProChessLeague (Internet-rapid), 2020**
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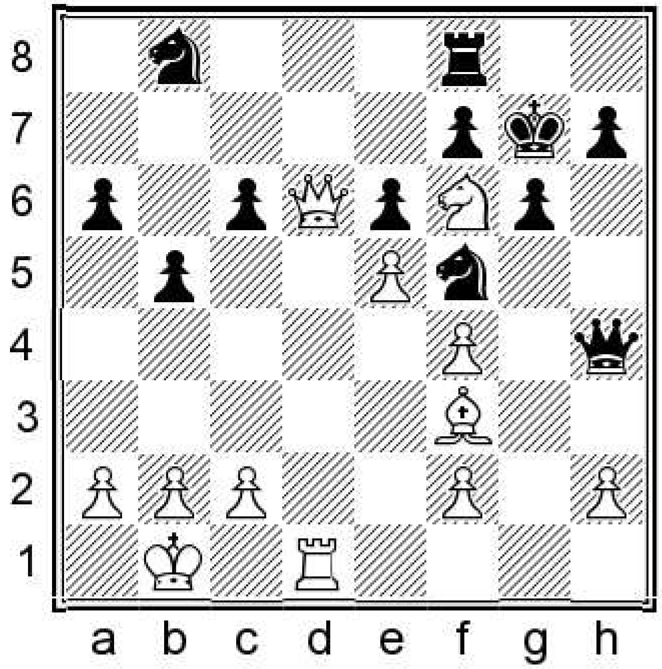

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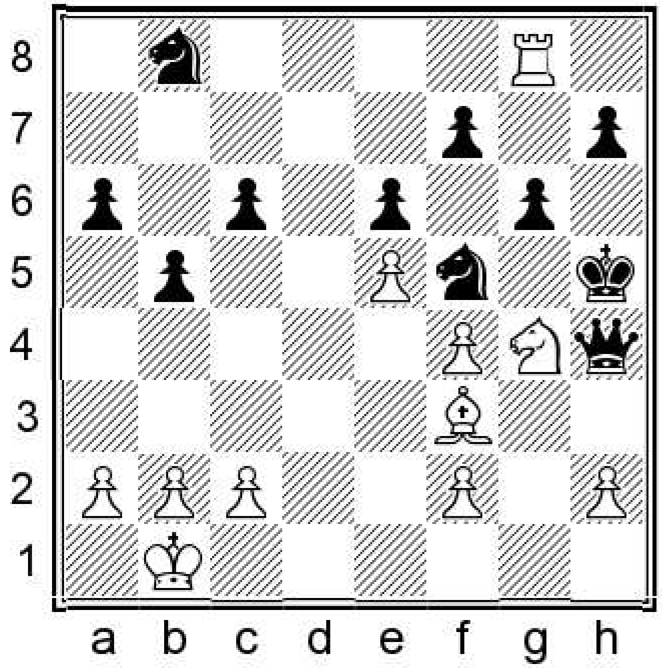
A beautiful geometry decides the game.

**1.♕xf8+! ♔xf8 2.♖d8+ ♔g7 3.♖g8+ ♔h6 4.♘g4+ ♔h5**



**5.♖h8!**

5.♖g7! g5 (5...♘xg7 6.♘f6+ ♔h6 7.♘g8#) 6.♘f6+ ♔h6 7.♖xh7+ ♔g6 8.♗h5+ ♕xh5 9.♖xh5 gxf4

10.♖h8+-

**5...g5 6.♘f6+ ♔g6 7.♗h5+ ♕xh5 8.♖g8+ ♔h6 9.♘xh5 ♘d7 10.♘g3 gxf4 11.♘xf5+ exf5 12.♖e8+-**

**7. Ladron de Guevara Pinto, Paolo (2450) - Cruz Lledo, Pablo (2470)**
**Alfafar, 2020**
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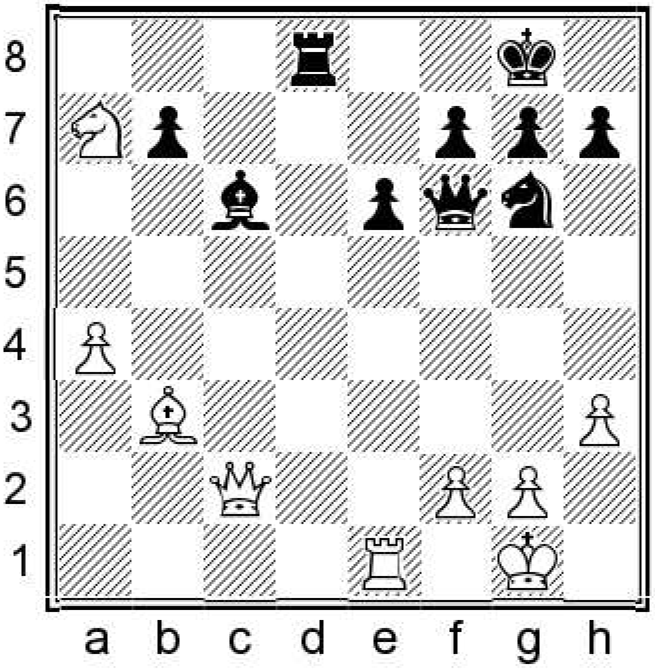

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The black army is ready for a crushing assault on the white king. But, Black must preserve his light-squared bishop in play if he intends to score a full point. How can he achieve that?

**1...♗f3! 2.♖e3**

2.♕c7 ♘f4 3.♘c8 ♖f8-+

After 2.gxf3 Black has two ways of obtaining a decisive advantage. 2...♘f4 (Or 2...♕g5+ 3.♔h1 ♘f4 4.♖g1 ♕h6 5.♖g3 ♘xh3 6.♔g2 ♘xf2!-+) 3.h4 ♕xh4 4.♖e5 (4.♕c5 ♕h6 5.♗c2 f5-+) 4...♕h3 5.♖g5 ♕xf3 6.♔h2 (6.♕c7 ♖f8-+) 6...h6 7.♖g3 ♕h5+ 8.♔g1 ♘e2+ 9.♔g2 ♘xg3 10.fxg3 ♕a5-+

**2...♖d1+ 0-1**

**8. Bluebaum, Matthias (2647) - Nisipeanu, Liviu Dieter (2655)**
**Magdeburg, 2020**
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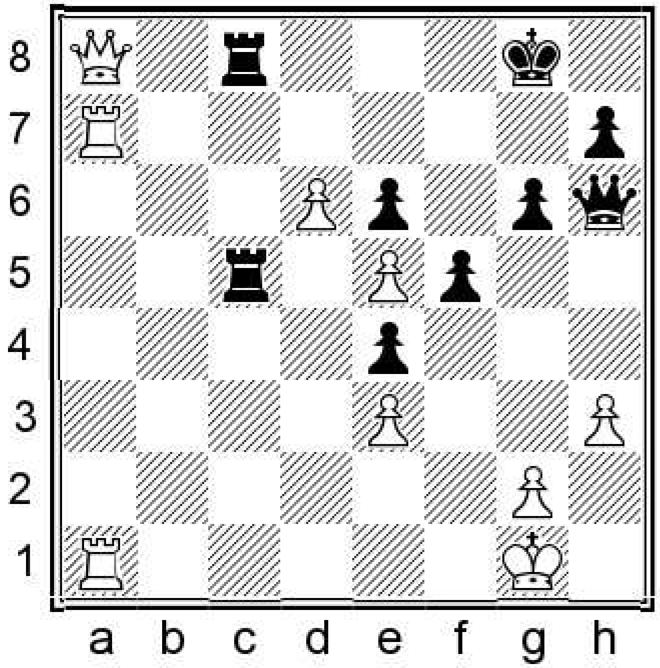

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A really wonderful position featuring mutual pinning and deflecting of the heavy pieces!

**1.♖c7!**

Also, White wins after 1.♖1a3!+-

**1...♕xe3+**

1...♕f8 2.♖xc8 ♖xc8 3.♕b7 ♖b8 4.♕c7+-; 1...♖xc7 2.dxc7 ♕f8 (2...♕xe3+ 3.♔h1+-) 3.♕c6 ♔g7 (3...f4 4.♕xe6+ ♔h8 5.♕d7 f3 6.♖f1+-) 4.♕d7+ ♔h6 5.♖d1 with an idea Qd8!

**2.♔h1 ♖c1+**

2...♕c1+ 3.♖xc1 ♖xc1+ 4.♖xc1 ♖xa8 5.d7+-

**3.♖cxc1 ♖xa8 4.♖xa8+ ♔g7 5.♖d1**

5.♖ac8! ♕d2 6.d7+-

**5...f4 6.♖a7+!** This is quite important in-between move! The black king on h6 makes it impossible to capture the h3-pawn in one of the lines.

6.d7? f3! 7.d8=Q fxg2+ 8.♔h2 ♕f4+ 9.♔xg2 ♕f3+=

**6...♔h6**

6...♕xa7 7.d7+-

**7.d7 ♕xa7**

7...f3 8.♖a2 fxg2+ 9.♖xg2+- Black cannot capture on h3!

**8.d8=Q ♕f2 9.h4 1-0**

**9. Lagarde, Maxime (2657) - Abasov, Nijat (2632)**
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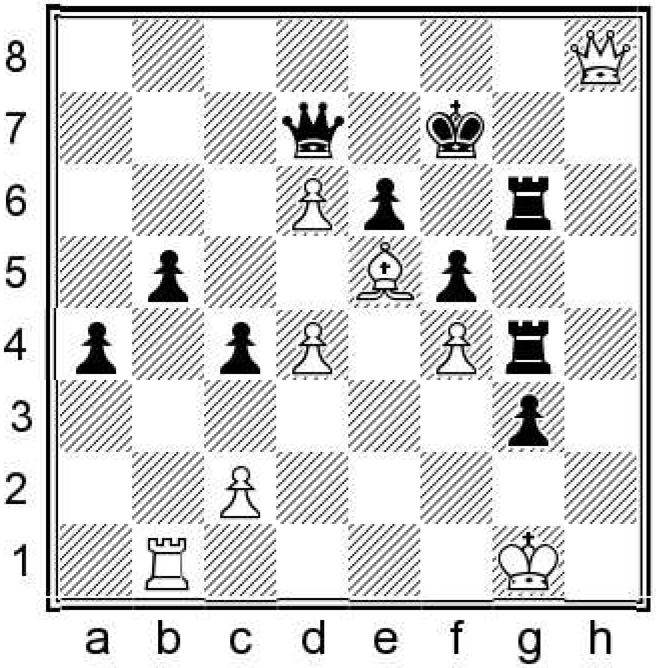

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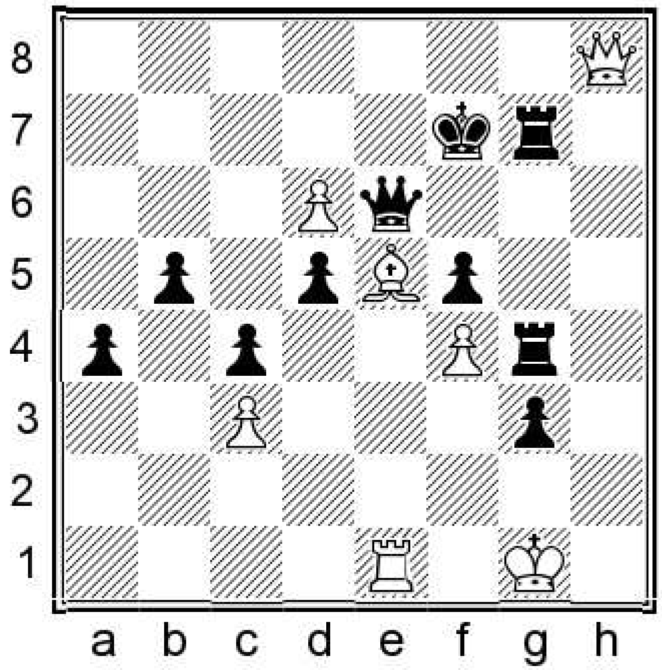
Even though Black has a large material advantage White is able to hold the balance thanks to his strong d6-passer and various threats he can pose in order to disturb coordination of the black pieces.

**1.c3!!**

White carelessly weakened the g1-a7 diagonal: 1.d5? ♖h6! 2.♕xh6 ♕a7+-+ 0 : 1 Lagarde,Maxime 2657 - Abasov,Nijat 2632

**1...g2**

1...♖g7 2.d5!? exd5 3.♖e1 ♕e6□



4.♖e2! It is of great importance to prevent Black from delivering check on e1 once the e-file gets opened! 4...a3 5.♗xg7 ♕xe2 6.♕f8+ ♔g6 7.♕f6+ ♔h7 8.♕h6+ ♔g8 9.♕h8+ ♔f7 10.♕f8+=; 1...a3 2.♖a1 ♕e8 3.♕h7+ ♖g7 4.♕h5+ ♔f8 5.♕h6+-

**2.d5 ♕a7+ 3.♗d4 ♕d7 4.♗e5 exd5 5.♖e1 ♕e6**

5...♖e6 6.♕h5+ ♖gg6 7.♕h7+ ♔e8 8.♕h8+ ♔f7 9.♕h7+=

**6.d7!** White deflects the enemy queen in order to gain control over the e-file! **6...♕xd7 7.♕h7+ ♖g7 8.♗xg7 ♖xg7 9.♕h5+ ♖g6 10.♕h7+ ♖g7 11.♕h5+ ♔f8 12.♕h8+ ♔f7 13.♕h5+=**

# ENDINGS

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# CLASSIFICATION

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**Srbija (ch), 2020**
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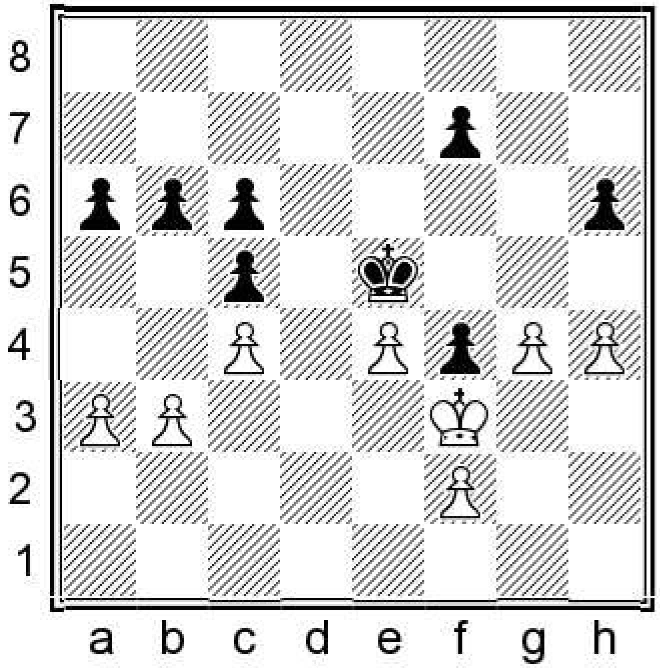

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**1...b5!**

1...f6? 2.a4! b5 3.a5 b4 4.h5 ♔d4 5.♔xf4 ♔c3 6.e5 fxe5+ 7.♔xe5 ♔xb3 8.g5 ♔a2 9.gxh6 b3 10.h7 b2 11.h8=Q b1=Q 12.♔d6+-

**2.a4**

2.g5 h5-+; 2.cxb5 cxb5-+

**2...bxa4 3.bxa4 a5**

3...a5 4.g5 h5-+

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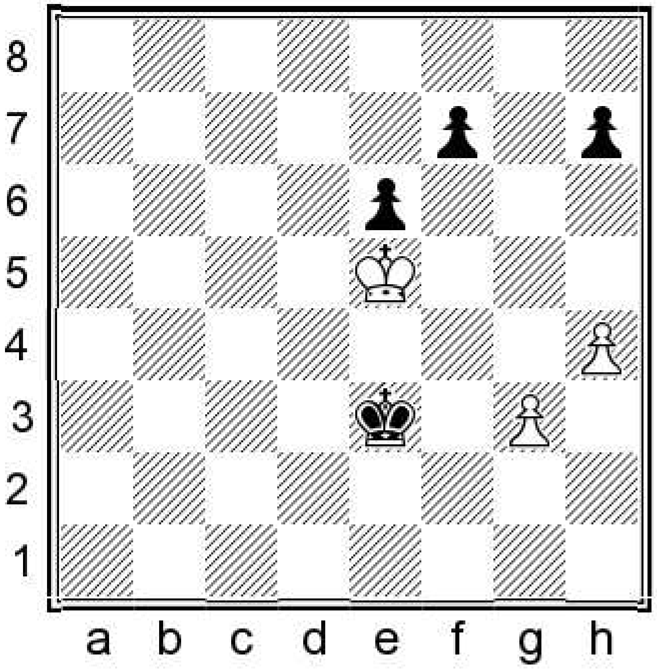
**2. Fernandez Romero, Ernesto (2508) - Bulmaga, Irina (2434)**
**Espana, 2020**
**♙ 5/c2**



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**1.h5!=**

1.g4 ♔f3 2.g5 ♔g4-+

**1...♔f3 2.h6!**

2.♔f6? h6! (2...♔g4? 3.h6!= - 2.h6) 3.♔xf7 e5 4.♔g6 e4 5.♔xh6 e3 6.♔g7 e2 7.h6 e1=Q-+

**2...♔g4 3.♔f6 e5 4.♔xe5 ♔g5 5.g4 ♔g6 6.♔f4 f6 7.♔e4 ♔g5 8.♔f3 ♔xh6 9.♔f4 ♔g6 10.♔f3 ♔g5 11.♔g3 h6 12.♔f3 1/2-1/2**

**3. Eljanov, Pavel (2672) - Hong, Andrew Z (2449)**
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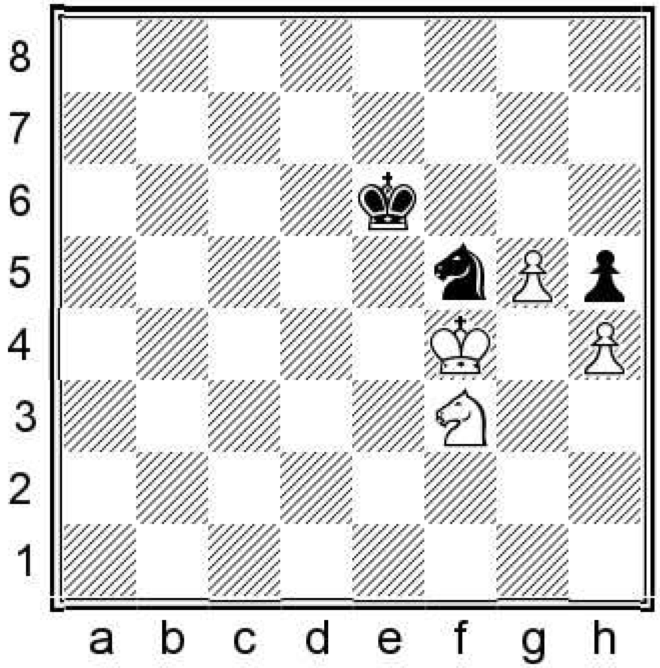
**♘♗ 2/c1**



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**1...♘e7!**

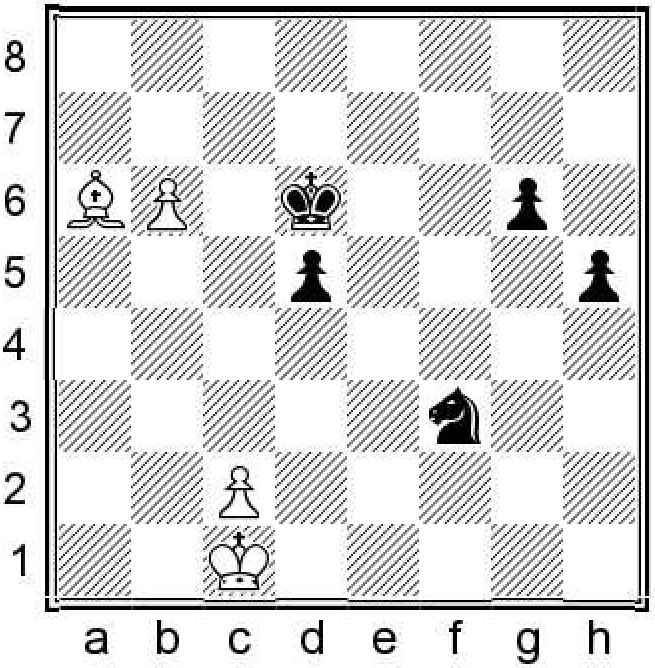
1...♘d6? 2.♘d4+ ♔f7 3.♘f5 ♘b7 4.♘g3 ♔g6 5.♔e5 ♘d8 6.♔d5 ♘f7 7.♘e4 ♔g7 8.♘d6 ♘d8 9.♘f5+ ♔g6 10.♘e7+ ♔g7 11.♘c6 ♘f7 12.♘e5 ♘d8 13.♘d3! ♔g6 14.♔e4+-

**2.♘d4+ ♔d5 3.♘f5 ♘g6+ 4.♔g3 ♔e4= 5.♘g7 ♘f4 6.♔h2 ♔e5**

6...♔f3=

**7.♔g3 ♔e4 8.♘e8 ♘e2+ 9.♔f2 ♘f4 10.♘f6+ ♔e5 11.♔f3 ♘g6 12.♔g3 ♘f4 13.♘xh5 ♘xh5+ 14.♔g4 ♘f6+ 1/2-1/2**

**4. Antolak, Julia (2306) - Tsolakidou, Stavroula (2379)**
**USA (Internet), 2021**
**♘♗ 4/g**



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**1.c4!**

1.♔d1 ♘e5 2.♔e2 g5-+

**1...dxc4**

1...d4? 2.♗b5 h4 3.c5+ ♔xc5 4.b7+-; 1...♘e5 2.b7 ♔c7 3.cxd5 h4 4.♔d2 h3 5.d6+ ♔b8 6.♗f1 h2 7.♗g2 ♘c4+ 8.♔e2 ♘xd6 9.♔f2=

**2.b7 ♔c7 3.♗xc4 ♘e5 4.♗d5= g5 5.♔d2 g4 6.♔e3 h4 7.♔f4 h3 8.♔g3 ♔b8 9.♗e6 ♔xb7 10.♗xg4 ♘xg4 11.♔xh3 1/2-1/2**

**5. Nepomniachtchi, Ian (2789) - Nakamura, Hikaru (2736)**
**chess24.com (Internet-rapid), 2021**
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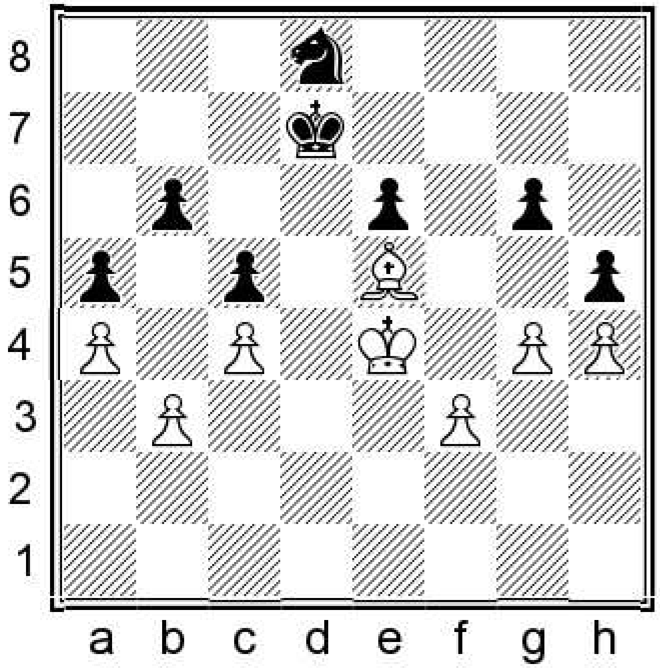

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**1.gxh5! gxh5 2.f4 ♘f7**

2...♘c6 3.f5 ♔e7 4.f6+ ♔f7 5.♗c7+-

**3.f5 ♘h6 4.fxe6+**

4.♔f4 exf5 (4...♘xf5 5.♔g5+-) 5.♔g5 ♘f7+ 6.♔xf5+-

**4...♔xe6 5.♗c7 ♘f5 6.♗xb6 ♘xh4 7.♗xc5 ♘f5 8.♗b6 ♘d6+ 9.♔f4 ♘b7**

9...h4 10.♗xa5+-

**10.♔g5 ♔e5 11.♔xh5 ♔e4 12.♔g6 ♔d3 13.c5! ♘xc5 14.♗xc5 ♔c3 15.b4! ♔c4**

15...axb4 16.a5 b3 17.♗a3+- (17.♗e7? b2 18.♗f6+ ♔b4=)

**16.b5! ♔xc5 17.♔f7 ♔b6 18.♔e8 ♔a7 19.♔e7 ♔b7 20.♔d7 ♔b6 21.♔c8 ♔a7 22.♔c7 ♔a8 23.♔b6 1-0**

**6. Bernabeu Lopez, Carlos Javier (2404) - Cuenca Jimenez, Jose Fernando (2528)**
**Roquetas de Mar, 2021**
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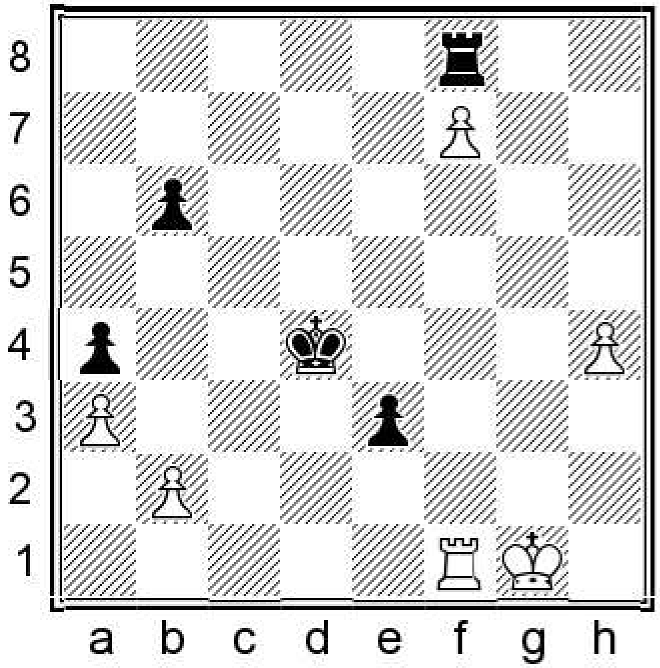

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**1.♖d1+!**

1.♖f6? ♔e5! 2.♖f1 (2.♖f3 ♔e4=) 2...♔e4=

**1...♔e4 2.♖d7 ♔f3**

2...♔f5 3.♔f1 ♔f6 4.♔e2 ♖c8 5.♔xe3 ♔g7 6.h5+-

**3.♔f1 ♖c8 4.♖c7! ♖d8 5.♔e1+- ♔g4 6.♔e2 ♔xh4 7.♖e7**

7.♔xe3 ♔g5 8.♖c4 ♖f8 9.♖f4

**7...♖f8 8.♔xe3 ♔g5 9.♔d3 ♔f6 10.♖e4! ♔g7 11.♖g4+ ♔f6 12.♔c3 b5**

12...♖c8+ 13.♖c4 ♖f8 14.♖f4+ ♔e5 15.♖f2

**13.♔b4 ♔e5 14.♔xb5 ♖xf7 15.♔xa4 ♔d5 16.b4 ♖a7+ 17.♔b3 ♖f7 18.♖g3 ♖f1 19.♖c3 ♖e1 20.b5 ♔d4 21.♖c8 ♔d5 22.♔b4 1-0**

**7. Caruana, Fabiano (2823) - Van Foreest, Jorden (2671)**
**Wijk aan Zee, 2021**
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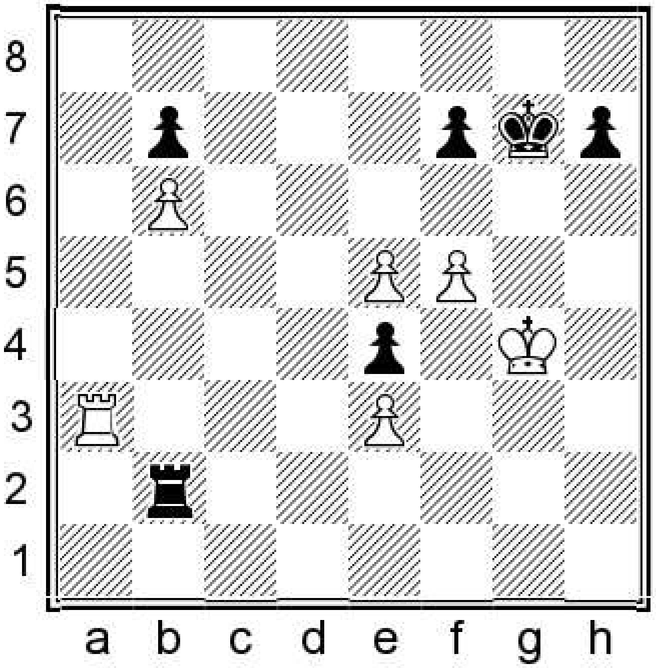

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**1...♖g2+!**

1...♖xb6? 2.f6+ ♔g6 3.♖a8 h5+ 4.♔f4+-

**2.♔f4 h5! 3.♔xe4 h4 4.♖a1 h3 5.♔f3 ♖b2 6.♖h1 h2= 7.♔g3 ♖b5!**

7...♖b4? 8.♖xh2 ♖e4 9.♖b2 ♖xe5 10.♔f4±

**8.♔f4 ♖b2 9.♔f3 ♔h6 10.♔f4 ♖f2+**

10...♔g7 11.♔e4 ♖f2=

**11.♔g4 ♖e2 12.♔f3 ♖b2 13.♔g3 ♔g5 14.e6 fxe6 15.fxe6 ♖xb6 16.♖xh2 ♖xe6 1/2-1/2**

**8. Nesterov, Arseniy (2482) - Simantsev, Mikhail (2366)**
**Chelyabinsk, 2021**
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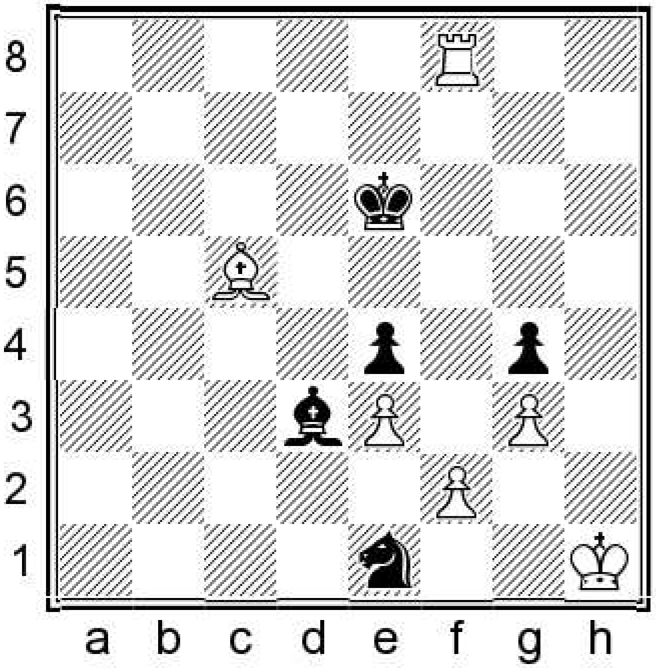

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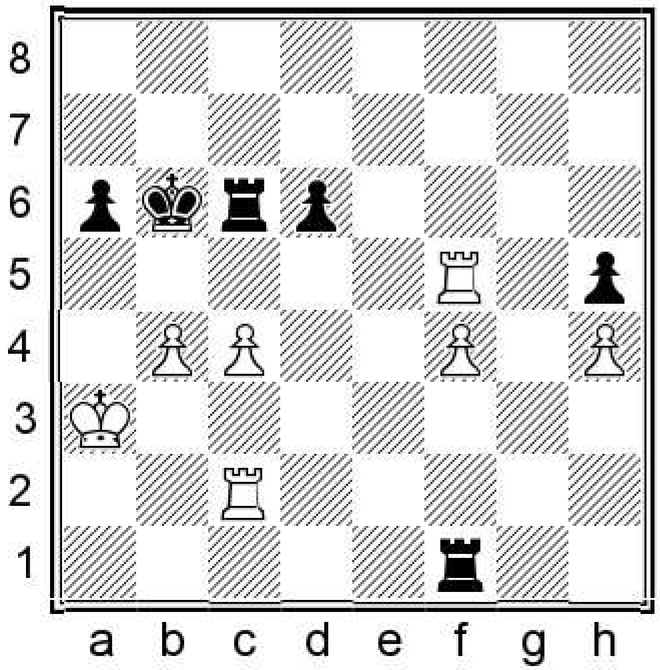
**1...♗e2!**

1...♔d5? 2.♗b4 ♘f3 3.♖f4 ♘e5 4.♗c3 ♘f3 5.♖xg4+-

**2.♗b4 ♗f3+ 3.♔g1 ♘d3 4.♗c3 ♔d5 5.♗d4 ♔e6 6.♖c8 ♔d7 7.♖a8 ♔c6 8.♖a5 ♔d6 9.♖g5 ♔c6 10.♗g7 ♔d6 11.♗f8+ ♔e6=**

**9. Hector, Jonny (2476) - Johansson, Linus (2491)**
**Ballerup, 2020**
**♖ 9/q**



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**1...d5! 2.♖xd5 ♖xf4 3.♖xh5**

3.c5+ ♔b5 4.♖d7 (4.♖d8 ♖f3+ 5.♔b2 ♖cf6 6.♖d5; 4.♖xh5 ♖xb4=) 4...♖f3+ 5.♔b2 ♔xb4=

**3...♖cxc4 4.♖xc4 ♖xc4 5.♔a4 ♖f4 6.♖h6+ ♔b7 7.h5 ♖f5**

7...♖f8 8.♖g6 (8.♖h7+ ♔b6=) 8...♖f3 9.h6 ♖h3=

**8.♖h8 ♔b6 9.h6 ♖h5= 10.♔b3**

10.h7 ♔b7 11.♔b3 ♖h3+ 12.♔c4 ♖h4+ 13.♔c5 ♖h5+=

**10...♖h4 11.♔c3 ♔a7 12.♖h7+ ♔b6**

12...♔b8? 13.♔d3 ♔c8 (13...♖xb4 14.♖g7+-) 14.♔e3+- ♔d8 15.♖h8+ ♔c7 (15...♔d7 16.h7+-) 16.♔f3 ♔b7 17.♔g3 ♖h1 18.♔g4

**13.♖h8 ♔a7 14.♔b3 ♔b6 15.♔a4 ♔b7 16.♔b3 ♔b6 17.♔c3 ♔a7 18.♔b3 1/2-1/2**

# THE GIANTS OF MODERN CHESS COMPOSITION AND THEIR OUTSTANDING STUDIES

## 7

### Nikolay Kralin, Russia

Kralin is an electrical engineer by profession. However, for years he has been working at the State Public Scientific and Technical Library of Russia in Moscow.

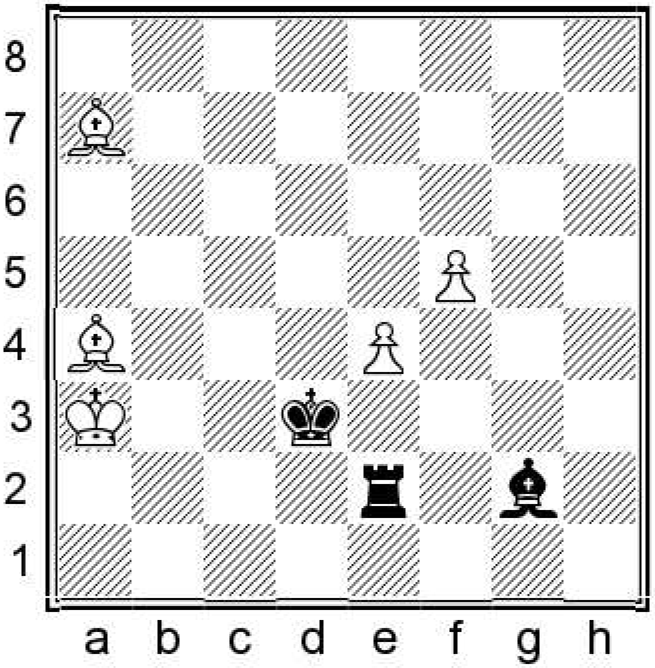
Kralin became known through his studies. Occasionally, he composed chess problems as well. He has been publishing his works since 1961. In 1983 he was awarded the title of *Master of Sports of the USSR*. In 2005 he became the Grand Master of Chess Composition. Kralin took part in numerous national and international championships.

At the first World Championship in Composing for Individuals (WCCI) 1998-2000 he finished second right after David Gurgenidze, while at the WCCI 2001-2003 and WCCI 2004-2006 he finished fifth and seventh respectively.

In the hhdbvi database (2020) there are 438 studies by Kralin, both individual and co-authored with the greatest experts in the field. Even the very first of his creations were of remarkable quality, signaling that he may develop into a truly great composer. Nikolay collected 95 points in the ALBUM FIDE current list. In his studies Kralin strives for a full-fledged battle of both sides and pointed game.

We will start with one of Kralin's very first creations. He was only 18 at the time, but his talent and potential was already obvious. Both white and black pieces are being sacrificed in the most entertaining manner.

**1. Kralin, Nikolay**
**1-2.p Vserossiski ty, 1962**



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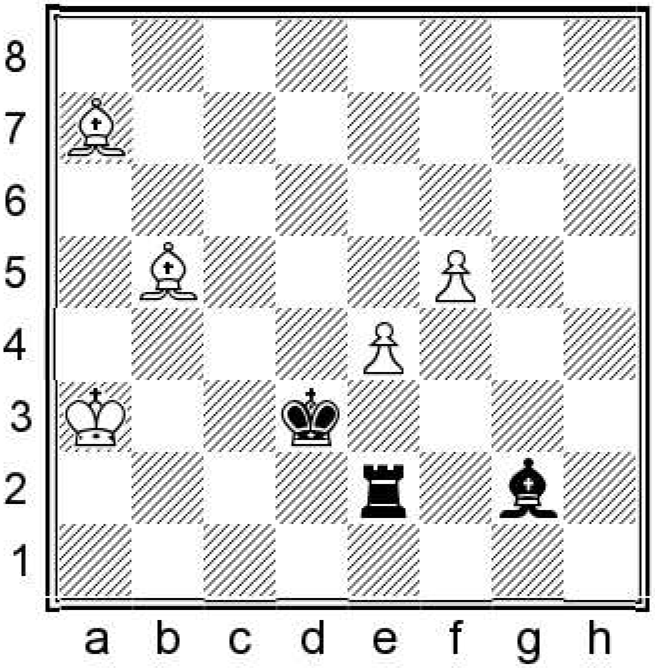
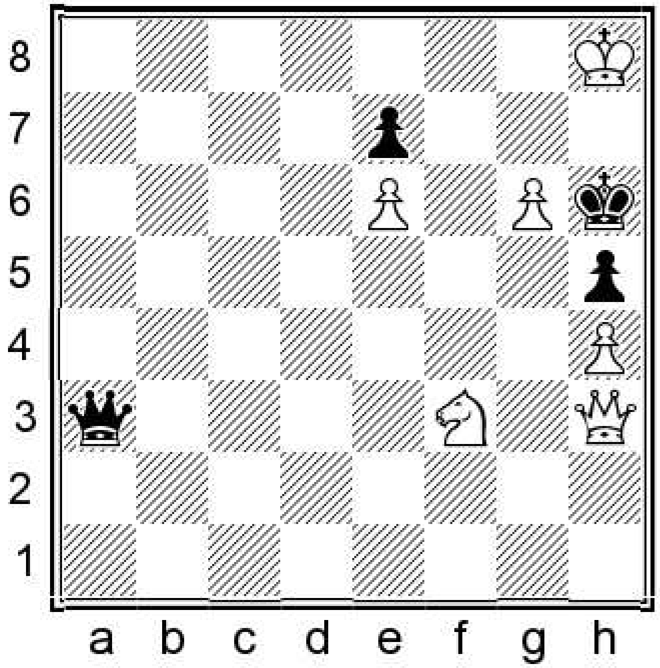
**1.♗b5+**



**1...♔xe4 2.f6 ♖a2+! 3.♔xa2 ♔e5 4.♗d4+! ♔xd4 5.♗c4! ♔xc4 6.f7**

**2. Kralin, Nikolay**
**1.p Gazeta Czestochowska, 1973**



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The following study is not too complicated either. The focal point is the Phoenix theme, with one of the pieces being sacrificed and then reborn after the pawn promotion. The queen sacrifice is most unexpected with the transition into a winning endgame.

**1.g7!**

1.♔g8? ♕a8+ 2.♔f7 ♕xf3+! 3.♕xf3=

**1...♕c3 2.♘d4!**

2.♘e5? ♕c8+ 3.g8=Q ♕xg8+ 4.♔xg8=

**2...♕xd4**

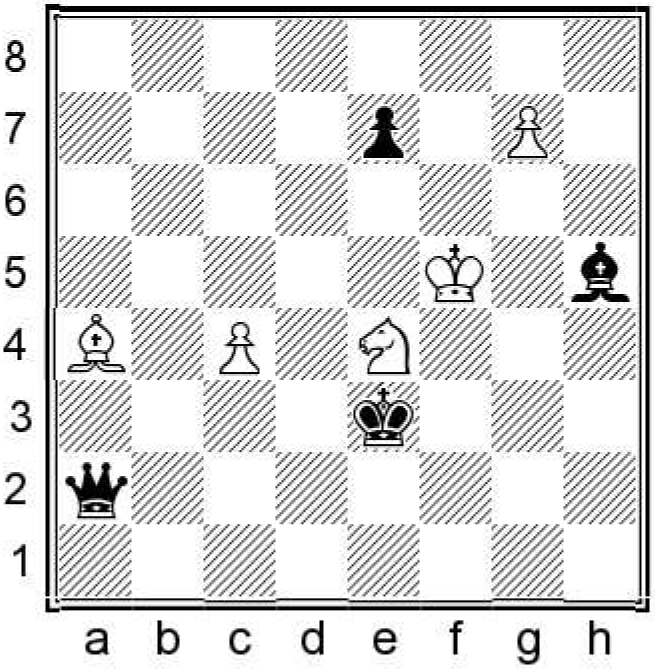
2...♕xh3 3.g8=Q+-

**3.♕e3+! ♕xe3 4.g8=N+! ♔g6 5.♘xe7+ ♔f6**

5...♔h6 6.♘f5+ ♔g6 7.♘xe3+-

**6.♘d5+ ♔xe6 7.♘xe3**

**3. Kralin, Nikolay**
**1-2.p Uralski Problemist ty Halkidiki, 2004**



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We continue with another study which is really practical for solving. The study culminates with two analogue tactical strokes, focusing on the skewer motif. Also, White must be careful not to end up in a stalemate early on.

**1.g8=Q e6+! 2.♕xe6 ♗g4+! 3.♔xg4 ♕xc4 4.♕h6+!**

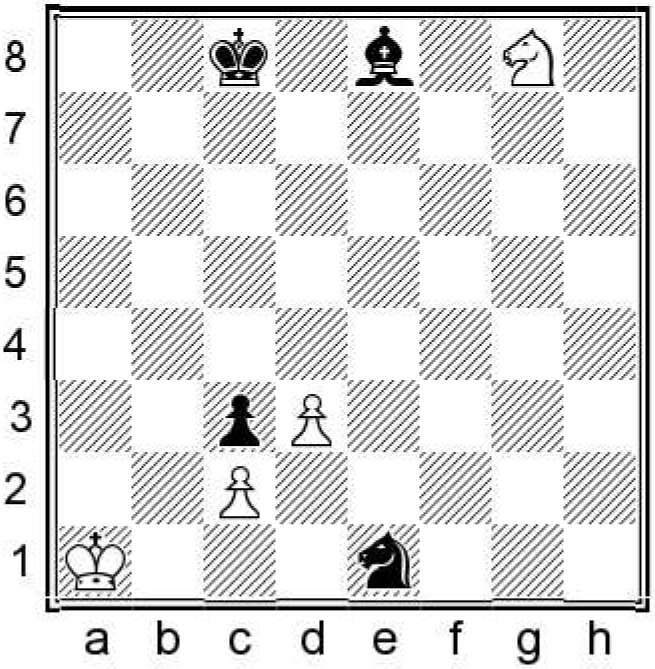
4.♕xc4?=

**4...♔xe4 5.♕f4+ ♔d3**

5...♔d5 (main) 6.♗b3! ♕xb3 7.♕f7+

**6.♗b5! ♕xb5 7.♕f1+**

**4. Kralin, Nikolay**
**sp.p Vic-60AT Shakhmatnaya Kompozitsiya, 2005**



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In this study of great practical and entertainment value White offers his passed pawn. However, Black cannot accept the sacrifice due to the stalemate. The solver is encouraged to form his own opinion regarding the value of the study, which should enable him to spot the most important nuances of the position. Sometimes the arbiters are not able to distinguish the difficulties of proper solving since they tend to have only the author's solution in mind. This study is included in the Album FIDE (2004-2006) thanks to its rich content.

**1.♘e7+!**

1.♔b1? ♗f7! (1...♔c7? 2.♘f6 ♗c6 3.♔a2 ♔d6 4.♔b3 ♔e5 5.♘e4 ♗xe4 6.dxe4 ♔d4 7.e5 ♘f3 8.e6 ♘d2+ 9.♔b4 ♘e4 10.e7 ♘f6 11.♔b3 ♘e8 12.♔b4 ♘c7 13.♔b3=) 2.♘f6 ♘f3 3.♔c1 ♘d4 4.♘e4 ♘b5-+

**1...♔b7 2.♘d5 ♘xc2+ 3.♔b1 ♘a3+ 4.♔c1 c2 5.♘e3!**

5.♔b2? ♗b5 6.♘b4 ♗a4-+; 5.♘c3? ♗g6 6.♔b2 ♗xd3 7.♘a2 ♘c4+ 8.♔c3 ♘e5 9.♔d4 ♔b6 10.♔xe5 ♔c5-+

**5...♗a4 6.d4! ♔c6 7.d5+ ♔c5 8.d6! ♔c6**

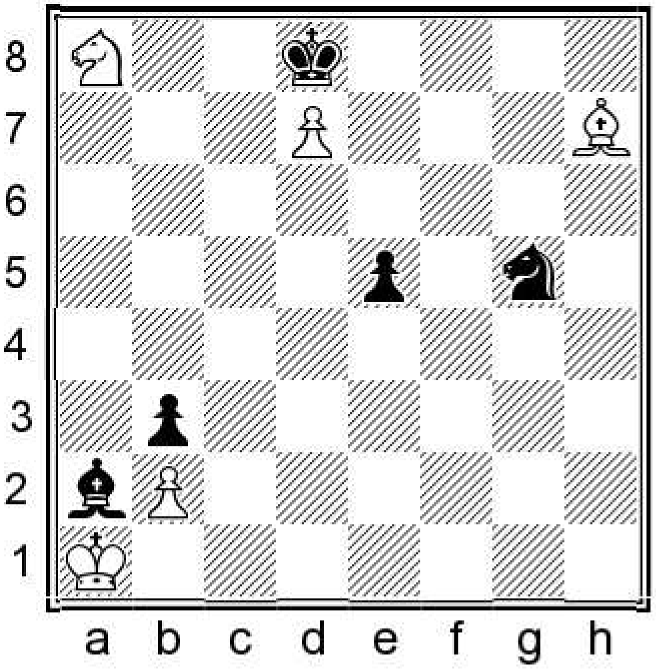
8...♔xd6 9.♘c4+ ♘xc4=

**9.d7! ♔c7 10.♘d5+ ♔d8!**

10...♔xd7 11.♘b6+

**11.♘e3! ♗b3 12.♔b2 ♗a4 13.♔c1 ♔e7 14.♘d5+ ♔d8 15.♘e3 ♔xd7 16.♘c4! ♘xc4**

**5. Kralin, Nikolay**
**1.p Saint Petersburg Festival, 1998**



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The following study is a truly remarkable one, containing numerous subtleties and points. The solution includes some really beautiful moves at the edge of the board, culminating with the black 14...♘a1!! winning in the one of the side-lines. Simply breathtaking!

**1.♗b1!**

1.♗f5? ♘f3! 2.♘b6 ♘d4 3.♘d5 ♘c2+-+

**1...e4! 2.♗xe4!**

2.♗xa2? e3-+

**2...♘xe4 3.♘c7!**

3.♘b6? ♘d2! 4.♘c4! ♘f3! 5.♘a5 ♘e1! 6.♘c6+ ♔xd7 7.♘b4 ♘c2+!-+

**3...♗b1!**

3...♘d2? 4.♘e6+ ♔xd7 5.♘c5+ ♔c6 6.♘xb3 ♗xb3=

**4.♘b5! ♘d2!**

4...♗c2 5.♘d6; 4...♗d3 5.♘d4 ♗c4 6.♘c6+ ♔xd7 7.♘e5+

**5.♘d4! ♗h7!**

5...♗c2 6.♘f3=

**6.♘e6+!**

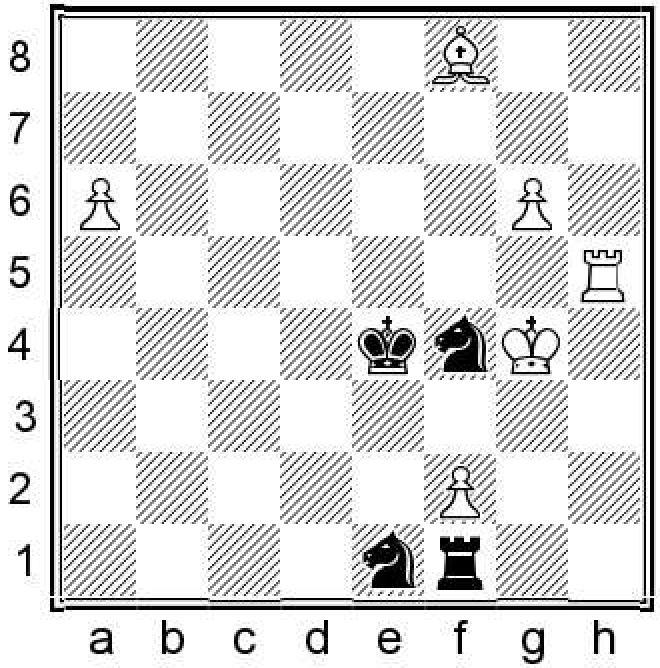
6.♘f3? ♘f1! 7.♘d2 ♘e3! 8.♘xb3 ♘c2+ 9.♔a2 (9.♔b1 ♘d4+ 10.♔a2 ♗g8-+) 9...♗g8 10.♔b1 ♗xb3-+

**6...♔xd7 7.♘f8+ ♔e7! 8.♘xh7 ♘f3!? 9.♔b1 ♔f7 10.♔c1 ♔g7 11.♘g5!**

11.♔d1? ♔xh7 12.♔e2 ♘d4+! 13.♔d3 ♘c2! 14.♔c3 ♘a1!!-+

**11...♘xg5 12.♔d2 ♘e4+ 13.♔d3!**

**6. Kralin, Nikolay**
**1.p Uralski Problemist, 2006**



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This is my favourite of all the Kralin's studies. White sacrifices all the pieces and then promotes a queen and knight in order to reach the stalemate salvation. This kind of task could be achieved by other means too, but hardly with such economy of material and elegance. Bravo grandmaster Kralin!

**1.♖e5+**

1.♔g5? ♘f3+ 2.♔h6 ♘xh5 3.a7 ♖a1 4.♔xh5 ♔f5 5.♔h6 ♘g5 6.♗d6 (6.f4 ♖h1+ 7.♔g7 ♘e6+ 8.♔f7 ♖a1)

1.♖h3? ♘xh3 2.♔xh3 ♖h1+ 3.♔g4 ♖g1+ 4.♔h5 ♔f5 5.♔h4 ♖xg6; 1.f3+? ♘xf3 2.♗c5 ♘xh5 3.♔xh5 ♔f5 4.♔h6 ♔f6

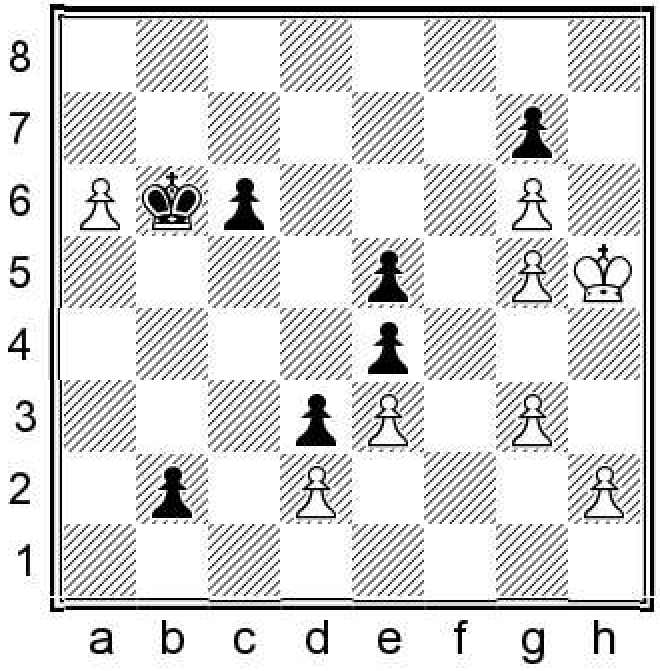
**1...♔xe5 2.♗d6+! ♔xd6 3.a7 ♔e5 4.a8=Q ♖g1+ 5.♔h4 ♘f3+! 6.♕xf3 ♔f5! 7.g7 ♖g6 8.g8=N!**

8.♕d1? ♖h6+ 9.♔g3 ♖h3#; 8.g8=Q? ♖h6+ 9.♕h5+ ♖xh5+ 10.♔g3 ♖h3#; 8.♕e4+? ♔xe4 9.f3+ ♔xf3 10.g8=Q ♘g2+!-+

**8...♖xg8 9.♕e4+! ♔xe4 10.f3+! ♔xf3**

10...♔d5=

**7. Kralin, Nikolay**
**2.p Shakhmaty v SSSR, 1980**



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Next we will examine one of Kralin's most famous creations. Black is allowed a really rich counterplay making the solution even more brilliant. The precision of moves is truly fascinating!

**1.a7!**

1.g4? b1=Q 2.a7 ♕h1! 3.h4 ♕xh4+! 4.♔xh4 ♔xa7-+; 1.h4? b1=N! 2.a7 ♔xa7 3.g4 ♘c3! 4.dxc3 d2 5.c4 d1=Q 6.c5 ♕d4 7.exd4 e3 8.d5 e2 9.d6 e1=N 10.d7 ♘d3 11.d8=Q ♘f4#

**1...♔xa7 2.g4! b1=N!**

2...b1=Q 3.h4

**3.h3!!**

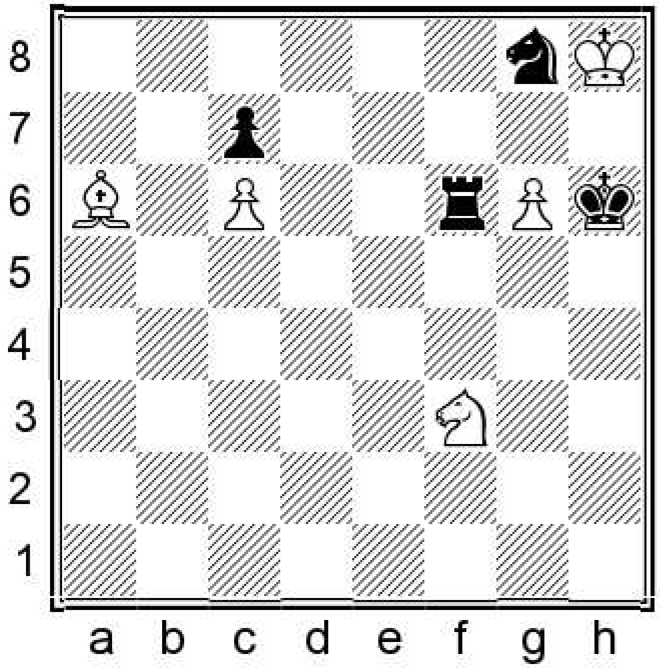
3.h4? ♘c3 4.dxc3 d2 5.c4 d1=Q 6.c5 ♕d4 7.exd4 e3 8.d5 e2 9.d6 e1=N 10.d7 ♘d3 11.d8=Q ♘f4#

**3...♘c3 4.h4! ♔b7! 5.dxc3 d2 6.c4 d1=Q 7.c5 ♕d4 8.exd4 e3 9.d5 e2 10.d6!**

10.dxc6+? ♔c8! 11.c7 e1=Q 12.c6 ♕xh4+!-+

**10...e1=N! 11.d7 ♘d3! 12.d8=N+! ♔a6 13.♘e6! ♘f4+ 14.♘xf4 exf4**

**8. Gurgenidze, David & Kralin, Nikolay**
**1.p WCCC Ty (tt), 2005**



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Some of the most beautiful studies Kralin co-authored with other famous composers. The ideas are crucial in the realm of chess problems and studies. The two of White's pieces are being pinned on the same square thus leaving them stalemated in the process. Additionally, in one of the variations there is dual avoidance, because the queen promotion is not possible due to the mate since the newborn queen is pinned.

**1.♘e5! ♖f8 2.g7! ♖e8 3.♘f7+ ♔h5 4.♗e2+ ♔g6 5.♗d3+ ♔f6**

5...♔xf7 6.♗g6+! ♔xg6

**6.♗h7! ♘h6+ 7.g8=N+!**

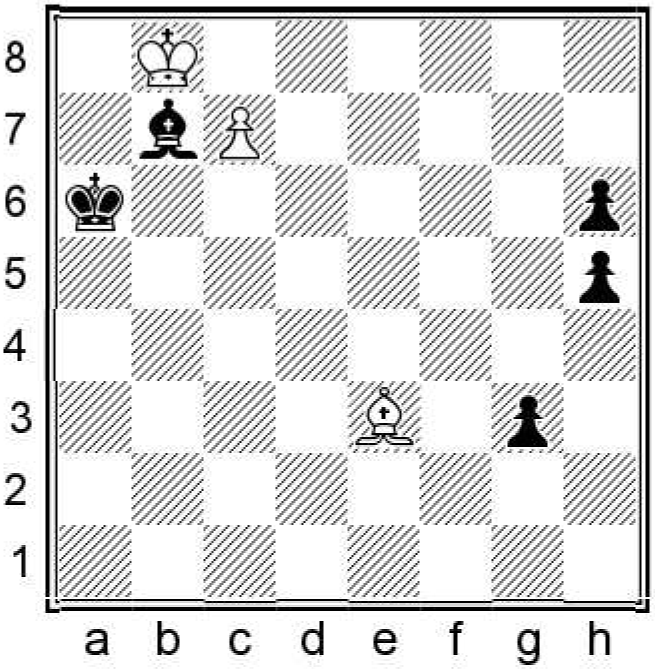
7.g8=Q? ♘xf7#

**7...♘xg8**

7...♔xf7 (main) 8.♗g6+! ♔xg6

**8.♗xg8 ♔g6 9.♘d8! ♖xd8**

**9. Kralin, Nikolay & Pervakov, Oleg**
**1-2.sp.p Corus-70 AT, 2008**



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Finally, we shall take a look at one more co-authored study, starring the four-time World Champion, Oleg Pervakov. The position itself is very practical and encourages solving. White manages to clinch a draw by executing a series of highly precise moves, and eventually capturing the black bishop. The focus of struggle switches from the queenside and White's intended promotion to the kingside and Black's attempt to queen the pawn. I quite like this sort of analogue struggle with the opposite-colour bishops on the board. I encourage you to try this one on your own!

**1.♗f4!**

1.c8=Q? ♗xc8 2.♔xc8 ♔b5 3.♔d7 ♔c4 4.♔e6 ♔d3 5.♗f4 g2 6.♗h2 ♔e4 7.♔f6 ♔f3 8.♔f5 h4! 9.♔g6 ♔g4! (9...h3? 10.♔h5 g1=Q 11.♗xg1 ♔g2 12.♔g4! h5+ 13.♔h4) 10.♔xh6 ♔h3 11.♗g1 ♔g3; 1.♗xh6? h4 2.♗f4 ♔b6! 3.c8=Q ♗xc8 4.♔xc8 ♔c6 5.♗b8 ♔d5 6.♔d7 ♔e4 7.♔e6 ♔f3

**1...g2!**

1...h4 2.c8=Q ♗xc8 3.♔xc8 ♔b5 4.♔d7 ♔c4 5.♔e6 ♔d3 6.♔f5

**2.♗e3!**

2.♗h2? ♔b6! 3.c8=Q (3.♗g1+ ♔c6) 3...♗xc8 4.♔xc8 ♔c6 5.♔d8 ♔d5 6.♔e7 ♔e4 7.♔f6 ♔f3

**2...h4 3.♗g1!**

3.♗f2? h3 4.♗g1 h5 5.c8=Q ♗xc8 6.♔c7 ♔b5 7.♔d6 ♔c4 8.♔e5 ♔d3 9.♔f4 h2! 10.♗xh2 ♔e2 11.♔g3 ♔f1 12.♔h4 ♗g4!

**3...h3**

3...h5 4.♗f2 h3 5.♗g1 h4 6.c8=Q ♗xc8 7.♔xc8 ♔b5 8.♔d7 ♔c4 9.♔e6 ♔d3 10.♔f5 ♔e2 11.♔g4 ♔f1 12.♗h2 g1=Q+ 13.♗xg1 ♔g2 14.♔xh4

**4.c8=Q! ♗xc8 5.♔c7!**

5.♔xc8? ♔b5 6.♔d7 ♔c4 7.♔e6 ♔d3 8.♔f5 ♔e2 9.♔g4 ♔f1 10.♗h2 g1=Q+ 11.♗xg1 ♔g2! 12.♔h4 h5!

**5...♔b5 6.♔d6 ♔c4 7.♔e5 ♔d3 8.♔f4 h2!**

8...♔e2 9.♔g3 ♔f1 10.♔h2

**9.♗xh2 ♔e2 10.♔g3 ♔f1 11.♔h4!**

# TOURNAMENTS

### KHANTY-MANSIYSK, XI—XII 2020
### The 16th Ugra Governor's Cup
*(58 players, 9 rounds)*

Time Control: 90 minutes + 30 seconds increment starting from move one.

1. Sarana 7, 2—5. I. Bocharov, Zvjaginsev, D. Bocharov, Zh. Tsydypov 6½, 6—13. B. Savchenko, Schekachikhin, An. Demchenko, Iljiushenok, Obgolts, Niki. Afanasiev, Matinian, S. Vetokhin 6, 14—17. Pridorozhni, Pingin, I. Rozum, An. Zhukov (34187534) 5½, etc.

### LOS CANCAJOS, XI—XII 2020
### The FEDA International Closed Tournament

cat. IX (2474)

Time Control: 90 minutes for the first 40 moves followed by 30 minutes for the rest of the game with an increment of 30 seconds per move starting from move one.

1—2. J. Suárez Gómez, A. Fier 6, 3—4. Martin Duque, S. Vega Gutiérrez 5½, 5. N. Studer 5, 6. Ginés Esteo 4½, 7. Espinosa Aranda 4, 8. V. Nevednichii 3½, 9—10. E. Tejedor Fuente, Vásquez Schroeder 2½

### BARCELONA, XII 2020
### The 25th Magistral Ciutat de Barcelona

cat. X (2494)

Time Control: 90 minutes + 30 seconds increment starting from move one.

1. Ka. H. Grigoryan 8, 2—3. Narciso Dublan, Alonso Rosell 6½, 4. Batsiashvili 5½, 5. Mi. Muñoz 5, 6. J. M. López Martínez 3½, 7. Ayats Llobera 3, 8—9. Milliet, F. Peralta 2½, 10. Daulyte-Cornette 2

### CHESS.com, XII 2020
### 11th Hainan Danzhou GM 2020

Time Control: 15 minutes + 10 seconds increment starting from move one.

| | | | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 | 7 | 8 | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 1 R. RAPPORT | g | 2727* | – – | 1 ½ | ½ ½ | ½ ½ | ½ ½ | 1 1 | ½ ½ | ½ 1 | 9 | 1 |
| 2 DING LIREN | g | 2836 | 0 ½ | – – | 1 ½ | 1 ½ | 1 0 | ½ 1 | 1 ½ | ½ ½ | 8½ | 2 |
| 3 A. GRISCHUK | g | 2784 | ½ ½ | 0 ½ | – – | 1 ½ | 1 ½ | ½ ½ | ½ ½ | ½ ½ | 7½ | 3—4 |
| 4 ANISH GIRI | g | 2731 | ½ ½ | 0 ½ | 0 ½ | – – | 0 ½ | ½ ½ | 1 1 | 1 1 | 7½ | 3—4 |
| 5 WEI YI | g | 2752 | ½ ½ | 0 1 | 0 ½ | 1 ½ | – – | ½ 0 | ½ ½ | ½ ½ | 6½ | 5 |
| 6 YU YANGYI | g | 2738 | 0 0 | ½ 0 | ½ ½ | ½ ½ | ½ 1 | – – | 1 0 | ½ ½ | 6 | 6 |
| 7 WANG HAO | g | 2750 | ½ ½ | 0 ½ | ½ ½ | 0 0 | ½ ½ | 0 1 | – – | 1 0 | 5½ | 7—8 |
| 8 V. TOPALOV | g | 2707 | ½ 0 | ½ ½ | ½ ½ | 0 0 | ½ ½ | ½ ½ | 0 1 | – – | 5½ | 7—8 |

* Rapid rating

### CHESS.com, XII 2020
### Belt and Road World Chess Woman's Summit

Time Control: 15 minutes + 5 seconds increment starting from move one.

1. Hou Yifan 6½, 2—3. Khademalsharieh, Tan Zhongyi 5½, 4. Lei Tingjie 5, 5—6. Abdumalik, M. Muzychuk 4½, 7—9. Zhao Xue, A. Stefanova, Dzagnidze 3½, 10. E. Atalik 3

### MOSCOW, XII 2020
### The Superfinal 73rd Russian Chess Championship

cat. XVIII (2690)

Time Control: 90 minutes for the first 40 moves followed by 30 minutes for the rest of the game with an increment of 30 seconds per move starting from move one.

| | | | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 | 7 | 8 | 9 | 10 | 11 | 12 | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 1 NEPOMNIACHTCHI | g | 2784 | – | 1 | ½ | 0 | ½ | ½ | ½ | ½ | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 7½ | 1 |
| 2 SERGEY KARJAKIN | g | 2752 | 0 | – | ½ | 0 | ½ | 1 | 1 | 1 | ½ | 1 | ½ | 1 | 7 | 2 |
| 3 VL. FEDOSEEV | g | 2674 | ½ | ½ | – | 1 | ½ | ½ | ½ | ½ | ½ | 1 | ½ | ½ | 6½ | 3—4 |
| 4 DANIIL DUBOV | g | 2702 | 1 | 1 | 0 | – | 0 | ½ | ½ | ½ | 1 | ½ | 1 | ½ | 6½ | 3—4 |
| 5 CHIGAEV | g | 2619 | ½ | ½ | ½ | 1 | – | 1 | ½ | ½ | ½ | 0 | 0 | 1 | 6 | 5—6 |
| 6 V. ARTEMIEV | g | 2711 | ½ | 0 | ½ | ½ | 0 | – | ½ | ½ | 1 | 1 | ½ | 1 | 6 | 5—6 |
| 7 VITIUGOV | g | 2720 | ½ | 0 | ½ | ½ | ½ | ½ | – | ½ | ½ | ½ | 1 | ½ | 5½ | 7—8 |
| 8 SVIDLER | g | 2723 | ½ | 0 | ½ | ½ | ½ | ½ | ½ | – | ½ | ½ | ½ | 1 | 5½ | 7—8 |
| 9 AN. ESIPENKO | g | 2686 | 0 | ½ | ½ | 0 | ½ | 0 | ½ | ½ | – | ½ | 1 | 1 | 5 | 9—10 |
| 10 MATLAKOV | g | 2698 | 0 | 0 | 0 | ½ | 1 | 0 | ½ | ½ | ½ | – | 1 | 1 | 5 | 9—10 |
| 11 A. GOGANOV | g | 2594 | 0 | ½ | ½ | 0 | 1 | ½ | 0 | ½ | 0 | 0 | – | ½ | 3½ | 11 |
| 12 M. AL. ANTIPOV* | g | 2611 | 0 | 0 | ½ | ½ | 0 | 0 | ½ | 0 | 0 | 0 | ½ | – | 2 | 12 |

* played only 6 games

### MOSCOW, XII 2020
### The Superfinal 70th Russian Women's Chess Championship

cat. VIII (2428)

Time Control: 90 minutes for the first 40 moves followed by 30 minutes for the rest of the game with an increment of 30 seconds per move starting from move one.

1—2. Goryachkina, Shuvalova 8, 3—6. A. Kosteniuk, M. Guseva, Kashlinskaya, Garifullina 6½, 7—8. Galliamova, Pogonina 6, 9. O. Girya 4, 10. Gunina 3½, 11. Y. Grigorieva 2½, 12. T. Getman 2

**Playoff (rapid)**

Time Control: 15 minutes + 10 seconds increment starting from move one.

| | | | 1 | 2 | 3* | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| SHUVALOVA | m | 2456 | ½ | ½ | 0 | 1 |
| GORYACHKINA | g | 2593 | ½ | ½ | 1 | 2 |

* Armageddon game with 5 minutes for White against 4 for Black and a draw favoring Black.

### VRNJAČKA BANJA, XII 2020
### 14th Serbian Championship

cat. XI (2514)

Time Control: 90 minutes for the first 40 moves followed by 30 minutes for the rest of the game with an increment of 30 seconds per move starting from move one.

1. A. Indić 6, 2—4. Rob. Markuš, Al. Kovačević, I. Ivanišević 5½, 5. Mil. Perunović 4½, 6—8. G. M. Todorović, Lajthajm, L. Budisavljević 4, 9—10. N. Čabarkapa, B. Damljanović 3

### MOSCOW, XII 2020
### The Russian Junior Championship

cat. IX (2458)

Time Control: 90 minutes for the first 40 moves followed by 30 minutes for the rest of the game with an increment of 30 seconds per move starting from move one.

1—2. Ru. Makarian, Vo. Murzin 6, 3—4. Triapishko, S. Pogosyan 5½, 5. Salemgareev 5, 6. T. Smirnov 4½, 7—9. Ar. Nesterov, Sergei Lobanov, A. Gaifullin 3½, 10. B. Ofitserian 2

**Playoff (rapid)**

| | | | 1 | 2 | 3* | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| VO. MURZIN | m | 2464 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 1 |
| RU. MAKARIAN | m | 2444 | 1 | 0 | 1 | 2 |

* Armageddon game with 5 minutes for White against 4 for Black and a draw favoring Black.

### MEDELLÍN, XII 2020
### The Colombia Tierra de Atletas

cat. VIII (2435)

**A Group:**

Time Control: 90 minutes for the first 40 moves followed by 30 minutes for the rest of the game with an increment of 30 seconds per move starting from move one.

1—2. J. Ruiz Castillo, L. Quesada Pérez 7½, 3. Martínez Duany 6½, 4. Vera Sigueñas 6, 5—7. Cardoso Cardoso, Se. F. Sánchez, H. Panesso Rivera 5½, 8—9. B. Escalante Ramírez, J. Benítez Lozano 5, 10. Avila Pavas 4½, 11. Valderrama Quiceno 4, 12. Araujo Sánchez 3½

### ALMATY, XII 2020
### The Kazakhstan Cup

cat.X (2479)

Time Control: 90 minutes + 30 seconds increment starting from move one.

1. Kazhgaleyev 7½, 2. As. Aitbayev 7, 3. Jumabayev 6½, 4—6. P. Kostenko, Zhalmakhanov, Anu. Ismagambetov 5½, 7—11. Zh. Agmanov, Utegaliyev, R. Khusnutdinov, Ay. Akhmetov, D. Makhnev 5, 12. N. Ibrayev 3½

### SITGES, XII 2020
### The 7th Sunway Sitges Chess Festival
*(138 players, 10 rounds)*

There were blitz tie-breaks to determine the minor placings, Moussard finished second, Santos Latasa, third, Alexandr Fier fourth and Vladislav Nevednichii fifth, a second tie-break playoff decided that Anton Korobov finished 6th, Nicholas Checa finished 7th and Karen Grigoryan 8th.

Time Control: 90 minutes for the first 40 moves followed by 30 minutes for the rest of the game with an increment of 30 seconds per move starting from move one.

1. I. Cheparinov 8, 2—5. J. Moussard, Santos Latasa, A. Fier, V. Nevednichii 7½, 6—12. N. Checa, A. Korobov, Ka. H. Grigoryan, Santos Ruiz, Le. Mendonca, Max. Lagarde, D. Dardha 7, 13—27. H. Niemann, V. Plát, M. Cornette, Maurizzi, Ch. Sochacki, Batsiashvili, Ginés Esteo, Souhardo Basak, S. Mazé, Martín Duque, D. García Ramos, I. Bulmaga, V. Dragnev, J. Cuenca Jiménez, Travadon 6½, 28—39. Vásquez Schroeder, A. Stefanova, Narciso Dublan, B. Bellahcene, La. Ootes, Garriga Cazorla, G. Ayats Llobera, Asis Gargatagli, A. Vlachos, Papadiamandis, E. Csiki, Ortega Ruiz 6, etc.

### CHESS.com, XII 2020
### The 104th Marshall Chess Club Championship
*(33 players, 9 rounds)*

Time Control: 70 minutes + 5 seconds increment starting from move one.

1. S. Azarov 7½, 2. K. Stupak 7, 3. S. Kudrin 6½, 4. Mitrabha 6, 5—10. S. Busygin, R. Táborský, Z. Eisen, Dedona, Miguel Garcia (2067684), R. Buchanan 5½, etc.

### XINGHUA, XII 2020
#### The Chinese Championship

cat. XI (2507)

Time Control: 90 minutes + 30 seconds increment starting from move one.

1—3. Yu Yangyi, Lu Shanglei, Wei Yi 8, 4. Ju Wenjun 6, 5—8. Xu Yinglun, Zhao Jun, Bai Jinshi, Xu Xiangyu 5½, 9. Lin Yi 5, 10. Huang Renjie 4½, 11. Wen Yang 4, 12. Zhang Rui ½

### BASSANO DEL GRAPPA, XII 2020
#### The 5th Vergani Cup (December)

*(58 players, 9 rounds)*

1. Bernadskiy 7, 2—6. Le. Mendonca, M. Warmerdam, Lu. Moroni jr., N. Checa, H. Niemann 6½, 7—10. D. Dardha, Pier Luigi Basso, Blohberger, Th. Dionisi 6, 11—15. Th. Beerdsen, Formento, Lumachi, F. Samoun, F. Bettalli 5½, etc.

### CHARLOTTE, XII 2020
#### The CCCSA Holiday Invitational GM Tournament

cat. VIII (2439)

Time Control: 90 minutes + 30 seconds increment starting from move one.

1. V. Belous 5½, 2—4. T. Stremavičius, J. Sheng, K. Dragun 5, 5—6. C. Yip, J. Stearman 4½, 7—9. Ab. Mishra, Sh. Gauri, M. Plotkin 4, 10. Daggupati 3½

### CHESS.com, XII 2020 — I 2021
#### The Caplin British Online Championship

*(37 players, 9 rounds)*

Time Control: 60 minutes + 15 seconds seconds increment starting from move one.

1—2. Mi. Adams, A. Ghasi 7, 3. M. Wadsworth 6½, 4. Mat. Turner 6, 5—12. Dani. H. Fernandez, Hebden, B. Lalić, H. Grieve, Tanmay Chopra, Tr. Cox, P. Finn, Mohammed Ismail 5½, etc.

**Playoff (rapid):** Mi. Adams — A. Ghasi 1½ : ½

### CHESS.com, XII 2020
#### The PNWCC Winter of Washington Open

*(71 players, 9 rounds)*

Time Control: 60 minutes + 5 seconds increment starting from move one.

1—3. Ig. Kovalenko, H. Martirosyan, L. Pantsulaia 7, 4—12. Eljanov, Aleksej Aleksandrov, Man. Petrosyan, P. Ponkratov, E. Safarli, Zh. Tsydypov, Gu. Vázquez, A. Hong, Ma. Muradli 6, 13—21. Jef. Xiong, Vl. Fedoseev, Moha. Tabatabaei, D. Vocaturo, D. Fridman, M. Iskandarov, S. Vokhidov, Za. Mammadov, T. Coleman 5½, 22—30. E. Postny, Sjugirov, Ter-Sahakyan, Ba. Jobava, Kryakvin, Sergey Volkov, A. Mikaelyan, Vu. Rasulov, Ant. He 5, etc.

### KRAKÓW, XII 2020 — I 2021
#### The 31st Cracovia Open

*(66 players, 9 rounds)*

Time Control: 90 minutes for the first 40 moves followed by 30 minutes for the rest of the game with an increment of 30 seconds per move starting from move one.

1. Alexa. Donchenko 8, 2. I. Janik 7, 3. Mat. Bartel 6½, 4—9. Fus, Gumularz, D. Sadzikowski, Godzwon, Sieciechowicz, M. Miś 6, 10—16. Ł. Jarmuła, Kar. Kucza, P. Brodowski, A. Śliwicka, Da. Kopylov, P. Goluch, An. Kozak 5½, etc.

### CHESS24.com, XII 2020 — I 2021
#### Champions Chess Tour – The Airthings Masters

The Airthings Masters was the second event of the online Champions Chess Tour 2021 and its first Major. It was preceded by the Skilling Open and will be followed by Opera Euro Rapid.

The 12-player event was played as the first Major of the tour, features a $200,000 prize fund with $60,000 for 1st place. The winner also qualifies directly to the Grand Final in September 2021.

The tournament starts with a 3-day round-robin preliminary round. The top 8 go forward to a knockout.

Time Control: 15 minutes + 10 seconds increment starting from move one. No draw offers are allowed before move 40.

**The Preliminaries:**

| | | | | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 | 7 | 8 | 9 | 10 | 11 | 12 | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 1 | M. CARLSEN | g | 2881* | ▬ | ½ | 1 | ½ | ½ | ½ | ½ | 1 | ½ | ½ | ½ | ½ | 6½ | 1—3 |
| 2 | W. SO | g | 2741 | ½ | ▬ | ½ | ½ | ½ | ½ | ½ | 1 | ½ | ½ | 1 | ½ | 6½ | 1—3 |
| 3 | HI. NAKAMURA | g | 2829 | 0 | ½ | ▬ | ½ | ½ | ½ | ½ | ½ | ½ | 1 | 1 | 1 | 6½ | 1—3 |
| 4 | NEPOMNIACHTCHI | g | 2778 | ½ | ½ | ½ | ▬ | ½ | ½ | 1 | 1 | ½ | 0 | ½ | ½ | 6 | 4—5 |
| 5 | T. RADJABOV | g | 2758 | ½ | ½ | ½ | ½ | ▬ | ½ | ½ | ½ | ½ | ½ | ½ | 1 | 6 | 4—5 |
| 6 | ARONIAN | g | 2778 | ½ | ½ | ½ | ½ | ½ | ▬ | ½ | ½ | ½ | ½ | 1 | 0 | 5½ | 6 |
| 7 | VACHIER-LAGRAVE | g | 2860 | ½ | ½ | ½ | 0 | ½ | ½ | ▬ | ½ | ½ | 1 | 0 | ½ | 5 | 7—10 |
| 8 | DANIIL DUBOV | g | 2770 | 0 | 0 | ½ | 0 | ½ | ½ | ½ | ▬ | ½ | ½ | 1 | 1 | 5 | 7—10 |
| 9 | P. HARIKRISHNA | g | 2705 | ½ | ½ | ½ | ½ | ½ | ½ | ½ | ½ | ▬ | ½ | 0 | ½ | 5 | 7—10 |
| 10 | A. GRISCHUK | g | 2784 | ½ | ½ | 0 | 1 | ½ | ½ | 0 | ½ | ½ | ▬ | ½ | ½ | 5 | 7—10 |
| 11 | ANISH GIRI | g | 2731 | ½ | 0 | 0 | ½ | ½ | 0 | 1 | 0 | 1 | ½ | ▬ | ½ | 4½ | 11—12 |
| 12 | ANTÓN GUIJARRO | g | 2667 | ½ | ½ | 0 | ½ | 0 | 1 | ½ | 0 | ½ | ½ | ½ | ▬ | 4½ | 11—12 |

For each of the knockout rounds, each matchup plays 2 matches of 4 rapid games on back-to-back days. If either player does not lose either match, he advances to the next round. If each player wins one match, there is a tiebreaker on day 2 consisting of 2 blitz games. If the players split the 2 blitz games, they play an Armageddon match (White has 5 minutes, Black has 4 minutes, draw is a win for Black) to determine who advances. The higher seed in the matchup gets to pick the color for the first game, the color for the first blitz tiebreaker game, and the color for the Armageddon.

**Quarter-finals:**

| | | | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| M. CARLSEN | g | 2881 | 1 | ½ | 0 | ½ | 2 |
| DANIIL DUBOV | g | 2770 | 0 | ½ | 1 | ½ | 2 |

| | | | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| **DANIIL DUBOV** | g | 2770 | 1 | ½ | 1 | — | 2½ |
| M. CARLSEN | g | 2881 | 0 | ½ | 0 | — | ½ |

| | | | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| VACHIER-LAGRAVE | g | 2860 | ½ | 1 | ½ | 1 | 3 |
| W. SO | g | 2741 | ½ | 0 | ½ | 0 | 1 |

| | | | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | | 5** | 6** | 7*** | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| **W. SO** | g | 2741 | 1 | ½ | ½ | ½ | 2½ | 0 | 1 | ½ | 1½ |
| VACHIER-LAGRAVE | g | 2860 | 0 | ½ | ½ | ½ | 1½ | 1 | 0 | ½ | 1½ |

| | | | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| HI. NAKAMURA | g | 2829 | ½ | 0 | ½ | ½ | 1½ |
| ARONIAN | g | 2778 | ½ | 1 | ½ | ½ | 2½ |

| | | | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| **ARONIAN** | g | 2778 | 1 | 1 | — | — | 2 |
| HI. NAKAMURA | g | 2829 | 0 | 0 | — | — | 0 |

| | | | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| NEPOMNIACHTCHI | g | 2778 | ½ | ½ | ½ | ½ | 2 |
| T. RADJABOV | g | 2758 | ½ | ½ | ½ | ½ | 2 |

| | | | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | | 5** | 6** | 7*** | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| **T. RADJABOV** | g | 2758 | 1 | ½ | ½ | 0 | 2 | 0 | 1 | ½ | 1½ |
| NEPOMNIACHTCHI | g | 2778 | 0 | ½ | ½ | 1 | 2 | 1 | 0 | ½ | 1½ |

**Semi-finals:**

| | | | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| T. RADJABOV | g | 2758 | ½ | ½ | 1 | 1 | 3 |
| DANIIL DUBOV | g | 2770 | ½ | ½ | 0 | 0 | 1 |

| | | | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| DANIIL DUBOV | g | 2770 | 0 | 0 | — | — | 0 |
| **T. RADJABOV** | g | 2758 | 1 | 1 | — | — | 2 |

| | | | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| VACHIER-LAGRAVE | g | 2860 | 0 | ½ | ½ | 0 | 1 |
| ARONIAN | g | 2778 | 1 | ½ | ½ | 1 | 3 |

| | | | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| **ARONIAN** | g | 2778 | ½ | ½ | 1 | — | 2 |
| VACHIER-LAGRAVE | g | 2860 | ½ | ½ | 0 | — | 1 |

**The 3rd place playoff:**

| | | | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| VACHIER-LAGRAVE | g | 2860 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 1 | 2 |
| DANIIL DUBOV | g | 2770 | 1 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 2 |

| | | | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| DANIIL DUBOV | g | 2770 | 0 | ½ | 1 | 0 | 1½ |
| **VACHIER-LAGRAVE** | g | 2860 | 1 | ½ | 0 | 1 | 2½ |

**Final:**

| | | | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| T. RADJABOV | g | 2758 | ½ | ½ | ½ | 1 | 2½ |
| ARONIAN | g | 2778 | ½ | ½ | ½ | 0 | 1½ |

| | | | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| ARONIAN | g | 2778 | ½ | 0 | ½ | — | 1 |
| **T. RADJABOV** | g | 2758 | ½ | 1 | ½ | — | 2 |

* Rapid rating; ** Blitz; *** Armageddon

### ROQUETAS DE MAR, I 2021
**The Roquetas de Mar Masters**

cat. IX (2469)

Time Control: 90 minutes + 30 seconds increment starting from move one.

1. Yuffa 7½, 2—3. Sivuk, T. Sosa 6, 4. Ka. H. Grigoryan 5½, 5. J. Cuenca Jiménez 5, 6. M. Lianes García 4½, 7—8. Bernabéu López, Merario Alarcón 3½, 9. Garrido Outón 2½, 10. F. Orantes Taboada 1

### BASSANO DEL GRAPPA, I 2021
**The 5th Vergani Cup (January)**

*(51 players, 9 rounds)*

1. M. Warmerdam 7, 2—5. B. Bellahcene, H. Niemann, Lu. Moroni jr., Nguyen Thai Dai Van 6½, 6—8. N. Checa, E. Di Benedetto, Šebenik 6, 9—12. D. Dardha, J. Bjerre, Le. Mendonca, B. Krasteva 5½, etc.

### TORNELO.com, I 2021
**The Caplin Hastings Online All-Play-All Tournament**

Time Control: 15 minutes + 10 seconds increment starting from move one.

1. D. Howell 9, 2. McShane 7½, 3. Mi. Adams 7, 4. Gaw. Jones 6½, 5. Gormally 6, 6. Mat. Turner 5½, 7—8. M. Wadsworth, K. Arkell 5, 9. Nic. Pert 4½, 10—11. Hebden, A. Ghasi 3½, 12. G. Flear 3

### YEREVAN, I 2021
**The 11th Andranik Margaryan Memorial**

cat. VIII (2442)

Time Control: 90 minutes for the first 40 moves followed by 30 minutes for the rest of the game with an increment of 30 seconds per move starting from move one.

1. Ho. Hayrapetyan 7, 2—3. Sergei Lobanov, Babujian 6, 4. Lazavik 5, 5—6. A. Mikaelyan, Ru. Makarian 4½, 7. B. Daneshvar 4, 8. Mam. Gharibyan 3½, 9. Anna M. Sargsyan 3, 10. Armen Ar. Barseghyan 1½

### CHARLOTTE, I 2021
**The CCCSA Winter Invitational GM Tournament**

cat. VIII (2435)

Time Control: 90 minutes + 30 seconds increment starting from move one.

1—2. Javakhadze, A. Mišta 6, 3—4. V. Belous, At. Shetty 5½, 5. T. Ringoir 5, 6. Al. Ostrovskiy 4½, 7. Daggupati 4, 8. Ar. Guo 3½, 9—10. Ab. Mishra, Sh. Gauri 2½

### CHELYABINSK, I 2021
**The Lozovatsky Memorial**

*(71 players, 10 rounds)*

Time Control: 90 minutes + 30 seconds increment starting from move one.

1—7. Salemgareev, Zh. Tsydypov, Shariyazdanov, Niki. Afanasiev, Tiviakov, P. Ponkratov, Ant. Sitnikov 7, 8—11. Y. Remizov, A. Drygalov, Andrey Tsvetkov (34139360), S. Khanin 6½, 12—21. A. Suleymenov, T. Iljin, A. Goganov, Sergei Yudin (4159659), Simantsev, A. Bezgodov, Pingin, Ar. Nesterov, A. Khruschiov, A. Zhigalko 6, etc.

### FLORIANÓPOLIS, I 2021
**The 7th Floripa Open**

*(257 players, 10 rounds)*

Time Control: 90 minutes + 30 seconds increment starting from move one.

1. A. Fier 8½, 2. R. Sturt 8, 3—11. Dar. Lima, Delgado Ramírez, Rodi, Y. Santiago, N. Filgueiras, G. von Bülow, Si. Oliveira, Umetsubo, Ed. Rodrigues 7½, etc.

### WIJK AAN ZEE, I 2021
**The 83rd Tata Steel Chess Tournament**

cat. XIX (2725)

Time Control: 100 minutes for 40 moves followed by 50 minutes for 20 moves, then 15 minutes for the rest of the game, with an increment of 30 seconds per move starting from move one.

| | | | | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 | 7 | 8 | 9 | 10 | 11 | 12 | 13 | 14 | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 1 | J. VAN FOREEST | g | 2671 | ▬ | ½ | ½ | ½ | ½ | ½ | 1 | 1 | 1 | ½ | ½ | 1 | ½ | ½ | 8½ | 1—2 |
| 2 | ANISH GIRI | g | 2764 | ½ | ▬ | ½ | ½ | ½ | ½ | ½ | 1 | 1 | ½ | 1 | ½ | 1 | ½ | 8½ | 1—2 |
| 3 | AN. ESIPENKO | g | 2677 | ½ | ½ | ▬ | ½ | ½ | 1 | ½ | 0 | ½ | ½ | 1 | 1 | ½ | 1 | 8 | 3—5 |
| 4 | F. CARUANA | g | 2823 | ½ | ½ | ½ | ▬ | ½ | ½ | ½ | ½ | ½ | ½ | 1 | ½ | 1 | 1 | 8 | 3—5 |
| 5 | A. FIROUZJA | g | 2749 | ½ | ½ | ½ | ½ | ▬ | 0 | 1 | ½ | ½ | 1 | ½ | 1 | ½ | 1 | 8 | 3—5 |
| 6 | M. CARLSEN | g | 2862 | ½ | ½ | 0 | ½ | 1 | ▬ | ½ | ½ | 1 | ½ | ½ | ½ | 1 | ½ | 7½ | 6 |
| 7 | P. HARIKRISHNA | g | 2732 | 0 | ½ | ½ | ½ | 0 | ½ | ▬ | ½ | 1 | ½ | ½ | ½ | ½ | 1 | 6½ | 7 |
| 8 | A. TARI | g | 2625 | 0 | 0 | 1 | ½ | ½ | ½ | ½ | ▬ | ½ | ½ | ½ | ½ | ½ | ½ | 6 | 8—9 |
| 9 | GRANDELIUS | g | 2663 | 0 | 0 | ½ | ½ | ½ | 0 | 0 | ½ | ▬ | 1 | ½ | ½ | 1 | 1 | 6 | 8—9 |
| 10 | J.-K. DUDA | g | 2743 | ½ | ½ | ½ | ½ | 0 | ½ | ½ | ½ | 0 | ▬ | ½ | ½ | ½ | ½ | 5½ | 10 |
| 11 | R. WOJTASZEK | g | 2705 | ½ | 0 | 0 | 0 | ½ | ½ | ½ | ½ | ½ | ½ | ▬ | ½ | ½ | ½ | 5 | 11—13 |
| 12 | ANTÓN GUIJARRO | g | 2679 | 0 | ½ | 0 | ½ | 0 | ½ | ½ | ½ | ½ | ½ | ½ | ▬ | ½ | ½ | 5 | 11—13 |
| 13 | VACHIER-LAGRAVE | g | 2784 | ½ | 0 | ½ | 0 | ½ | 0 | ½ | ½ | 0 | ½ | ½ | ½ | ▬ | 1 | 5 | 11—13 |
| 14 | A. DONCHENKO | g | 2668 | ½ | ½ | 0 | 0 | 0 | ½ | 0 | ½ | 0 | ½ | ½ | ½ | 0 | ▬ | 3½ | 14 |

**Playoff** (blitz)

Time Control: 5 minutes + 3 seconds increment

| | | | 1 | 2 | 3* | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| **J. VAN FOREEST** | g | 2671 | ½ | ½ | 1 | 2 |
| ANISH GIRI | g | 2764 | ½ | ½ | 0 | 1 |

* Armageddon game will consist of 5 minutes for white and 4 minutes for black, with a 3 seconds increment after the 60th move.

### SALAMANCA, II 2021
**The 3rd Salamanca Chess Festival**

cat. XII (2545)

| | | | | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 | 7 | 8 | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 1 | A. SHIROV | g | 2662 | ▬ | ½ | 1 | ½ | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 6 | 1 |
| 2 | ANTÓN GUIJARRO | g | 2679 | ½ | ▬ | ½ | 1 | ½ | 1 | 1 | 1 | 5½ | 2—3 |
| 3 | ITURRIZAGA BONELLI | g | 2607 | 0 | ½ | ▬ | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 5½ | 2—3 |
| 4 | V. TOPALOV | g | 2735 | ½ | 0 | 0 | ▬ | 1 | ½ | ½ | 1 | 3½ | 4 |
| 5 | E. PÄHTZ | m | 2467 | 0 | ½ | 0 | 0 | ▬ | 1 | 1 | ½ | 3 | 5 |
| 6 | N. SALIMOVA | m | 2397 | 0 | 0 | 0 | ½ | 0 | ▬ | 1 | 1 | 2½ | 6 |
| 7 | S. VEGA GUTIÉRREZ | m | 2392 | 0 | 0 | 0 | ½ | 0 | 0 | ▬ | 1 | 1½ | 7 |
| 8 | AL. SKRIPCHENKO | m | 2418 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | ½ | 0 | 0 | ▬ | ½ | 8 |

### BEOGRAD, II 2021
**The RADNICKICHESS GM Tournament 1**

cat. VIII (2439)

Time Control: 90 minutes for the first 40 moves followed by 30 minutes for the rest of the game with an increment of 30 seconds per move starting from move one.

1. Je. Thybo 7, 2—3. Utegaliyev, Kotronias 6, 4. S. Paštar 5½, 5—7. Pranav Anand, Fy Rakotomaharo, L. Drašković 5, 8. Mohammad Nubairshah Shaikh 2½, 9. L. Yankelevich 2, 10. S. Đurić 1

### BASSANO DEL GRAPPA, II 2021
**The Carnevale Chess Festival**

cat. VIII (2443)

1. D. Dardha 6½, 2—3. Šubelj, Martin Duque 6, 4. Bernadskiy 5½, 5. Suárez Uriel 5, 6. Luca Moroni jr. 4, 7—8. J. Brilej, Blohberger 3½, 9. Clement Kuhn 3, 10. L. Pier Basso 2

### CHESS24.com, II 2021
### Champions Chess Tour — The Opera Euro Rapid

The Opera Euro Rapid was the 3rd stage of the online Meltwater Champions Chess Tour 2021.

The tournament starts with a 3-day round-robin preliminary round. The top 8 go forward to a knockout.

**The Preliminaries:**

Time Control: 15 minutes + 10 seconds increment starting from move one. No draw offers are allowed before move 40.

| | | | | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 | 7 | 8 | 9 | 10 | 11 | 12 | 13 | 14 | 15 | 16 | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 1 | M. CARLSEN | g | 2881* | ▬ | ½ | 0 | 1 | ½ | ½ | ½ | ½ | 1 | 1 | ½ | 1 | 1 | ½ | 1 | 0 | 9½ |
| 2 | ANISH GIRI | g | 2731 | ½ | ▬ | ½ | ½ | 1 | ½ | ½ | ½ | 0 | ½ | 1 | 1 | ½ | ½ | 1 | 1 | 9½ |
| 3 | W. SO | g | 2741 | 1 | ½ | ▬ | ½ | 0 | 1 | ½ | 1 | ½ | 1 | ½ | ½ | 0 | ½ | 1 | ½ | 9 |
| 4 | ARONIAN | g | 2778 | 0 | ½ | ½ | ▬ | 1 | ½ | ½ | 0 | ½ | 1 | 1 | ½ | 1 | ½ | 0 | 1 | 8½ |
| 5 | VACHIER-LAGRAVE | g | 2860 | ½ | 0 | 1 | 0 | ▬ | ½ | ½ | 1 | ½ | ½ | ½ | ½ | 1 | ½ | ½ | 1 | 8½ |
| 6 | J.-K. DUDA | g | 2774 | ½ | ½ | 0 | ½ | ½ | ▬ | ½ | 1 | ½ | ½ | 0 | ½ | 0 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 8 |
| 7 | T. RADJABOV | g | 2758 | ½ | ½ | ½ | ½ | ½ | ½ | ▬ | ½ | ½ | 1 | ½ | ½ | ½ | ½ | ½ | ½ | 8 |
| 8 | DANIIL DUBOV | g | 2770 | ½ | ½ | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 | ½ | ▬ | ½ | 1 | ½ | 0 | 1 | ½ | ½ | 1 | 7½ |
| 9 | HI. NAKAMURA | g | 2829 | 0 | 1 | ½ | ½ | ½ | ½ | ½ | ½ | ▬ | 0 | 0 | ½ | ½ | ½ | 1 | 1 | 7½ |
| 10 | S. SHANKLAND | g | 2609 | 0 | ½ | 0 | 0 | ½ | ½ | 0 | 0 | 1 | ▬ | ½ | 1 | ½ | ½ | 1 | 1 | 7 |
| 11 | NEPOMNIACHTCHI | g | 2778 | ½ | 0 | ½ | 0 | ½ | 1 | ½ | ½ | 1 | ½ | ▬ | ½ | 0 | 1 | 0 | ½ | 7 |
| 12 | S. VIDIT | g | 2636 | 0 | 0 | ½ | ½ | ½ | ½ | ½ | 1 | ½ | 0 | ½ | ▬ | 1 | ½ | ½ | 0 | 6½ |
| 13 | L. DOMÍNGUEZ PÉREZ | g | 2786 | 0 | ½ | 1 | 0 | 0 | 1 | ½ | 0 | ½ | ½ | 1 | 0 | ▬ | 1 | ½ | 0 | 6½ |
| 14 | A. GRISCHUK | g | 2784 | ½ | ½ | ½ | ½ | ½ | 0 | ½ | ½ | ½ | ½ | 0 | ½ | 0 | ▬ | ½ | 1 | 6½ |
| 15 | M. BLÜBAUM | g | 2562 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | ½ | 0 | ½ | ½ | 0 | 0 | 1 | ½ | ½ | ½ | ▬ | ½ | 5½ |
| 16 | DING LIREN | g | 2836 | 1 | 0 | ½ | 0 | 0 | 0 | ½ | 0 | 0 | 0 | ½ | 1 | 1 | 0 | ½ | ▬ | 5 |

The knockout stage features two days of 4-game rapid matches at a time control of 15 minutes for all moves, with a 10-second increment from move 1. If tied 1 : 1 after the two matches the players will play two 5+3 blitz games. If the score is still tied they play Armageddon, where White has 5 minutes to Black's 4, but a draw counts as a win for Black.

**Quarter-finals:**

| | | | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| M. CARLSEN | g | 2881 | 1 | ½ | 1 | — | 2½ |
| DANIIL DUBOV | g | 2770 | 0 | ½ | 0 | — | ½ |

| | | | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | | 5** | 6** | 7*** | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| DANIIL DUBOV | g | 2770 | ½ | 1 | 1 | — | 2½ | 0 | 1 | 0 | 1½ |
| **M. CARLSEN** | g | 2881 | ½ | 0 | 0 | — | ½ | 1 | 0 | 1 | 1½ |

| | | | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| VACHIER-LAGRAVE | g | 2860 | ½ | 1 | ½ | ½ | 2½ |
| ARONIAN | g | 2778 | ½ | 0 | ½ | ½ | 1½ |

| | | | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| ARONIAN | g | 2778 | 0 | ½ | 1 | ½ | 2 |
| **VACHIER-LAGRAVE** | g | 2860 | 1 | ½ | 0 | ½ | 2 |

| | | | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| W. SO | g | 2741 | ½ | 0 | 1 | 1 | 2½ |
| J.-K. DUDA | g | 2774 | ½ | 1 | 0 | 0 | 1½ |

| | | | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| J.-K. DUDA | g | 2774 | 0 | 0 | — | — | 0 |
| **W. SO** | g | 2741 | 1 | 1 | — | — | 2 |

| | | | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| ANISH GIRI | g | 2731 | ½ | ½ | 0 | 1 | 2 |
| T. RADJABOV | g | 2758 | ½ | ½ | 1 | 0 | 2 |

| | | | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | | 5** | 6** | 7*** | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| **T. RADJABOV** | g | 2758 | ½ | ½ | ½ | ½ | 2 | ½ | 1 | — | 1½ |
| ANISH GIRI | g | 2731 | ½ | ½ | ½ | ½ | 2 | ½ | 0 | — | ½ |

**Semi-finals:**

| | | | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| M. CARLSEN | g | 2881 | 1 | ½ | 1 | — | 2½ |
| VACHIER-LAGRAVE | g | 2860 | 0 | ½ | 0 | — | ½ |

| | | | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | | 5** | 6** | 7*** | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| VACHIER-LAGRAVE | g | 2860 | ½ | ½ | 1 | 1 | 3 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 1 |
| **M. CARLSEN** | g | 2881 | ½ | ½ | 0 | 0 | 1 | 1 | 0 | 1 | 2 |

| | | | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| W. SO | g | 2741 | 1 | 0 | 1 | ½ | 2½ |
| T. RADJABOV | g | 2758 | 0 | 1 | 0 | ½ | 1½ |

| | | | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| T. RADJABOV | g | 2758 | ½ | ½ | 0 | — | 1 |
| **W. SO** | g | 2741 | ½ | ½ | 1 | — | 2 |

**The 3rd place playoff:**

| | | | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| VACHIER-LAGRAVE | g | 2860 | ½ | 0 | 1 | 0 | 1½ |
| T. RADJABOV | g | 2758 | ½ | 1 | 0 | 1 | 2½ |

| | | | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| **T. RADJABOV** | g | 2758 | 1 | 1 | — | — | 2 |
| VACHIER-LAGRAVE | g | 2860 | 0 | 0 | — | — | 0 |

* Rapid rating; ** Blitz; *** Armageddon

**Final:**

| | | | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| M. CARLSEN | g | 2881 | ½ | 1 | ½ | 0 | 2 |
| W. SO | g | 2741 | ½ | 0 | ½ | 1 | 2 |

| | | | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| **W. SO** | g | 2741 | 1 | ½ | ½ | ½ | 2½ |
| M. CARLSEN | g | 2881 | 0 | ½ | ½ | ½ | 1½ |

### BARCELONA, II 2021
### The Barcelona Closed GM Tournament

cat. VIII (2448)

Time Control: 90 minutes + 30 seconds increment starting from move one.

1. M. Cornette 7, 2. Maurizzi 6½, 3—5. D. García Ramos, Ginès Esteo, S. Mazé 5, 6. B. Bellahcene 4½, 7—8. Pérez Mitjans, G. Ayats Llobera 4, 9. Valenzuela Gómez 2½, 10. Serarols Mabras 1½

### YEREVAN, II 2021
### The 81st Armenian Championships Highest League

cat. XIV (2577)

Time Control: 90 minutes for the first 40 moves followed by 30 minutes for the rest of the game with an increment of 30 seconds per move starting from move one.

| | | | | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 | 7 | 8 | 9 | 10 | 11 | 12 | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 1 | GABUZYAN | g | 2557 | ▬ | ½ | ½ | ½ | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 0 | 1 | 8½ | 1 |
| 2 | PASHIKIAN | g | 2606 | ½ | ▬ | 1 | 0 | ½ | ½ | 1 | 0 | 1 | 1 | ½ | 1 | 7 | 2—3 |
| 3 | TER-SAHAKYAN | g | 2640 | ½ | 0 | ▬ | ½ | 1 | ½ | ½ | 1 | ½ | 1 | 1 | ½ | 7 | 2—3 |
| 4 | MAN. PETROSYAN | g | 2628 | ½ | 1 | ½ | ▬ | ½ | 0 | ½ | ½ | ½ | ½ | 1 | ½ | 6 | 4—7 |
| 5 | SHA. SARGSYAN | g | 2596 | 0 | ½ | 0 | ½ | ▬ | ½ | 1 | 1 | 1 | ½ | ½ | ½ | 6 | 4—7 |
| 6 | H. MARTIROSYAN | g | 2622 | 0 | ½ | ½ | 1 | ½ | ▬ | ½ | 0 | ½ | 1 | 1 | ½ | 6 | 4—7 |
| 7 | HARUTYUNIAN | g | 2549 | 0 | 0 | ½ | ½ | 0 | ½ | ▬ | ½ | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 6 | 4—7 |
| 8 | RO. HOVHANNISYAN | g | 2642 | 0 | 1 | 0 | ½ | 0 | 1 | ½ | ▬ | 0 | ½ | 1 | 1 | 5½ | 8—9 |
| 9 | MAM. GHARIBYAN | m | 2423 | 0 | 0 | ½ | ½ | 0 | ½ | 0 | 1 | ▬ | 1 | 1 | 1 | 5½ | 8—9 |
| 10 | ANDRIASIAN | g | 2606 | 0 | 0 | 0 | ½ | ½ | 0 | 0 | ½ | 0 | ▬ | 1 | 1 | 3½ | 10 |
| 11 | BABUJIAN | g | 2455 | 1 | ½ | 0 | 0 | ½ | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | ▬ | 1 | 3 | 11 |
| 12 | T. L. PETROSIAN | g | 2601 | 0 | 0 | ½ | ½ | ½ | ½ | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | ▬ | 2 | 12 |

### BEOGRAD, II 2021
### The RADNICKICHESS GM Tournament 2

cat. IX (2456)

Time Control: 90 minutes for the first 40 moves followed by 30 minutes for the rest of the game with an increment of 30 seconds per move starting from move one.

1. Utegaliyev 6, 2—4. Mohammad Nubairshah Shaikh, H. Niemann, Je. Thybo 5½, 5. Kotronias 4½, 6—8. Pranav Anand, Fy Rakotomaharo, Travadon 4, 9. L. Yankelevich 3½, 10. Potpara 2½

### MOSCOW, II 2021
### The 17th Moscow Open

*(160 players, 9 rounds)*

Time Control: 90 minutes for the first 40 moves followed by 30 minutes for the rest of the game with an increment of 30 seconds per move starting from move one.

1—7. I. Rozum, I. Bocharov, Niki. Afanasiev (24183555), Sergei Lobanov, Zarubitski, Ar. Nesterov, V. Korchmar 7, 8—15. N. Maiorov (13501720), Ru. Makarian, K. Stupak, D. Tsoi, B. Assaubayeva, Badelka, S. Savitskiy, Timofey Smirnov 6½, etc.

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